

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: November 6, 2019

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Norah Bowman STAFF CONTACT: Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent

*The Committee Chairperson acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the
Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.*

Board Attendees:

Trustee N. Bowman – Chairperson
Trustee A. Geistlinger – Committee Member
Trustee C. Desrosiers – Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter

Staff:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
V. Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent
Y. Hildebrandt, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent:

T. Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	Cherylee Morrison, Co-President
COPVPA	Brady Ibbetson, Member-at-Large
COTA	Lori Dawson Bedard, 1 st Vice-President
CUPE	No Representative
District Student Council	Zijun Meng, Grade 12, Okanagan Mission Secondary

Agenda – Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Vianne Kintzinger attended in place of regular staff representative, Terry-Lee Beaudry.

Agenda Item 5.3 – New Presenter - Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Agenda Item 6.1 – New Presenter - Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent

Public Education and Student Services Committee Agenda – November 6, 2019 – approved as amended.

Reports/Matters Arising

Public Education and Student Services Committee Report – October 2, 2019 – received as presented.

Discussion/Action Items

1. **Proposal to add the new course, Gateway to Tech for Youth, to the District's existing suite of courses with Okanagan College**

Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent, shared that the purpose of the presentation was to introduce the new course, Gateway to Tech for Youth, proposed to be added to the District's existing suite of courses with Okanagan College. The Gateway to Tech course would provide Central Okanagan Public Schools' secondary students with employment and skills preparatory training in the Information Communication and Technology (ICT) sector.

Troy Berg, Instructor – Okanagan College, and Kara Kazimer, Instructor – Okanagan College, provided a presentation outlining the Gateway to Tech for Youth course. Students will be introduced to a variety of careers and occupations in the ICT sector, gain skills and training required for potential employment in these occupations, and participate in career planning workshops. The course is divided into two learning sequences: Information Technology (IT) Essentials and Introduction to Coding. Completion of the Gateway to Tech for Youth will enable students to challenge industry certifications or transition into the Computer Information Systems program.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the proposal to add the new course, Gateway to Tech for Youth, to the District's existing suite of courses with Okanagan College, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the November 6, 2019 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

2. **Career Life Programs Review – Level 3**

Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent, and Sarah Wood, Bob Boback and Chris Ovelson, Career Life Programs Teachers, presented the Career Life Programs Level 3 Review. As part of the Career Life Programs Level 3 Review, a survey on program delivery was conducted that involved over 400 students and parents from all District secondary schools, and solicited feedback and input from teachers, principals and vice-principals. The key themes and recommendations from the surveys were shared with the Education and Student Services Committee.

Through education, exploration, and experiences, it is the vision of Career Life Programs to support each student to discover their unique skills and competencies as they transition towards a healthy and purposeful life.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Career Life Programs Review – Level 3, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the November 6, 2019 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

3. Proposal for Educational Program with External Partnership – Elders in Residence Program

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared a brief outline of the Elders in Residence Program Proposal. The purpose of the Central Okanagan Public Schools' Elders in Residence Program is to foster understanding and respect for Indigenous worldviews and perspectives, culture, language and local protocols through engagement with Elders in schools. Connections with Elders provide opportunities for Indigenous students to learn more about Indigenous cultures and languages, instill within students a sense of cultural pride and connectedness to school and community, as well as empower students to be resilient, courageous, and to live a balanced and healthy lifestyle. Furthermore, Elders will provide a connection to Indigenous culture, language, and traditions for all students, staff and school community members, fostering equity, respect for diversity and inclusivity within school communities.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Proposal for Educational Program with External Partnership - Westbank First Nation - Elders in Residence Program, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the November 6, 2019 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting. Staff will bring forward a Memorandum of Agreement with Westbank First Nation to the Board of Education.

Discussion/Information Items

1. How Are We Doing? Children and Youth in Government Care and Youth on Youth Agreements

Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent provided a brief overview of the October 2017 report from the Representative for Children and Youth, and the six key recommendations in the Room for Improvement report to improve education outcomes for children and youth in government care.

2. Update on the Aquatic Studies – Pre-Lifeguarding Program

Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent, provided a video update on the Aquatic Studies – Pre-Lifeguarding Program, highlighting student testimonies on the value of this new Board Authority Authorized (BAA) course.

Recommendations/Referrals to the Board/Coordinating Committee/Other Committees

Public Board Meeting Action Items

- Proposal to add the new course, Gateway to Tech for Youth, to the District's existing suite of courses with Okanagan College
- Career Life Programs Review – Level 3
- Proposal for Educational Program with External Partnership – Elders in Residence Program

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- *Presentation: Healthy Relationships Education*

January 8, 2020	February 19, 2020	April 15, 2020
Report on Advanced Placement (AP) Programs in Central Okanagan Public Schools	Proposals for Substantive Change	Proposals for Board Authority/Authorized Courses
Proposal for Substantive Change – Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Canyon Falls Middle School)		
Central Okanagan Public Schools Equity in Action Agreement 2020-2025 (J. De Guevara/T. Beaudry)		

May 20, 2020	June 17, 2020	
Draft Program Review Cycle and Meeting Schedule 2020/2021 <i>Deputy Superintendent</i> (T. Beaudry)	Enhancing Student Learning Framework <i>Superintendent/CEO</i> (K. Kaardal)	
REVIEW LEGEND		
<u>LEVEL ONE REVIEW</u> • District-wide surveys involving all stakeholders • Focus Groups • Interviews with key staff and clients <u>LEVEL TWO REVIEW</u> • Surveys to a representative sample group of stakeholders • Optional Focus Groups and personnel interviews as appropriate <u>LEVEL THREE REVIEW</u> Limited or no surveying and/or interviews to gather informal feedback		

Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

- January 8, 2020, February 19, 2020, April 15, 2020, May 20, 2020, June 17, 2020

Questions – Please Contact:

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Norah Bowman, Chairperson