

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)  
**PRESENTATIONS AT THE BOARD MEETING**  
**March 9, 2009**



**Summerland Middle Partnership with Olympian Kristi Richards**

In her seven years on the Canadian Freestyle ski team, mogul specialist Kristi Richards of Summerland has stood on many World Cup podiums, won the 2007 Freestyle Skiing World Championship, and placed seventh in the moguls in her Olympic Games debut at the Torino Winter Games in 2006. To give back to the youth in her home town, Summerland Middle School has adopted Kristi and is following her on her journey to the Olympics 2010. Principal Katie Hicks provided an overview of the partnership with Kristi noting that she has travelled with L'il Shred (SMS Mascot) and e-mailed photos and updates of their travels. While the students send regular messages, photos and positive wishes, Kristi's communication focuses on goal setting and having students write their own "I can...." dream statements. An I Can Legacy Fund has been established at the school to which students can apply for funds to attend camps. Ms. Hicks added that Kristi is a tremendous role model for the students and has created a "WAVE" of excitement as the school follows L'il Shred and Kristi on their travels.