



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 23, 2022

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Creating a Caring Community at École Bellevue Creek Elementary School

In attendance:

Jamie Robinson, Assistant Superintendent

Josh Currie, Assistant Director of Operations

Raelyn Larmet, Principal, École Bellevue Creek Elementary School

In September 2022, École Bellevue Creek Elementary School was reopened for English and French Immersion Kindergarten and Grade One students. The presentation highlighted the course of action taken by the Operations Department to bring the school to where it is today – a bright, welcoming, and beautiful educational space for young learners and the community. The presentation also outlined the journey the staff and parents have undertaken to create a Caring Community.

Introduction

1. Kate Cumming – Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

The Board of Education welcomed Kate Cumming to the District as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

2. Catherine Sullivan – Executive Assistant, Office of the Executive Director of Human Resources

The Board of Education congratulated Catherine Sullivan on her new position in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Presentation

1. Crystal Waters Road – Highway 97 Safety Presentation

Presenter: Pam Dana, Lake Country – Highway 97 Safe Traffic Flow Working Group

On behalf of the Highway 97 Safe Traffic Flow Working Group, Pam Dana presented on the safety issues along a 3km stretch of Crystal Waters Road that runs alongside Highway 97. There are safety concerns regarding the entrance into high speed traffic flow off of Crystal Waters Road on to Highway 97. This presentation is in response to the Notice of Motion of Trustee Geistlinger at the October 26, 2022 Public Board Meeting requesting 'the Board of Education send letters to the Province of BC and Federal Government requesting they address the safety issues along Highway 97 (the Crystal Waters Road section), noting that it impacts the ability for Central Okanagan Public Schools to provide busing to students living on Crystal Waters Road'.

Action Items:

1. Crystal Waters Road – Highway 97 Safety

The Board of Education agreed to send a letter to the Province of BC requesting they address the safety issues along Highway 97 (the Crystal Waters Road section), noting that it impacts the ability for Central Okanagan Public Schools to provide busing to students living in Crystal Waters Road.

2. Appointment of Board Standing Committee Trustee Representatives

General Affairs Committee (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Trustee Fraser

Coordinating Committee

Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Education and Student Services Committee

Chair: Trustee Geistlinger

Members: Trustee Johnson

Trustee Fraser

Finance and Audit Committee

Chair: Trustee Broughton

Members: Trustee Johnson

Trustee Desrosiers

Planning and Facilities Committee

Chair: Trustee Desrosiers

Members: Trustee Broughton

Trustee Guderyan

Policy Committee

Chair: Trustee Fraser

Members: Trustee Geistlinger

Trustee Guderyan

Executive Staff Management:

Chair: Trustee Broughton

Members: Trustee Tiede (Board Chair)

Trustee Fraser (Board Vice-Chair)

The Board of Education deferred Action Items 11.3 through 11.6 to the December 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

3. Appointment of Trustee Liaisons

The list of School Liaison Trustees will be posted on the School District website under Board of Education.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Board Policy and Regulations 631 – *School Closures/Consolidations*
2. Board Policy and Regulations 632 – *School Reconfigurations*
3. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023
4. General Statement – October 26, 2022
5. General Statement – November 15, 2022
6. District Student Council 2022-2023

Items of Special Mention

The Board Chair, Trustees and Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of their attendance at school and area Remembrance Day Ceremonies, school visits and attendance at the Field of Crosses Opening Ceremonies.
- Currently visiting Central Okanagan Public Schools is a delegation from the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate. The delegation includes Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Junior Advocates (students), and an Education Advocate team. They will be spending time in Central Okanagan Public Schools as well as the Vernon School District. This is the second year that the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate have visited the Okanagan and they have come to learn about the District's Indigenous Advocate model. Our District will also learn more about their Junior Advocate program during their visit.
- Central Okanagan Public Schools will be hosting the 2022 Provincial AAAA Senior Girls Volleyball Championships on December 1st through 3rd at Okanagan Mission Secondary, and the 2022 Provincial AAA Senior Boys Volleyball Championships on November 30th through December 3rd at École KSS.
- The Board Chair expressed her thanks to her fellow Trustees as well as staff for their support and encouragement as she takes on the role of Chair.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

4:00 pm

General Affairs Committee

6:00 pm

Planning and Facilities Committee

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