



# BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)



REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

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## AGENDA

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

### 2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

### 3.0 PRESENTATIONS BY SCHOOLS AND/OR STUDENTS

#### 3.1 PALS Program

PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters) is a program for parents and their kindergarten children. It is designed to build the connection between home and school and to improve the child's performance at school. Teachers Marianne Lund, Shirley Rafter, and Beth Stewart from Wiltse Elementary School will present an overview of the program at their school.

### 4.0 RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS AND GUESTS

### 5.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Regular meeting held on January 15, 2007

### 6.0 REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING

The secretary-treasurer to report on the closed meeting held on January 15, 2007.

### 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

#### 7.1 Letter from Toronto District School Board

A letter from the Toronto District School Board providing an update on the campaign to remove the GST payable by school districts. (Attachment)

## **7.2 Letter from Catholic Civil Rights League**

A letter forwarded by the Catholic Civil Rights League requesting the school district's intention regarding requiring students to attend classes or lessons that their parents judge are contrary to the individual needs of their children. (Attachment)

## **7.3 Summary of Copies of Letters to the Board**

Copies of the letters to the Board listed below are available in the trustee reading file:

- Penticton Secondary School Parent Advisory Council to the City of Penticton regarding ongoing social problems in the vicinity of 702 Main Street;
- School District No. 63 (Saanich) report on the implications for field trips resulting for the school fees ruling;
- School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) to the Minister of Education requesting that the Ministry amend the School Act and Regulations to allow boards to continue to offer enhanced programs and to maximize student choice;
- School District No. 59 (Peace River South) to the Minister of Education requesting that the Ministry reconsider its funding allocation method;
- School District No. 38 (Richmond) to the Minister of Education regarding the implication of the school fees order;
- School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) to the Minister of Education, Member of Parliament for B.C. Southern Interior, and MLA for West Kootenay-Boundary requesting support and intervention to ensure that Canadian students, who are citizens or have permanent resident status, can receive a public education in any province at any time without the payment of out-of-province student fees.

## **8.0 REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

### **8.1 Education Committee**

Trustee Van Alphen will report on the education committee visitation to Queen's Park Elementary School on February 6, 2007.

### **8.2 Finance and Management Committee**

Trustee Manning will report on the finance and management committee meeting held on February 7, 2007:

- a. 2006-07 Funding Recalculation
- b. 2006-07 Final Budget Proposal
- c. 2007-08 Budget Development
- d. French Immersion
- e. Class Size Report

### **8.3 Buildings, Grounds, Safety and Transportation Committee**

Trustee Huebert will report on the buildings, grounds, safety and transportation committee meeting held on February 7, 2007:

- a. City/School District Fields
- b. Request for Surplus School Books
- c. No Stopping/Parking Zones at Schools
- d. Request for School Desks
- e. Playground Replacement
- f. Summerland Community Plan

## **9.0 REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER**

### **9.1 Penticton Secondary School Reconstruction**

The secretary-treasurer will report regarding the Penticton Secondary School reconstruction.

### **9.2 2006-07 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw**

The 2006-07 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw will be presented at the meeting.

### **9.3 2007-08 Budget Development**

The secretary-treasurer will report regarding the 2007-08 budget development.

## **10.0 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

### **10.1 Student Achievement**

#### **a. District Goals**

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Social Responsibility

### **10.2 Communication and Access**

#### **a. Field Trips**

The superintendent of schools will review the attached listing of field trip requests. (Attachment)

#### **b. Literacy Innovation Grant**

The Ministry has provided a grant of \$58,381 to help implement the district's literacy proposal, submitted in December 2006.

**c. Arts & Science in Harmony 2007**

SD67 schools will be participating in and presenting Arts and Science in Harmony at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre on March 5, 6, and 7, 2007.

**d. School Calendar (2007-08)**

The board is required by May 31, 2007 to approve and circulate the 2007-08 school calendar for the district.

It is recommended that the proposed school calendar for 2007-08 be distributed for information to parents and employee groups. (Attachment)

**10.3 Other Items**

**a. 2006-07 Class Size and Composition Report**

The superintendent will present some background information on the Ministry of Education 2006-07 Class Size and Composition Report released on February 2, 2007.

**b. Enrolment**

The superintendent of schools will report on enrolment as of January 31, 2007. (Attachment)

**11.0 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**12.0 NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**12.1 Committee and Representative Appointments**

It is recommended that Trustee Van Alphen be appointed as the Board's representative to the Aboriginal Education Planning Council which was previously noted as the First National Advisory Committee and that Trustee Andrews be added as an observer to the Council.

**13.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**13.1 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting**

Trustee Manning will report on the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting held on February 9 and 10, 2007 in Vancouver.

**13.2 BCSTA Okanagan Branch Meeting**

The BCSTA Okanagan Branch meeting will be held on February 23 and 24, 2007 in Merritt.

### 13.3 BCSTA Annual General Meeting

The deadline for submission of motions for BCSTA's annual general meeting to be held April 19 to 22, 2007 in Victoria is as follows:

- Extraordinary motions – February 7, 2007
- Substantive motions – February 16, 2007

### 13.4 Date of Next Meeting

- February 12, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, School Board Office

## 14.0 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

### 14.1 Recognition of Student Success

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) extends congratulations to the students and groups for outstanding examples of success as shown on the attached listing. (Attachment)

### 14.2 Recognition of Student Artwork

Congratulations are extended to the following students from Columbia Elementary School for their artwork currently on display at the school board office:

- Brayden Kuroda – Kindergarten
- Marisa LeFranc – Kindergarten
- Chloë Ricketts – Kindergarten
- Emily Stairs – Grade 1
- Emily Thomas – Grade 1
- Shane McDonald – Grade 2
- Andrew Ellis – Grade 4
- Bradley Fleming – Grade 4
- Carli Anderson – Grade 5
- Amanda Andrews – Grade 5

### 14.3 Trustee Comments

## 15.0 ADJOURNMENT

## 16.0 QUESTION PERIOD