

# Students present business proposals

Funding offered in entrepreneur competition  
by John Arendt

Two teams of Summerland Middle School students presented their business ideas to judges in a contest for budding entrepreneurs on Wednesday afternoon.

The students are part of the Windward Software Young Entrepreneurs Dragons Den Competition, a three-month event for middle school and high



## Judging business plans

Judges listen to proposals from students at Summerland Middle School. From left are Sheilagh Seaton of Okanagan College, Kim Lawton of DogLeg Marketing and Susan Tait of BMO Bank of Montreal. Behind them is Naomi Gabriel, of Okanagan College.

school students. The competition is a partnership between members of Students

in Free Enterprise at Okanagan College School District 67 and Penticton Eco-

economic Development Services.

While it was presented in the middle school classrooms,

students participating have had to do all the work on their own time.

At the middle school level, the winning team will receive a \$500 cash prize. A prize will also be given to the second-place team.

Meika Smith, a member of SIFE Penticton, said initially there were seven teams in the competition, but that number has now dropped to two.

Smith said the students have to present business plans and marketing projections to the judges.

She said the judges are looking for ideas which could be put into practice.

"Can the product or the service be done?" Smith asked. "Is it a feasible idea?"

She added that the competition is the first of what is hoped to become an annual contest.

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