

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
PRESENTATIONS AT THE BOARD MEETING
December 15, 2008



Pennie Jamieson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mr. Neil Jamieson attended the meeting and presented to the Board a cheque in the amount of \$10,000 from the Estate of Pennie Jamieson to go towards the Pennie Jamieson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Mr. Jamieson advised his mother was always adamant about being engaged in the community and thanked the Board for creating the scholarship fund in her memory as well as dedicating the library at the new Penticton Secondary School in her honour. The fund will award annually a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Grade 12 graduate at each of the district's three secondary schools.



Neil Jamieson presenting to
the Board Chair, Larry Little

Zoom Fest 2008

Zoom Fest is a BC film festival that challenges Grade 7 to 12 students to produce an original short film in 48 hours which is based on an assigned theme and prop. This year's topic was "To Err is to be Human" and the basic prop was the wheel. An awards ceremony was held for Zoom Fest in Vancouver on December 6 and students from Mr. Russ Stasiuk's media class (Grade 11 students Rylan Kinnin, Kevin Manning, Hayes Richards, and Tayler Thompson, and Grade 10 student Jordan Findlay) walked away with top awards (Best Screen Play and Best Overall) for their video "Wheel Barrow". Kevin Manning and Jordan Findlay presented the video and described many of the highlights of preparing the video. In addition to the five trophies awarded during the recognition banquet, the students received two \$20,000 scholarships to the Vancouver Film School.



Kevin Manning and
Jordan Findlay
presented the video

Heartfelt Thanks to our Soldiers in Afghanistan

Summerland Secondary Art Teacher Donna Cowles and her students collaborated on an Okanagan mural that was sent to the Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan. A news clip from CHBC-TV explaining and showing students involved in the project was viewed.



Principal, Dave Searcy
Summerland Secondary School

Superintendent's 2008 Report on Student Achievement

Superintendent Doi reported on the *School Act* requirement that the superintendent must prepare a public report to the Board on the progress of improving student achievement from the previous school year. The report is intended to ensure transparency and accountability for each school district in terms of its responsibility for improving student achievement and is to be presented to the Board by December 15. The report, to be further reviewed at the January 13 education committee meeting, highlighted the district's efforts in "improving the achievement of all students". Mr. Doi noted these efforts have been strategic, collaborative, and focused. The two major cornerstone strategies of the improvement effort have been to develop student transition/intervention strategies in order to close the achievement gap and secondly, increase student engagement in classrooms in order to accelerate learning for all. Mr. Doi thanked and acknowledged the staff, parents, students, and the Board for their leadership and support and noted the collective effort has made a significant difference.