



"Together We Learn"

**Central Okanagan
Public Schools (No. 23)**

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. Enactus Okanagan College/Central Okanagan Public Schools Westside Learning Centre Accelerate Youth Initiative

In attendance:

- Randy Horne, Principal, Central School Programs & Services
- Ryan Ward, Vice-Principal, Central School Programs & Services
- Christine Thygesen, Teacher/Counselor, Westside Learning Centre
- Kyleen Myrah, Professor, Okanagan College
- Okanagan College Students from Accelerate Youth Program:
 - Jamie Park
 - Jessica Egyed
 - Marshall Kutyn

Accelerate Youth began to take root when Christine Thygesen, a teacher and counsellor at the Westside Learning Centre, approached the Okanagan College (OC) for an innovative solution and support to teach life skills, such as budgeting, banking, cooking and more, to students in alternative schools. Over a ten-week span, made up of 20 sessions, Enactus OC teammates visited the Westside Learning Centre to work with students. The Accelerate Youth project received first place at the Regional Enactus Competition in Calgary, which qualified the students to showcase their project at the National Exposition held in May in Toronto. Accelerate Youth received a \$2,000 Grant from the Central Okanagan Foundation for Youth and United Way Gennext, which provided the funding required for its launch. So far, 25 youth have benefited from the program and the project partners are already looking at how it can be expanded to other regions and districts in the future.

Introduction/Recognition:

1. Introduction:

Stuart Kamstra, Assistant Director of Operations

The Board of Education welcomed Stuart Kamstra to the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. Recognition

a. Rotary Club of Kelowna/Central Okanagan Public Schools Speaking Finalists

In attendance:

- Jarret Atkins, Vice-Principal, Davidson Road Elementary School
- Russ Bischoff, Vice-Principal George Elliot Secondary School
- Sylvia Keating, Teacher, Dorothea Walker Elementary School

Students:

- Lyric Becker, South Kelowna Elementary School, First Place
- Ben Anderson, Dorothea Walker Elementary School, Second Place
- Sienna Millan, Davidson Road Elementary School, Third Place

The Board of Education recognized the finalists and heard from each student in attendance. The three student speeches declared calls to action and inspired everyone in attendance.

Jarret Atkins recognized the Board of Education and the Rotary Club of Kelowna for their support of the Annual Rotary Club of Kelowna/Central Okanagan Public Schools Speaking Contest.

b. Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Dan Massey, 2018 Certificate of Achievement Recipient

In attendance:

- Curtis Schreiber, Principal, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
- A variety of teachers from Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
- Alexandra Whitt, Student, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

The Board of Education congratulated Dan Massey as a recipient of a Certificate of Achievement from the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence. The Teaching Excellence in STEM Awards honour outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics teachers that help develop the culture of innovation that Canada needs today, and in the future.

Alexandra Whitt, student at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, and Curtis Schreiber, Principal at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, expressed their appreciation to Dan Massey for the unwavering support and encouragement he has given to his students over the span of his career.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO congratulated Mr. Massey on his accomplishments and his willingness to share his talents with his colleagues.

Mr. Massey is retiring at the end of this school year and the Board thanked him for his years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

3. KLO-Winkler Prins Student Exchange

In attendance:

- Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal, École KLO Middle School
- Deborah Holmes, Teacher, École KLO Middle School

Students:

Emily Buckmaster
Hannah Petrie
Owen McParland
Jacob Jeffery
Tova Galvagno

A group of 25 students from École KLO Middle School recently participated in a cultural exchange with their sister school, Winkler Prins in Veendam, Netherlands. The students in attendance presented a video and spoke of their rich learning experience. After travelling to Veendam, all spoke with a deeper sense of what it means to be a Canadian.

Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal at École KLO Middle School, recognized teachers, Deborah Holmes and Michael Sodaro, for providing an honouring and inspiring experience for students.

Action Items:

1. 2018-2019 CommunityLINK Allocations

The Board of Education approved the recommended School-Based CommunityLINK Allocations 2018-2019. The Board of Education agreed to contact the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children and Family Development, and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions to request further resources and support for student mental health.

2. Westside Grade 4 Middle Entry French Immersion

The Board of Education referred the Westside Grade 4 Middle Entry French Immersion Report back to the Planning and Facilities Committee, for further consultation and information gathering, prior to forwarding a recommendation to the Board of Education by October 2018.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Board of Education Strategic Plan 2018-2021
2. School Fees 2018/2019
3. Month End Enrolment Report – May 2018
4. Grant Thornton Report to the Finance and Audit Committee – Initial Communication on Audit Planning
5. COTA Executive Committee for 2018/2019
6. COPVPA Executive for 2018/2019
7. Ombudsperson Quarterly Report: January 1 – March 31, 2018
8. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2017/2018 and 2018/2019
9. General Statement – May 23, 2018
10. SOGI Frequently Asked Questions

Items Requiring Special Mention:

- The ***Together We Learn*** summer publication with the theme of "What's New in Education" was distributed to all schools last week. Thank-you to the members of the Newspaper in Education Committee for another successful edition. A special thank-you to the Kelowna Capital News for collaborating with the District on this initiative.
- The **iGen challenge** is for Central Okanagan Public Schools grade 7-12 students. Over the last three months, students were guided through the startup process to create companies and pitch their ideas to members of the innovation ecosystem in Kelowna. The top 5 teams presented their pitches at the Okanagan Centre for Innovation last week. Congratulations to all participants.
- The Westside Community Learning Showcase was held at Mount Boucherie Secondary School on June 6th. The Showcase provided an opportunity for students from all of the Westside schools to share their learning journeys with the community.
- The District Elementary Track and Field Meet was held at the Apple Bowl on June 6th and 7th. Two Grade 6 girls broke the high jump record, Stephanie Dueck from Shannon Lake Elementary who jumped 143 cm and Monica Hoffman from Rose Valley Elementary who jumped 140 cm. Congratulations to all students who participated.
- The 28th Annual Siya Celebration was held on Friday, June 1st at Westbank First Nation's Pine Stadium.
- The EdCan Network report, highlighting the Academy of Indigenous Studies at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, is now available for distribution.
- National Indigenous Peoples Day is on June 21st, formerly named National Aboriginal Awareness Day. Several schools will celebrate this day. There are community events planned in Kelly Park and at the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society.

Next Public Board Meetings

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

6:00 pm at the School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

6:00 pm at the School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

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