



"Together We Learn"

**School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)**

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Recognitions:

1. Colleen Edstrom – "Roots of Empathy Program"

The Board of Education recognized Colleen Edstrom for coordination of the Roots of Empathy Program in the Central Okanagan School District.

2. Ryan Wakefield, Teacher, Springvalley Middle School – "Me to We Award"

The Board of Education recognized Ryan Wakefield, teacher at Springvalley Middle School, for receiving a national "Me to We Award". Mr. Wakefield has encouraged global awareness and youth empowerment amongst his students.

Presentation:

1. Bree Sproule, Grade 12 Student, George Elliot Secondary School presented on "My Life in School"

As a deaf student, Ms. Sproule shared highlights and challenges related to her educational experiences in School District No. 23.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Administrators, teachers, community members and minor officials were recognized for their ongoing involvement in District athletics. BC sanctioned team sports during the fall season include: cross country, field hockey, football, rugby, volleyball, and soccer teams, representing hundreds of athletes engaged at various levels of play.

Action Items:

1. Amended Policy 540 "Proposals for Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs and Specialty Academies)"

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 540 "Proposals for Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs and Specialty Academies)".

2. Amendments to Policy 240 and Regulations 240R – "District-Level Administrative Staff: Evaluation of Performance"

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 240 and Regulations 240R "District-Level Administrative Staff: Evaluation of Performance".

The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.

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.

3. **New Policy 241 and Regulations 241R “District-Level Senior Administrative Staff (Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent, and Directors): Evaluation of Performance”**
The Board of Education approved New Policy 241 and Regulations 241R “District-Level Senior Administrative Staff (Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent, and Directors): Evaluation of Performance”.
4. **Social Media Policy Survey**
The Board of Education discussed the possibility of using a PAC survey to solicit feedback in relation to the personal use of social media during working hours. Following debate on the topic, the Board agreed to engage in further discussion of the draft Social Media Policy at the November 2nd Education and Student Services Committee meeting.

Information Items:

1. **Coalition of Childcare Advocates of British Columbia**

This organization has developed a Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning. The highlights of the Plan include:

- New legislation . . . a BC Early Care and Learning Act
- A new home for Child Care in the Ministry of Education
- A new role for Boards of Education
- The development of Early Years Centre Networks
- Enhancing Kindergarten and Grade One
- Strengthening School Age Care and Family Child Care
- Developing the Early Childhood Educators' Workforce

For further information about the Plan visit: www.cccabc.ca or www.ecebc.ca.

2. **College of Teachers**

The Board of Education distributed the news release from the Ministry of Education which announced that the Province introduced legislation to create a new organizational structure for the College of Teachers. Further information is available at: www.gov.bc/connect.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 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, November 2, 2011
4:30 General Affairs Committee
6:30 Education and Student Services Committee