



CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee L. Guderyan, Chair
Trustee A. Geistlinger, Committee Member
Trustee V. Johnson, Committee Member

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO (*absent*)
Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Yvonne Hildebrandt, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: Lori Dawson Bedard, COTA 1st Vice-President
Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Jared Birkeland, COPVPA Vice-President
Jessica Teasdale, CUPE Executive Member
There were no representatives from the District Student Council.

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

AGENDA

Defer to April 17, 2024: 6.3 Cultural Performances Program Review (Level 2)

January 17, 2024 Committee Agenda – approved as amended.

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Education and Student Services Committee Report – November 29, 2023

November 29, 2023 Committee Report - received as distributed.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Welcoming New Immigrants

Violeta Malfair, Director of Instruction – Settlement Services and International Education, presented the changing composition of students in Central Okanagan Public Schools. The Welcome Centre collects and verifies all documents of newcomer students who are not Canadian and immigrants who are refugees, temporary residents, and permanent residents, as well as assists with online registration, transportation, and parent information sessions. There has been a significant increase in the number of newcomers to the District with more than 620 new students registered into 44 schools during the 2023/2024 school year, and the most common immigration status of families being Work Permit. The top countries that these newcomers have come from are the Philippines, India, and Syria followed by Ukraine, Mexico and Jamaica. The Welcome Centre currently supports 2,295 newcomer students and their families.

Update on Student Reporting

Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction – Learning and Innovation, provided an update on K-12 Student Reporting in Central Okanagan Public Schools. The 2022-2023 school year was a draft implementation year of the District's K-9 and Grade 10-12 Student Reporting Guidelines based upon the new Ministry Reporting Policy Framework. Province-wide implementation of the new Ministry Reporting Order occurred in the 2023-2024 school year and the new District Student Reporting process is now in place. District educators engaged in a survey about the District's Student Reporting Guidelines going into the full implementation year and changes have been made in response to the feedback. After all schools completed the first Written Learning Update of the 2023-2024 school year, families were surveyed and feedback was positive with appreciation for the written descriptive updates and resources available for parents.

7:15 pm – Meeting Recessed

7:18 pm – Meeting Reconvened

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Holocaust 12: Beyond the Shoah

Graeme Stacey, Teacher - École Kelowna Secondary School, and Mike Wolthuizen, Teacher, Rutland Senior Secondary School, presented the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) course proposal for Holocaust 12: Beyond the Shoah, which is a rebranding of the 2003 course formerly known as Holocaust 12: A Blueprint for a Modern Societal Tragedy. The new proposed BAA course Holocaust 12: Beyond the Shoah provides students an opportunity to learn about Jewish life, culture, and history, both before and after the Holocaust, and to pursue deeper knowledge and understanding of their grade 10 Social Studies and prior learning. The Holocaust 12: Beyond the Shoah BAA course will ensure that survivors' stories are known, remembered, and recorded for future generations and that students' perspectives and horizons are broadened through the study of Holocaust topics that often go uncovered.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Holocaust 12: Beyond the Shoah (École Kelowna Secondary School/Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 17, 2024 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

Proposal for Substantive Change – Pre-Lifeguarding Academy (École Okanagan Mission Secondary School)

Graham Johnson, Vice-Principal - École Okanagan Mission Secondary School, and Darryl McCrady, Teacher - École Okanagan Mission Secondary School, presented a proposal for a Pre-Lifeguarding Academy at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School. The Pre-Lifeguarding Academy enables students to build a positive self-image, maintain a fitness level required to perform aquatic rescues, learn to communicate with each other and the public, problem solve on the fly, and develop a community service mentality by using their knowledge and skills in first aid and lifesaving. Students participating in the Academy learn valuable life skills to gain employment and develop a career in the field of lifeguarding, or use these skills while studying and pursuing further post-secondary opportunities.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change – Pre-Lifeguarding Academy (École Okanagan Mission Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 17, 2024 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

Public Board Meeting Action Items

- *Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Holocaust 12: Beyond the Shoah*
- *Proposal for Substantive Change – Pre-Lifeguarding Academy (École Okanagan Mission Secondary School)*

ITEMS FOR FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 21, 2024

- Early Learning Initiatives Report
Assistant Superintendent (J. Robinson)

April 17, 2024

- Proposals for Board/Authority Authorized Courses
- Cultural Performances Program Review (Level 2)
Assistant Superintendent (R. Steen)
- Career Life Programs & Dual Credit Programs Report
Assistant Superintendent (A. Lalonde)

May 15, 2024

- Draft Program Review Cycle & Meeting Schedule 2024-2025
- Reading Intervention Outreach (RIO) Program Report
District Principal of Inclusive Education (M. Kaupp)

June 19, 2024

REVIEW LEGEND

Level One Review

- District-wide surveys involving all stakeholders
- Focus Groups
- Interviews with key staff and clients

Level Two Review

- Surveys to a representative sample group of stakeholders
- Optional Focus Groups and personnel interviews as appropriate

Level Three Review

Limited or no surveying and/or interviews to gather informal feedback

FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings start at 6:00 pm.

February 21, 2024; April 17, 2024; May 15, 2024; and June 19, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Questions - Please Contact:

Trustee Lisa Guderyan, Chair at Lisa.Guderyan@sd23.bc.ca

Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools at 250-470-3225 or Terry.Beaudry@sd23.bc.ca

Lisa Guderyan, Chair