



BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

Date: **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

Recognitions

1. 49th Annual Civic and Community Award Winners

Teen Honour in the Arts Award
Ben Anderson, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
Augie Ciancone Memorial Award – Young Female Athlete Award
Emma Pinkerton, École Kelowna Secondary School
Augie Ciancone Memorial Award – Young Male Athlete Award
Nash Semeniuk, École Kelowna Secondary School

(Note: The École Kelowna Secondary School Owls AAA Boys Volleyball Team, winners of the Bryan Couling Memorial Award – Athletic Team of the Year, will be invited to a future Board Meeting for recognition.)

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Discovering Through Agency

In attendance:

Katie Clayton, Grade 3 Teacher, Mar Jok Elementary School
Isabelle McBurney, Grade 3
Anna Jansen, Grade 3

Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction – Learning and Innovation
Kristi Langlois, Instructional Leadership Team
Tess Perry, Instructional Leadership Team

Katie Clayton, a third-grade educator at Mar Jok Elementary School, has been leaning into agency by listening and following closely to the voices of her students. The power of collaboration, kindness and community that happens when the teacher steps back and allows the children to guide their learning was shared. Isabelle and Anna spoke about their experience in the classroom. From the love of play to a sense of stewardship for our land, Ms. Clayton shared what she has learned from her students along the way.

Declarations

1. National Food Allergy Awareness Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May as National Food Allergy Awareness Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. Mental Health Week – May 6 to 12, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 6 to 12, 2024 as Mental Health Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items

1. Indigenous Education Preliminary Budget (2024/2025 Fiscal Year)

The Board of Education approved staff's proposed 2024/2025 Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget.

2. Springvalley Middle School – Outdoor Education Academy Fee Increase

The Board of Education approved the proposed fee increase of \$75 (from \$225 to \$300/student) for the Outdoor Education Academy at Springvalley Middle School. The fee increase is due to upkeep and increased costs of equipment that is reaching end of life expectancy, as well as increased expenditures for Teachers Teaching on Call, and transportation. Due to the popularity of the multi-day outdoor field studies, a second outdoor field study has also been added (one field study in the fall and one in the spring).

3. École George Elliot Secondary School – Hockey Academy Fee Increase

The Board of Education approved the proposed fee increase of \$125 (from \$600 to \$725/student) for the Hockey Academy at École George Elliot Secondary School. The fee increase is due to the rise in ice rentals, instructor fees and cost of equipment.

4. École George Elliot Secondary School – Soccer Education Academy Fee Increase

The Board of Education approved the proposed fee increase of \$50 (from \$350 to \$400/student) for the Soccer Education Academy at École George Elliot Secondary School. The fee increase is due to cost of instructor, transportation, supplies and cost of indoor soccer facility.

5. Cultural Performances Program Review (Level 2)

The Board of Education approved the Cultural Performances Program Review (Level 2), which included 3 recommendations:

1. Retire Policy 520 – Cultural Performances in January of 2025.
2. Develop a new Public Administrative Procedure that:
 - a. Differentiates Cultural Performances Program procedures for elementary, middle and secondary levels, and
 - b. Ensures students experience a variety of cultural performances (K-12).

6. Enhancement Agreement – Peachland Elementary School Community Garden

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Peachland Elementary School for a community garden. The community garden will consist of nine galvanized above ground metal bins with all materials being donated by the Peachland Wellness Centre and the placement and filling of garden soil being undertaken in coordination with the Wonder Club (students) from École Glenrosa Middle School and the District's Grounds Coordinator.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues:

- The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the aerial spraying for spongy moth on the Westside. Discussions have taken place with the Ministry of Forests and the date is now to be determined.

2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024

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4. General Statement – April 24, 2024
5. Financial Update – March 31, 2024
6. Purchasing Administrative Procedure Update
7. 2024/2025 Estimated Ministry of Education and Child Care Grant Funding
8. 2024/2025 Public Budget Survey Results
9. 2024 Early Learning Initiatives Report

Items of Special Mention

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

1. Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the following:
 - School Community Student Learning Plan Conversations at École Bellevue Creek Elementary School, Raymer Elementary School and Oyama Traditional School
 - Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) AGM
 - Faisons un Boeuf French Music Celebration for French Immersion middle school students
 - Capstone presentations at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School and Rutland Senior Secondary School
 - Community Clean-up with the staff and students from École George Elliot Secondary School
 - Constable Neil Bruce Middle School presentation of the Lion King and Mount Boucherie Secondary School's presentation of PUFFS: The Play
 - Mount Boucherie Secondary School Walk for Mental Health
2. Nicola Baker, President of the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC), provided the results of the election of the executive of COPAC at their recent AGM. Nicola Baker will continue as President for the 2024/2025 school year. Congratulations was conveyed by the Board to the new COPAC Executive. Congratulations was also expressed to Simon Adams, the current Vice-President of COPAC, on his appointment as a Director of the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).
3. May 1, 2024 was National Principals' Day. It is a day to honour Principals and Vice-Principals who lead the development of a collaborative vision, create powerful learning communities and engage with families in ways that support learners and educators to thrive. Thank you was extended to all Principals and Vice-Principals for all they do to make Central Okanagan Public Schools a world class public education provider.
4. World Teachers' Day is acknowledged on October 5th each year and yesterday (May 7th) was Teacher Appreciation Day. We are grateful for the caring, inclusive and wonder-inspiring learning our educators provide each day.
5. May 6th to 10th is Mental Health Week with the theme: A Call to Kindness. The Mount Boucherie Secondary School Walk for Mental Health was held in conjunction with Mental Health Week.
6. Last week the Working the Ideas SSHRC Forum II Roundtable Conversations was held where there was the opportunity to truly witness reconcili-ACTION taking place. There was such energy and pride of all who presented, utilizing traditional Indigenous Knowledges and the First Peoples Principles of Learning to learn on the land or have conversations in circle. Elders shared their wisdom and hope for the practices they were seeing presented as the journey together towards Truth and Reconciliation continues.
7. Confirmation has been received from The Terry Fox Foundation that schools within Central Okanagan Public Schools collectively raised an astounding \$42,084.28 in support of cancer research – an achievement that exemplifies the spirit and generosity of community. Congratulations to École Okanagan Mission Secondary School who was ranked #16 in the Secondary Division of the top 50 fundraisers of British Columbia and Yukon.
8. Students and staff of École Dr. Knox Middle School will be running their Bald Falcon School Fundraiser again this year on Friday, May 31st as they raise money for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation. Some students have chosen to raise money by fundraising locally and others will be offering to 'go bald'. Over the last 16 years, over \$500,000 has been raised by the community. The goal this year is \$14,000.
9. Central Okanagan Public Schools had the distinct pleasure of hosting David Istance, formerly of the OECD Centre for Educational Research and Innovation. It was an honour to have David visit École H.S. Grenda Middle School, École George Elliot Secondary School, and Canyon Falls Middle School to validate the work that is taking place in our schools.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

6:00 pm

All Public Board Meetings take place in the Main Board Room at 1040 Hollywood Road South unless otherwise noted.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

4:00 pm

Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

~~4:00 pm~~

~~General Affairs Committee (Cancelled)~~

~~6:00 pm~~

~~Planning and Facilities Committee (Cancelled)~~

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