



"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, February 8, 2017**

Presentation:

"Inside 23"

1. **Chuba University Haruhigaoka Junior High School Student Exchange**

- Scott Parker, Principal, Glenrosa Middle School
- Kyla Babcock, Vice-Principal, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
- Jenaya McRorie, Student at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
(Shenelle Neyedli, a student at Glenrosa Middle School, was unable to attend the Board Meeting due to adverse road conditions in Peachland.)

Mr. Parker introduced student, Jenaya McRorie, who was one of two student representatives who had the opportunity to participate on the first student exchange to Haruhigaoka Junior High School in Japan. The exchange included a welcome assembly, opportunities to provide peer mentorship in English classes, involvement in clubs, presentations to Haruhigaoka students, rich cultural experiences, and an exceptional homestay experience. (Kelowna's Kasugai Sister City Association selected the students after reviewing the student applications.)

2. **Virtual Field Trips to Support Deeper Learning**

- Mark Hauk, Teacher, McWilliams Centre
- Merle Ross, Video Production Specialist
- Jordan Kleckner, District Principal - Learning Technology

Mr. Kleckner introduced Mr. Hauk and Mr. Ross who have provided virtual field trip opportunities for the past five years in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Students are connected with scientists, authors, explorers, adventurers, educators, career spotlights, and guest speakers from around the world via live interactive video conference. In 2015-16, over 100+ virtual field trips were provided for over 3500 students. It is anticipated that over 6,000 students will be engaged in virtual field trip studies this year. For more information, follow on Twitter @VFT_SD23.

Introduction:

1. The Board of Education introduced and congratulated the following staff members on their new assignments:
Mary Berg, Vice-Principal, Dorothea Walker Elementary School
Jasmine Lemon, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School
Dave Swystun, Learning Technology Manager

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Presentation:

1. Kindergarten/New Student Enrollment Public Service Announcement

The Board of Education listened to the Public Service Announcement (PSA) which was recorded on January 17, 2017. The PSA was played on our local Power 104/103.1 stations from Monday, January 30th to Sunday, February 5th. The student radio voices were two Mount Boucherie Secondary School students: Melissa Jewsbury, Grade 12 and Darius Konstant, Grade 11. Doug Loepp (Creative Producer-Okanagan Division) and Tim Allan (Production Manager) of the team at Power 104/Q103.1/KISS FM of the Jim Pattison Broadcast Group were acknowledged for their assistance in preparing the PSA.

Declaration:

1. Harmony Day and Human Rights Month

The Board of Education made the following declaration:

"WHEREAS Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan Public Schools community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day allows the Central Okanagan Public Schools to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and,

THEREFORE I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 15, 2017 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools; and also do hereby proclaim the month of February 2017 as Human Rights Month in the Central Okanagan Public Schools."

Leigh-Ann Yanow, Chairperson of the Harmony Day Committee, described the recent Middle School Conference which featured a 'Living Library' of guest speakers from the community who shared personal stories of diversity. Ms. Yanow also shared several of the Harmony Day events taking place at schools in Central Okanagan Public Schools on February 15th, and also presented this year's Harmony Day video celebrating the tenth anniversary of Harmony Day. The video can be viewed by visiting the Harmony Day website at: <http://sd23harmonyday.weebly.com/videos.html>.

2. Pink Shirt Day (Kindness Day)

The Board of Education made the following declaration:

"The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares Wednesday, February 22, 2017 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools."

Action Items:

1. Approval of 2016/2017 Amended Annual Budget

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2016/2017 in the amount of \$234,017,079.

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2. **Lake Country Middle School Project Definition Report – Update**
The Board of Education approved the Lake Country Middle School Project Definition Report to be submitted to the Ministry of Education.
3. **Westside Family of Schools Future Growth and Impact Study**
The Board of Education approved the Westside Family of Schools Future Growth and Impact Study be submitted to the Ministry of Education.
4. **Annual Review of the Planning and Facilities Committee Mandate, Purpose and Function – Policy 155**
The Board of Education affirmed Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee.

Information Items:

Superintendent's Emergent Issues:

- The Superintendent remarked about the fentanyl/opiate overdose crisis in British Columbia, declaring there have not been any overdoses involving school-aged students. The District will continue to focus on educating students about the dangers involved in drug use and will continue to liaise with the Interior Health Authority (IHA) to support measures being taken to address this provincial crisis.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Policy 650A – Public Use of School Facilities – Schedule of Rental Fees
2. Month End Enrollment – January 31, 2017
3. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017
4. General Statement

Items of Special Mention

- The Board recently met with Chief and Council of Westbank First Nation.
- The Superintendent recognized the 44th Annual KSS Invitational Basketball Tournament and announced that the tournament trophy has been named after retired teacher, Jack May, for his ongoing volunteerism with this annual tournament.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, February 15, 2017
4:00 pm Finance and Legal Committee
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

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