



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, October 26, 2022**

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23":

1. Land-Based Love

In attendance:

Kevin Kaiser, Land-Based Learning Teacher

Kyla Shields, Land-Based Learning Teacher

April Strickland, Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education, and Jasmine Lemon, Acting Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education, introduced Kevin Kaiser and Kyla Shields, teachers with the Land-Based Learning Program.

A video was shown titled "Land-Based Love" which shared some of the student and staff voices around what they find special about the Land-Based Learning Program and what it means to them. The Land-Based Learning Program takes place at Okanagan Mission Secondary School and currently has 120 middle school students participating.

Recognition

1. Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education

Outstanding New Teacher:

Rupinder Aujla, Ellison Elementary School (winner)

Rob Bennett, École Kelowna Secondary School (finalist)

Carmen McDowell, Rutland Middle School (finalist)

Outstanding Support – School Community:

Nicole Rishaug, Student Success Team Advocate, Mount Boucherie Secondary School (winner)

The Board of Education recognized the four finalists for their nominations for Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education, and further congratulated Rupinder Aujla and Nicole Rishaug for winning their respective categories. Trustee Moyra Baxter, Superintendent of Schools/CEO Kevin Kaardal and Deputy Superintendent Terry-Lee Beaudry attended the ceremony at Government House in Victoria, BC on October 14th to honour all those nominated.

2. American Geographical Society

Tina Clarke, teacher at École Kelowna Secondary School, was congratulated by the Board of Education for being named as a 2022 American Geographical Society Fellow.

Chair's Report to the Board

1. 2022 Chair's Report to the Board

Trustee Moyra Baxter presented the 2022 Chair's Report to the Board. The Report highlighted the events and stories of the 2021/2022 school year, as well as outlined the journey of the Board of Education over

the past four years. The Chair's Report to the Board is posted on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website (www.sd23.bc.ca) under Documents & Publications.

Recognition

1. Recognition of Trustees

Trustee Norah Bowman presented Certificates of Recognition from the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) to the following for their service to public education and local governance as part of BCSTA's 2022 Annual General Meeting in Vancouver:

Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede – Two Terms

Trustee Julia Fraser – Three Terms

Trustee Bowman was presented with a gift and a Certificate recognizing her four years of service and dedication to the students of Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. Recognition of Board Chair

The Board of Education recognized Trustee Moyra Baxter for her commitment to public education over the past 26 years. Trustee Baxter was presented with a gift and a Certificate from the BCSTA recognizing her as a Lifetime Member. A video was shown of students at Peachland Elementary School offering their 'advice for retirement' to Trustee Baxter. On behalf of the District, a Bear statue was provided to Trustee Baxter by the Superintendent of Schools/CEO in recognition of her retirement.

Action Items:

1. Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

The Board of Education accepted the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

2. Amendments to Policy 245 – Recruitment of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 245 – Recruitment of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023
2. General Statement – October 12, 2022
3. Childcare Spaces – Construction Update
4. Financial Update – September 30, 2022
5. Ministry of Education and Child Care 2022/2023 Operating Grant Summary Tables

Items of Special Mention

The Board Chair and Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- The **broadcasting of Public Board Meetings** will commence on November 9, 2022 for the Board of Education Swearing-In Ceremony and Inaugural Meeting. The broadcasting of Board Standing Committee meetings will be the decision of the Chair of the Committee.
- Thank you to **Barb Huva** and the **COTA Professional Development Committee** for organizing the professional development sessions for teachers held last Friday throughout the District. Also thank you to the leaders of Provincial Specialist Associations who also provided educational learning opportunities – both locally and throughout the Province.

- On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, Canada's longest-running and highest-profile career exploration event **Take Our Kids to Work Day** will offer parents and guardians a great chance to connect with their kids, sharing their own workplace world while learning about goals, hopes, dreams and possibilities their child envisions for their future.
- Central Okanagan Public Schools is hosting a **Dual Credit Information Night** on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at Kelowna Secondary School commencing at 5:30 pm. The intent of the evening is to showcase Dual Credit Programs and provide an opportunity for post-secondary and industry training partners to communicate directly with prospective students and their parents.

Future Meetings

Swearing In Ceremony and Inaugural Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 6:00 pm

Next Public Board Meeting

To be scheduled at the November 9, 2022 Inaugural Board Meeting.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

To be scheduled at the November 9, 2022 Inaugural Board Meeting.

Notice of Motion

Trustee Geistlinger:

THAT: The Board of Education send letters to the Province of BC and Federal Government requesting they address the safety issues along Highway 97 (the Crystal Waters Road section), noting that it impacts the ability for Central Okanagan Public Schools to provide busing to students living on Crystal Waters Road.

For comments, please contact:

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