



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, November 13, 2024**

Inside 23

1. Story Workshop

In attendance:

Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction: Learning & Innovation

Early Literacy Lead Team:

Nicole Crane, Reanna Lamb, and Tess Perry

Davidson Road Elementary School Administrators:

John Morrone, Principal, Davidson Road Elementary School

Marlo Könneke, Vice-Principal, Davidson Road Elementary School

Davidson Road Elementary School Teachers:

Ashley Spinks, Holly Langlois, Lisa Marshall

Davidson Road Elementary School Students:

Nira Gandha, Salma Colero, Tenley Spinks

Teachers at Davidson Road Elementary have been incorporating Story Workshop into their classrooms to help students become more confident and creative writers. During this Inside 23, Davidson Road Elementary students and teachers shared what they love about their Story Workshop experiences and highlighted the positive impact it has had on their literacy development.

2. Connecting and Empowering Schools through OECD Schools+Network – Case Studies in Cognitive Engagement

In attendance:

Jim Laird, Principal, École George Elliot Secondary School

Nina Ferguson, Principal, École Dr. Knox Middle School (former Principal at Pearson Road Elementary School)

Sarah Watson, Principal, Canyon Falls Middle School

Steve Labrie, Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School

The OECD (The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) has authored some of the most innovative educational research over the past two decades impacting our School District and schools around the world. Four Central Okanagan Public Schools (Pearson Road Elementary School, Rose Valley Elementary School, Canyon Falls Middle School, and École George Elliot Secondary School) are among eight Canadian schools playing a part in the OECD's next big study, the **Schools+ Network**. One hundred and thirty schools spanning forty different countries have been collaborating since September 2023 to examine what innovative, powerful learning looks like at the ground level; teams of teachers and school administrators have been deeply invested in this important research. As part of their learning framework, our schools have been engaging deeply with Cognitive Engagement resulting in case studies from Central Okanagan Public School teachers being accepted into the study. This research will end by April 2025 when the Schools+ research will be released to the educational community around the world, and our teams are grateful for the opportunity to highlight Central Okanagan Public Schools learning at a global scale.

Introduction/Recognition

1. Introduction of New Staff

The Board of Education welcomed Holly Gaboury to Central Okanagan Public Schools as the Executive Assistant – Operations.

2. Introduction of Staff in a New Role

The Board of Education congratulated Wynter Oakes on her assignment to the position as District Principal – International Education.

Declarations

1. Harmony Day – November 22, 2024

Proclamation:

The Board Chair, Julia Fraser, made the following declaration on behalf of the Board of Education:

WHEREAS Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan bring unique gifts to this community through their diversity; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan Public Schools community to celebrate 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, as Chair of the Board of Education of the Central Okanagan Public Schools, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2024 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. National Children's Rights Day – November 20, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared November 20, 2024 as 'National Children's Rights Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

3. Adoption Awareness Month – November 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of November, 2024, as 'Adoption Awareness Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items

1. Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/2025 – CPSD23-04

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/2025 – CPSD23-04.

2. 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).

3. Appointment of Board Standing Committee Trustee Representatives

Education and Student Services Committee – Chairperson: Trustee Geistlinger

Trustee Johnson

Trustee Tiede

Finance and Planning Committee – Chairperson: Trustee Tiede

Trustee Broughton

Trustee Desrosiers

Policy Committee – Chairperson: Trustee Johnson

Trustee Broughton

Trustee Geistlinger

Executive Staff Management Committee – Chairperson: Trustee Tiede
Board Chair - Trustee Fraser
Board Vice-Chair - Trustee Guderyan

4. Appointment of Trustee Representatives to District Committees

District Early Years Partnership Committee
Trustee Tiede
Alternate: Trustee Desrosiers
District Health Promoting Schools Committee
Trustee Guderyan
Alternate: Trustee Geistlinger
District Human Rights Committee
Trustee Johnson
Alternate: Trustee Broughton
Public Education Appreciation Committee
Trustee Desrosiers
Alternate: Trustee Johnson
District Safe Schools Community Network
Trustee Guderyan
Alternate: Trustee Geistlinger

5. Appointment of Alternate Trustee Representative to Indigenous Education Council

Representatives: Trustee Desrosiers and Trustee Guderyan
Alternate: Trustee Tiede

6. Appointment of Alternate Board Representatives to Provincial Representative Assemblies

BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council
Regular Representative: Trustee Broughton
Alternate: Trustee Guderyan
BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative
Regular Representative: Trustee Desrosiers
Alternate: Trustee Johnson

7. Amendments to Policy 215 – Superintendent of Schools/CEO Evaluation

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 215 – Superintendent of Schools/CEO Evaluation.

8. Amendments to Policy 175 – Executive Staff Management Committee

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 175 – Executive Staff Management Committee.

9. Amendments to Policy 703 – Relations with Parents of Students

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 703 – Relations with Parents of Students.

10. Amendments to Policy 390 – Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 390 – Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality.

11. Amendments to Policy 525 – Field Studies – Curricular and Extra-Curricular and Regulations 525R – Field Studies – Curricular and Extra-Curricular (*Regulations*)

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 525 – Field Studies – Curricular and Extra Curricular and Regulations 525R – Field Studies – Curricular and Extra-Curricular (*Regulations*).

12. Amendments to Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities.

13. Finance and Planning Committee

The Board of Education retired Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee and Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee, approved new Policy 156 – Finance and Planning Committee, and approved the amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, Policy 162 – Financial Planning and Reporting and Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses.

14. Medical Treatment of Students

The Board of Education retired Policy 436 – Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions, Regulations 436R – Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions (*Regulations*), Policy 437 – Managing Students with Diabetes, Regulations 437R – Managing Students with Diabetes (*Regulations*), Form 436.4 – Medical Alert and Diabetes Documents and Form 436.9 – Medical Alert and Anaphylaxis Documents and Seizure Action Plan Documents.

The Board of Education further approved the amendments to Policy 435 – Medical Treatment of Students, Regulations 435R – Medical Treatment of Students (*Regulations*) and Appendix 435A – Medical Treatment of Students (*Appendix*).

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2024/2025
2. General Statement – October 9, 2024
3. Ministry of Education and Child Care 2024/2025 Preliminary Operating Grant Summary Tables
4. Budget Pressures Overview – 2024/2025
5. Student and Family Affordability Fund Update at June 30, 2024
6. Feeding Futures Fund Update at June 30, 2024
7. District Student Council Reps – 2024/2025
8. Board Policy and Regulations 631 – School Closures/Consolidations
There are no school closures recommended for the 2024/2025 school year. Central Okanagan Public Schools continues to operate at enrolment levels above the capacity of the available permanent space.
9. Board Policy and Regulations 632 – School Reconfigurations
The District is committed to communicating, engaging, and working with its community to develop solutions to address its facility challenges.
10. Amended Standing Committee Meeting Schedule 2024/2025

Advocacy

Trustees and senior staff will be attending the BCSTA Trustee Academy on November 22 and 23, 2024.

Items of Special Mention

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

1. Attendance/participation in:
 - District-wide choral retreat involving middle and high school choirs coming together to learn, collaborate and perform together
 - Various Parent Advisory Council Meetings
 - Board Joint Meeting with District of Peachland
 - Board Joint Meeting with the City of West Kelowna
 - Field of Crosses Opening Ceremonies
 - Remembrance Day Assemblies
 - Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Peachland, West Kelowna, Kelowna, Rutland and Lake Country
 - Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony at Westbank First Nation
 - Rutland Senior Secondary School Capstone

2. Flags throughout the District are flying at half mast in honour of the passing of former B.C. Premier, John Horgan.
3. To honour the passing of Justice Murray Sinclair, schools/departments/worksites were asked to have a moment of silence to start their day on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.
4. On Wednesday, November 6, 2024, grade 9 students throughout the Central Okanagan School District participated in the Take Our Kids to Work Day. Students had the chance to spend the day on the job site while their parents/guardians had the opportunity to connect with their child, sharing their own workplace world while learning about goals, hopes, plans and possibilities their child envisions for their future.
5. The Regional District of Central Okanagan hosted elected officials and community partners on a tour of educational facilities throughout the Central Okanagan. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented to the group on the success of the District academically and the culture and impact Central Okanagan Public Schools has.
6. The President of the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council expressed gratitude to UBC-Okanagan for hosting their annual UBCO STEM Engagement Day for students throughout the Central Okanagan.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

4:00 pm

Finance and Planning Committee Meeting

6:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting (cancelled)

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