

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

School Calendar Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 22

A bylaw to provide for approval procedures for adopting a local school calendar that is not consistent with the standard school calendar in one or more aspects.

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS the *School Calendar Regulation* requires Boards to obtain certain approvals in order to

1. make available a local calendar for a school which differs from the standard school calendar established by the *Regulation*, or
2. amend a local school calendar, after it has been made available under the Act and the *Regulation*.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Education of School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen) enacts as follows:

For the purposes of this bylaw, a “local school calendar proposal” means a proposal of the Board to take one or more of the actions described in the preamble.

Notice

- a) If the Board intends to adopt a local school calendar proposal, the Board shall, before seeking the required approvals, provide to the parents of students enrolled in the school, to employees of the Board assigned to the school, and to the employees’ unions and other representatives at least seven days’ written notice of the Board’s intention to seek that approval.
- b) Notice to parents may be given by written notice to the Parent Advisory Council, if any, and by distribution of notices to students at school.
- c) Notice to employees may be given by posting on staff bulletin boards or by distribution of notices through internal mail, or email.
- d) Failure to provide notice to any individual employee or parent, unless bad faith is shown, shall not invalidate any action taken on a local school calendar proposal.
- e) Notice to employees’ unions shall be given by written notice distributed to the presidents of the unions.
- f) Notice to an employee representative shall be given in writing in accordance with the designation of the representative.

3. School Staff Approval

- a) Approval by the employees of the Board assigned to a local school, of a school calendar proposal affecting that school, is to be determined and expressed by the employees through their unions or other representatives, as the case may be, in the manner that the employees and their unions or other representatives may provide.
- b) If a union or representative fails to report the approval or rejection of employees as required under subsection (a) within 30 days following notice under Section 2, the local school calendar proposal is deemed to be approved by those employees represented by the union or representative.
- c) Approval by all of the unions or other representatives of the employees assigned to a school constitutes employee approval of the local school calendar proposal for the purposes of the *Regulation*.
- d) This section applies only where the *Regulation* requires employee approval of a local school calendar proposal.

4. Parental Approval

- a) A local school calendar proposal shall be referred by the Board to the parent advisory council of the school, if one has been established.
- b) Where parents of students enrolled in a school have been notified in accordance with Section 2 of the Board's intention to seek approval of a local school calendar proposal, the parent advisory council of the school, if any, shall convene a meeting of the parents for the purpose of seeking their approval. Where no parent advisory council exists, the meeting shall be convened by the principal of the school.
- c) At least seven days' notice of the meeting shall be provided, in the same manner as notice under Section 2. The notice shall contain a summary of the local school calendar proposal as well as the date, time, and place of the meeting.
- d) A quorum for the meeting shall be those parents who attend.
- e) Voting at the meeting shall be by secret ballot.
- f) Each parent of a student enrolled at the school who is present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote.
- g) Approval of a local school calendar proposal by a majority of the ballots cast at the meeting constitutes approval of parents for the purposes of the *Regulation*.

5. Conditions Necessary for Board Consideration

- a) The Board shall not consider a local school calendar proposal for any school unless it has been approved, in accordance with sections 3 and 4, by the employees of the Board assigned to that school and the parents of the students enrolled in that school.
- b) The Board shall not consider a local school calendar proposal for a Keremeos area school (Cawston Primary School or Similkameen Elementary Secondary School) which will result in a local calendar which is different than those for the other Keremeos area schools.
- c) The Board shall not consider a local school calendar proposal for an Oliver area school (Oliver Elementary School, Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School or Southern Okanagan Secondary School) which will result in a local calendar which is different than those for the other Oliver area schools.
- d) The Board shall not consider a local school calendar proposal for an Osoyoos area school (Osoyoos Elementary School or Osoyoos Secondary School) which will result in a local calendar which is different than that for the other Osoyoos area school.

6. This bylaw rescinds School District No.53 (Okanagan Similkameen) School Calendar Procedures Bylaw No. 8.

7. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen) School Calendar Approval Procedures Bylaw No. 22.

Read a first time the 25th day of June, 2008.

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Read a third time the 25th day of June, 2008.

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Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer