



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



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

A G E N D A

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.0 PRESENTATIONS BY SCHOOLS AND/OR STUDENTS

3.1 Community School Literacy

Principal Kelly Jones, Queen's Park Elementary, will highlight the school's approach to Community School Literacy from preschooler to adult. It includes four programs as part of a plan to increase school readiness and literacy for students and their parents.

4.0 RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS AND GUESTS

5.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Regular meeting held on February 12, 2007

6.0 REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING

The secretary-treasurer will report on the closed meeting held on February 12, 2007.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from Citizen

A letter from a citizen, Fred Fedorak, regarding the Penticton Secondary auditorium and north gym. (Attachment)

7.2 Letter from Parents

A letter from parents Collette and Dwight Shanner requesting that the Board be instrumental in insisting that a change be made as to how Summerland students are selected to attend French immersion at the middle school. (Attachment)

7.3 Letter from Parent

A letter from a parent, Charlotte Venkataraman, expressing concern with the school district's selection process for the late French immersion program at Summerland Middle School. (Attachment)

7.4 Letter from Citizen

A letter from a citizen, Dorothy Hennig, opposing the demolition of the Penticton Secondary School gym and auditorium. (Attachment)

7.5 Letter from Catholic Civil Rights League

A letter from the Catholic Civil Rights League requesting the intentions of the school district with respect to its obligation to accommodate freedom of conscience and religion. The attachments mentioned in the letter are available in the trustee reading file. (Attachment)

7.6 Summary of Copies of Letters to the Board

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

- School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) to MP Don Bell supporting the recommendation of the federal standing committee on finance calling upon the federal government to rebate 100% of the GST paid by school boards;
- School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley) to Premier Campbell requesting a reconsideration of funding reductions to child care resource and referral programs;
- School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) to the Minister of State for Childcare regarding the cuts to the child care resource and referral programs and the impact of that announcement in their community;
- School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) to Premier Campbell expressing concern and dismay regarding the recent announcement that funding for child care resource and referral programs will be reduced over the coming months;
- School District No. 69 (Qualicum) to Premier Campbell urging the premier to reverse the government's decision to reduce funding of Childcare Resource and Referral programs;
- School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North) to the Minister of Education expressing concern regarding the increasing number of multi-grade classes in their schools;
- School District No. 57 (Prince George) to the federal Minister of Finance supporting the federal standing committee recommend-

ation to amend the Excise Tax Act to provide a full rebate on the GST paid by school boards;

- School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) to Premier Campbell regarding the government's intention to modify the *School Act* to allow fees for some enhancement programs.

8.0 REPORT OF COMMITTEES

8.1 Education Committee

Trustee Van Alphen will report on the education committee meetings held on February 13, 2007 and March 6, 2007.

February 13, 2007:

- a. Rotary Okanagan International Children's Festival
- b. Transitions and School Completion
- c. School Fees (Planning for 2007-08)
- d. Changes to Grad Portfolio Requirement
- e. Ministry's ReadNow Initiative
- f. 2007 Summer Leadership Conference

March 6, 2007:

- a. Accelerated Reader
- b. StrongStart Initiative
- c. Special Education Advisory Committee

8.2 Finance and Management Committee

Trustee Manning will report on the finance and management committee meeting held on February 28, 2007:

- a. 2007-08 Budget Development
- b. Penticton Indian Band

8.3 Buildings, Grounds, Safety and Transportation Committee

Trustee Huebert will report on the buildings, grounds, safety and transportation committee meeting held on February 28, 2007:

- a. Summerland Secondary Entrance
- b. Adventure Playground Replacement
- c. Penticton Secondary Auditorium/Gymnasium

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 Financial Report

The secretary-treasurer will review the financial report to February 28, 2007 provided in the agenda package.

9.3 2007-08 Budget Development

A public budget meeting to receive submissions and suggestions for the 2007-08 budget will be held on April 2, 7:00 p.m., at Queen's Park Elementary School.

10.0 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**10.1 Student Achievement****a. District Workgroups (Literacy, Numeracy and Social Responsibility)****b. Early Learning Grants**

In January 2007, the Province announced that \$12 million would be provided to the BC School Trustees Association to create a funding initiative to support early learning activities in school districts as part of ReadNow BC. SD67's portion of the monies will be \$164,949. (Attachment)

10.2 Communication and Access**a. Field Trips**

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

b. Crime Stoppers Presentations

On February 28 and March 1, Serge LeClerc presented his message about making responsible and thoughtful choices to all grade 7 to 10 students. These presentations were sponsored by Crime Stoppers and were enthusiastically received. The assistant superintendent will provide additional comments at the meeting.

10.3 Other Items**a. Enrolment**

The superintendent of schools will report on enrolment as of February 28, 2007. (Attachment)

b. Class Composition Report

The superintendent will review details on school class size and composition consultation meetings. (Attachment)

c. Tobacco Ban for Schools

The government has introduced legislation that prohibits smoking, use of tobacco, or holding lighted tobacco in or on school property. The superintendent will provide comments. (Attachment)

11.0 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES

12.0 NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 BCSTA Okanagan Branch Meeting

Trustees are reminded to bring their reports of their attendance at the BCSTA Okanagan Branch meeting held on February 23 and 24, 2007 in Merritt for inclusion in the trustee reading file. (Attachment)

13.2 Date of Next Meeting

- April 2, 2007, 7:00 p.m., public budget meeting, Queen's Park Elementary
- April 16, 2007, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, school board office
- May, 7, 2007, 7:00 p.m., special board 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 Carmi Elementary School for their artwork currently on display at the school board office:

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| • Mitchell Czinger, Kindergarten | Red and white heart with silver glitter |
| • Cohyn Cutler, Kindergarten | Red and white heart with silver glitter |
| • Taylor Smith, Grade 1 | Snowman on a hanger |
| • Lizzie Moncrief, Grade 1 | Colourful panda bear in pastel |
| • Xylia Kendrick, Grade 2 | Snowman/chalk on violet paper |
| • Abi Lepke, Grade 2 | Snowman on purple paper with felt accessories |
| • Lindsay Kelly, Grade 3 | Tissue red and orange leaves and shapes |
| • Chelsea Lacey, Grade 3 | Tissue red and orange leaves and shapes |
| • Helen Fagerlid, Grade 4 | Happy Easter plastercine chick |
| • Lily Stocker, Grade 4 | Black paper with white macaroni designs |

14.3 Trustee Comments

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

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