



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
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CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 6:00 pm
School Board Office or Zoom (for the public)
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee N. Bowman, Chairperson
Trustee C. Desrosiers, Committee Member
Trustee A. Geistlinger, Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter (*via Zoom*)

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Yvonne Hildebrandt, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: Lori Dawson Bedard, COTA 1st Vice-President
Deannie Zahara, COPAC Member (*via Zoom*)
Brady Ibbetson, COPVPA Member
Teri Wishlow, CUPE Vice-President (*via Zoom*)
Tristan Voros, District Student Council Representative

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

AGENDA

November 18, 2020 Committee Agenda - approved as presented.

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Education and Student Services Committee Report - October 21, 2020

October 21, 2020 Committee Report - received as distributed.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Foundation Skills Assessment

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO, and Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent, gave an overview of the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). As a requirement of the BC School Act, the FSA is an annual province-wide assessment of all BC students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7 and provides valuable information to parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education on how well students are doing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing and Numeracy. FSA results are about more than the overall performance of the provincial school system; the results show where individual students excel and where they need assistance, allowing parents and educators to make early interventions that can enhance success later in a child's schooling. In recognition of the unique school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the administration of the FSA is being postponed until January 18 – February 26, 2021 which will provide schools with more time to prepare for the annual assessment.

Outcome:

The Education and Student Services Committee recommended to the Board of Education:

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the Fraser Institute's misuse of Foundation Skills Assessment results and request that the Ministry of Education post the results, internally, to Districts;

AND THAT: The Board of Education undertake a media campaign before the Foundation Skills Assessment results are posted.

Recessed at 6:45 pm

Reconvened at 6:48 pm

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Indigenous Studies (George Elliot Secondary School)

Joanne De Guevara, District Principal - Indigenous Education, Naim Cardinal, District Vice-Principal - Indigenous Education, and Cliff Schwartz, Principal – George Elliot Secondary School, presented a proposal for an Academy of Indigenous Studies at George Elliot Secondary School. The Academy of Indigenous Studies is a full 20-credit program for students in grades 10 through 12 and provides Indigenous and non-Indigenous students authentic, hands-on Indigenous teachings aimed at enriching understanding of the local culture, building self-esteem and increasing a sense of identity and connectedness to the school and community. This is a unique and innovative opportunity for students to gain a greater sense of how their interaction with local Indigenous culture and their leadership in responding to the Truth and Reconciliation's Calls to Action has an effect on future generations of British Columbians.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Indigenous Studies (George Elliot Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the November 18, 2020 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Art and Design (George Elliot Secondary School)

Cliff Schwartz, Principal – George Elliot Secondary School, Kevin Nickel, Teacher – George Elliot Secondary School, and Rochelle Youngberg, Teacher – George Elliot Secondary School, presented a proposal for an Academy of Art and Design at George Elliot Secondary School. In the Academy, students will prepare for a potential career in the modern arts sector including animation, fine arts, filmmaking, photography or design. Students will develop their collaboration and innovation skills, build portfolios, meet and work with experts, and hone their chosen craft based on an individual development plan. Students will enhance their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the technical aspects of the modern arts and leave school prepared for post-secondary opportunities and an industry that is experiencing growth in the Okanagan and beyond.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Art and Design (George Elliot Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the November 18, 2020 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

K-12 Assessment Plan – Renamed Evidence of Learning (K-12) Continuum – Project/Consultation Timeline

Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, shared that the Evidence of Learning (K-12) Continuum project and consultation process will continue through to Spring 2021. The creation of new assessment resources will take considerable time, and the entire project is estimated for completion by June 2022. Jamie Robinson, District Principal for Leadership in Learning and Innovation, and the Deputy Superintendent of Schools will present more detailed information at the January 20th Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

Public Board Meeting Action Items

- The Board of Education to write a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the Fraser Institute's misuse of Foundation Skills Assessment results and request that the Ministry of Education post the results, internally, to Districts.
- The Board of Education to undertake a media campaign before the Foundation Skills Assessment results are posted.
- Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Indigenous Studies (George Elliot Secondary School)
- Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Art and Design (George Elliot Secondary School)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 20, 2021

- Evidence of Learning Continuum (K-12)
Deputy Superintendent (T. Beaudry)
District Principal for Leadership in Learning & Innovation (J. Robinson)
- Proposals for Board Authority/Authorized Courses

February 17, 2021

- Proposals for Substantive Change
- Report on Children and Youth in Care

April 21, 2021

- Proposals for Board Authority/Authorized Courses
- Student Support Services (Level 2 Review)
Director of Instruction (P. Molloy)

May 19, 2021

- Draft Program Review Cycle and Meeting Schedule 2021-2022
Deputy Superintendent (T. Beaudry)
- Equity in Action Progress Report
District Principal (J. De Guevara)

June 16, 2021

- Enhancing Student Learning Framework
Superintendent of Schools/CEO (K. Kaardal)

REVIEW LEGEND

Level One Review

- District-wide surveys involving all stakeholders
- Focus Groups
- Interviews with key staff and clients

Level Two Review

- Surveys to a representative sample group of stakeholders
- Optional Focus Groups and personnel interviews as appropriate

Level Three Review

Limited or no surveying and/or interviews to gather informal feedback

FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 20, 2021, February 17, 2021, April 21, 2021, May 19, 2021, June 16, 2021,
September 22, 2021, October 20, 2021 and November 17, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Questions - Please Contact:

Trustee Norah Bowman, Chairperson at Norah.Bowman@sd23.bc.ca

Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools at 250-470-3225 or Terry.Beaudry@sd23.bc.ca

Norah Bowman, Chairperson