



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

Proclamation

Province of BC Proclamation for World Suicide Prevention Day – September 10, 2010

The Board proclaimed September 10, 2010 as World Suicide Prevention Day in School District No. 23.

Recognition

The following new Principals and Vice-Principals were introduced:

Russ Bischoff, Principal, Dorothea Walker Elementary School
Brenda English, Principal, Kelowna Secondary School
Luke Campbell, Vice-Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Mike Dornian, Vice-Principal, Kelowna Secondary School
Ashley Ragoonaden, Vice-Principal, Rutland Middle School
Michael Snedden, Vice-Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School
Mark Watson, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School
Steven Labrie, Vice-Principal, School to be determined

The following new District staff were introduced:

Cherienne Whitson, District Health & Safety Officer, School Board Office

Superintendent's Report:

School Opening Report

As the first regular meeting of the Board of Education for 2010/2011 is taking place on the second day of the school year, the enrolment data for the School Opening Report is not yet available.

An update, including detailed demographic information, will be provided at the September 22, 2010 Public Meeting of the Board of Education.

As of September 2009, the District headcount enrolment was 21,919. The projected headcount for September 2010 is 21,777. This is an anticipated decline of 142 students from last year. This trend is reflective of the "echo boom" children passing through middle and secondary schools.

The Superintendent recognized the class of 2023. That is when the Kindergarten students of 2010 will graduate from grade 12. The implementation of Full Day Kindergarten is the most significant systemic change for the 2010-2011 school year. Twenty-three of the thirty elementary schools

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Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office.

within the District will be offering Full Day Kindergarten during this school year. 830 of our projected 1,432 new students will participate in a Full Day Kindergarten program.

The Superintendent's School Opening Report is available on the District's website and includes additional information about District enrolment patterns, student migration and transfers, the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten, and enrolment in the International Education Program and specialty academies. Updates were also provided on the District's transportation system, teacher hiring, the summer audit, and facility improvements that were completed during the summer.

The Superintendent expressed gratitude to the Central Okanagan School District No. 23 administrative, teaching and support staff, parents and community members for preparing for school opening, and ensuring a smooth and safe start-up for our students.

Action Items:

1. Capital Project Bylaw No. 115432

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 115432: Approved Bus Projects, in the amount of \$1,523,500 for Approved Bus Projects. The Board of Education read a first, second and third time School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 115432: Approved Bus Projects.

2. Review the Affect of the Proposed Changes to the Federal Census Data Collection –

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Industry, Tony Clement, in opposition to the proposal that the long form of the federal census be optional, specifying the potential impact on School District No. 23.

3. International Children's Winter Games Kelowna 2011 – Request for Support

The Board of Education agreed to send a letter of general support to the organizing committee of the International Children's Winter Games Kelowna 2011 with final approval dependent on clarification of specific commitments required.

4. British Columbia Electronic Student Information System (BCeSIS)

The Board of Education agreed to write to the Minister of Education to bring forth the issue of continued poor performance of the BCeSIS system, especially at school opening time, and request immediate action to remedy the situation. The letter will also be sent to the four MLAs.

The Board agreed that a motion be sent to the BCSTA Provincial Council on this matter.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, B.C.
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, September 15, 2010
1:00 pm Finance and Legal Committee
4:30 pm Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
6:30 pm Education and Student Services Committee