



# 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, February 10, 2021  
**By Zoom**

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## Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

### 1. Inclusive Education Month

February is Inclusive Education Month. This is a time to promote and raise awareness about inclusive education. A Partners for Inclusive Education committee has been established which meets the second Monday of every month at 6:00 pm, and is a safe place where families, staff and community partners can connect to better understand supports for learners with diverse abilities within the District and the community. The Partners for Inclusive Education meetings provide an opportunity for parents to have open communication about inclusive education. A video was shown highlighting a student at Bankhead Elementary School.

## Introductions:

### 1. Lunar New Year

Participating by Zoom:

Violeta Malfair, Principal, Hudson Road Elementary School

Rob Reid, Teacher, Hudson Road Elementary School

Wayne Lai, Asian-Canadian Special Events Association

Charlie Wu, Asian-Canadian Special Events Association

Shirley Zhao, Asian-Canadian Special Events Association

Hudson Road Elementary School Students:

Taylor Linde, Austin Vanderwyk, Xander Surinak, Lucas Beliveau, Bristen Kerber, Ryder Vella-Chircop, Ben Larson, Raif Esmail, Emery Lindemann, Callie Johnston, Isabella Abel, Summer Schneider, Sharlise Vanderwyk, Jessa Hudson, Ella Davenport, Vivian Lange, Soren Jonasson, Scarlett Stephanson, Madison Spence

Students at Hudson Road Elementary learned about Lunar New Year which occurs on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. In terms of the Chinese zodiac animal, it is the Year of the Ox. The students made paper art "firecrackers" along with schools in the Lower Mainland with the online help of the Asian-Canadian Special Events Association.

## Declarations:

### 1. Harmony Day – February 17, 2021

Participating by Zoom:

Leigh-Ann Yanow, Harmony Day Committee Co-Chairperson

This year marks the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Harmony Day. Leigh-Ann Yanow, Co-Chairperson of the Harmony Day Committee, announced that this year's Harmony Day theme is "Courage". Many events will be

happening in schools on February 17, 2021 including the Harmony Day Middle/Secondary Virtual Living Library featuring keynote speaker Kevin Lamoureux. For more information, visit the Harmony Day website at: [www.harmonyday.ca](http://www.harmonyday.ca).

The Chairperson of the Board of Education declared:

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, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of the Central Okanagan Public Schools, do hereby proclaim February 17, 2021 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

**2. Bullying Awareness (Pink Shirt) Day – February 24, 2021**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, February 24, 2021 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

**Action Items:**

**1. Approval of the 2020/2021 Amended Annual Budget**

At the February 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted the Amended Annual Budget for 2020/2021 in the amount of \$297,709,172.

**2. Affirmation of Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee**

The Board of Education affirmed Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee.

**3. Amendments to Policy 541 – Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses and Appendix 541A – Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses (Appendix)**

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 541 – Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses and Appendix 541A – Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses (Appendix).

**4. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Global and Intercultural Studies 12**

The Board of Education approved the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Global and Intercultural Studies 12 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School).

**5. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Global and Intercultural Experience 12**

The Board of Education approved the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Global and Intercultural Experience 12 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School).

## Information Items:

### The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's COVID-19 Update:  
The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools, including that numbers of exposures continue to trend downwards and one week had zero exposures.
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
3. General Statement – January 27, 2021
4. Financial Update – December 31, 2020
5. 2021/2022 Budget Survey Questions – DRAFT
6. Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 Executive – January 2021 – November 2021
7. Suspension Summary Report: 2014-2015 to 2019-2020

## Items of Special Mention

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Trustees reported on the following:

1. On Wednesday, January 27, 2021, the **graduation of students in the SD23/BCIT Dual Credit Program** was celebrated. One year ago, fifteen students from across the District began their journey in the Electrical dual credit program. Students and their instructor celebrated in person while special guests, including parents and family members, participated in the graduation ceremony by Zoom. Congratulations to all the graduates.
2. The first **Long Term Facilities Plan Townhall Meeting** pertaining to the Rutland Family of Schools was held on Monday, February 8, 2021. To learn more about the other areas of the Central Okanagan Public School District, attend any of the following virtual Townhall Meetings:  
Central Family of Schools – February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm via Zoom:  
<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/67008480957>  
Westside Family of Schools – February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm via Zoom:  
<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/63055897586>  
Mission/Lake Country Family of Schools – February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm via Zoom:  
<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/67658073343>
3. A reminder that the community and staff are invited to review the proposed School Calendar for 2021/2022 and to provide input prior to February 19, 2021. The proposed calendar and survey are located on the Central Okanagan School District website ([www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)).
4. On Friday, **February 12<sup>th</sup>**, CUPE and COTA will be hosting their **professional development days**, and therefore school will not be in session.
5. Also, a reminder that **Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** is **Family Day** and schools again will not be in session.
6. Okanagan Mission Secondary School's annual January/February Drama plays were available via livestream this year.

## Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
6:00 pm (via Zoom)

## Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 17, 2021  
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee  
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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