



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Recognition:

**1. Bruce McKay, Principal of Chute Lake Elementary School
Recipient of Canada's Outstanding Principals Award**

The Board of Education recognized Bruce McKay, Principal of Chute Lake Elementary School, for being selected by The Learning Partnership as one of *Canada's Outstanding Principals*. In Mr. McKay's words, *"This award is shared with the school community of Chute Lake Elementary School who have collaborated to innovate, transform and create educational change"*.

Presentations:

1. "Inside 23"

a. Creating a Culture of Thinking at Chute Lake Elementary School

Bruce McKay and staff members of Chute Lake Elementary School presented their multi-year focus on 'creating a culture of thinking' which has resulted in deep, meaningful, and inclusive learning for their students.

b. Radio Commercial – Central Okanagan School District Registration Period

From January 25th through to January 31st, a radio commercial is being broadcast 3 times per day on Power 104 and Q103.1, highlighting the dates of the Central Okanagan School District's registration period. Branden Jewsbury and Kelsey Munro, Co-Presidents of the District Student Council, participated in the commercial. This radio advertisement is at no cost to the District.

Declaration:

1. School Bus Safety Week – February 1 through to February 5, 2016

The Board Chairperson made the following Declaration:

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares the week of February 1 through to February 5, 2016 as "School Bus Safety Week" in the Central Okanagan School District, supporting the theme "# STOP ON RED!"

A media event will be held on Monday, February 1st at 9:00 am at Pearson Road Elementary School. In attendance will be Dave Gibson - District Traffic Safety Officer, David Misener – Transportation Manager, and Const. Steve Holmes, representing the Kelowna RCMP Traffic Division.

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Leigh-Ann Yanow, Chairperson of the Central Okanagan School District's Harmony Day, presented information regarding the District's upcoming 9th Annual Harmony Day. Schools across the District will be engaging in various initiatives to promote inclusiveness, respect for diversity, and 'harmony' in our schools and communities.

Proclamation:

1. Harmony Day and Human Rights Month - 2016

The Board Chairperson made the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan School District community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day allows the Central Okanagan School District to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and,
THEREFORE I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 17, 2016 as Harmony Day in the Central Okanagan School District;
and also do hereby proclaim the month of February 2016 as Human Rights Month in the Central Okanagan School District.

Action Items:

1. Davidson Road Elementary School Enrolment

The following motion was brought forward at the January 13th Public Board Meeting:

THAT: The Board of Education redirect the overflow of students from Davidson Road Elementary School to Oyama Traditional School.

The Motion was tabled and forwarded to the Planning and Facilities Committee for further discussion.

2. BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative (BC-IYSI)

The Board of Education agreed to provide a Letter of Support for a BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative in the Central Okanagan.

3. Registration Dates for 2016/2017 School Year – Motion to Amend a Previously Approved Motion

The Board amended Motion 15P-180 (November 25, 2015) to read that the closing date of registrations, in order to apply the Board's registration priorities as established in Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), be set as September 1, 2016.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

- The Superintendent advised that letters were sent to the Central Okanagan School District staff and school communities, expressing sympathies in relation to the recent La Loche tragedy and recognizing the importance of remaining vigilant during the critical period after a tragedy.
- The Joint Education Change Committee (JECC) is working hard to prepare for the upcoming Non-Instructional Day on February 9th which will bring together over 1300 teachers, principals, vice-principals, and senior staff to learn more about the redesigned curriculum.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Amendments to Regulations 405R – Student Placement

The amendments to Regulations 405R – Student Placement are to reflect the process for parents (or students who are living independently) registering at an out-of-catchment school after the formal registration period or throughout the school year.

2. Month End Enrolment – December 2015

3. Field Trips 2015/2016

In addition to the Level 4 and 5 Field Trip Summary – 2015/2016, the Board of Education was provided with information on the Kelowna Secondary School field trip scheduled for March 9 to 23, 2016 to the battlefields of France, Belgium and Germany. The District will continue to monitor Citizenship and Immigration Canada's travel advisory to ensure that the parents/students have the most accurate information available. A final meeting to review the trip and all available information regarding travel advisories will be held approximately two weeks prior to the scheduled departure date in order to make a final decision of whether or not the trip will proceed as planned.

4. General Statement

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting:

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

February 3, 2016
4:30 pm Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
6:30 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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