



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 13, 2020 – Held by ZOOM

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Messages from the Heart

Oyama Traditional School

A video presentation was shared which was prepared by the staff of Oyama Traditional School with the intent to express to their students how much they were being missed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared that this video represents one of the many videos, co-produced by principals/vice-principals, teaching and support staff, sending messages of hope and kindness to students and families. The Board Chairperson said that families really appreciate the efforts of staff to send these heartwarming messages to their school communities.

Recognition:

1. Continuity of Educational Opportunities Team

In attendance: Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Learning Technology
Jamie Robinson, District Principal of Leadership in Learning & Innovation

The Board of Education congratulated the Continuity of Educational Opportunities Team, comprised of members of our District's various consultant departments and members of the senior education team, who recently received Provincial recognition from the Ministry of Education for the Together We Learn Continuity of Educational Opportunities website and the Together We Learn Newsletter. These District resources and newsletters provide educators with opportunities to network with each other as well as create and share learning resources. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared that these collaborative efforts have enabled other Districts (provincially and nationally) to access high quality, on-line learning resources.

Declaration:

1. Brain Bright Day – May 14, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 14, 2020 as Brain Bright Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget (2020 – 2021 Fiscal Year)

The Board of Education approved the proposed 2020-2021 Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Pandemic Update
Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO, provided an update on government's five-stage phased-in approach to returning to on-site instruction. Last week, the Ministry of Education announced a date of June 1, 2020 for Districts to move to Stage 3, which includes in-class learning for students in elementary schools on a part-time basis and one day a week of on-site instruction for middle/secondary students. Senior staff and school teams are engaged in beginning the planning for a gradual return to on-site learning and some form of continued remote learning. Safety remains the District's number one priority. The District is reviewing and revising safety plans with WorkSafe BC to accommodate this transition to on-site learning.
A survey has been sent to families/caregivers to determine how many students will be returning to their schools. It is recognized that some parents/caregivers will choose to keep their students at home for the remainder of the school year. As such, some form of remote learning will continue. More information will be forth coming from the Ministry of Education by Friday. Parents/caregivers can expect further communications from the District to clarify the Stage 3 Plan.
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020
3. Financial Update – March 31, 2020
4. General Statement – April 16, 2020
5. General Statement – April 22, 2020

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Board of Education Trustees and the District Student Council Representative reported the following:

1. The Board of Education Chairperson recognized the hard work and cooperation of staff, students, and parents in navigating through this difficult time. Board of Education Trustees also shared that it is wonderful to see everyone coming together to support students and families in a variety of ways.
2. Parents, around the province, hope to organize a province wide "Shout-Out" for 2020 graduates on June 20, 2020. The plan for a "Shout-Out" at 8:20 p.m. includes Grade 12s throwing their caps in the air while others around the province cheer them on with horns, signs, and noisemakers.
3. The District Student Council Student Representative recognized the efforts of the Board of Education and staff to support graduates during this pandemic.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting (Location to be confirmed.)
Wednesday, May 27, 2020
6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee (Location to be confirmed.)
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee (Location to be confirmed.)

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