

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education and Student Services DATE: April 4, 2018

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede STAFF CONTACT: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent

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

Board Attendees:

Trustee L. Tiede - Chairperson
Trustee C. Cacchioni – Committee Member
Trustee L. Mossman – Committee Member
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee M. Baxter

Staff:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
T. Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools (*absent*)
M. DesRochers, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	No Representative
COPVPA	Brady Ibbetson, Member-at-Large
COPVPA	Raquel Steen, Past President
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
COTA	Lori Dawson-Bedard, First Vice-President
CUPE	Margaret Varga, Vice-President
District Student Council	No Representative

Agenda – Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Public Education and Student Services Committee Agenda – April 4, 2018 – approved as presented.

Reports/Matters Arising

Public Education and Student Services Committee Report – March 7, 2018 – received as presented.

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

1. **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) 1 2 3**

Dr. Rick Oliver, Assistant Superintendent, provided an overview of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) 1 2 3. SOGI 1 2 3 equips educators with tools and resources for supporting marginalized LGBTQ students and for creating safer, more inclusive school environments. SOGI 1 involves policies and procedures that explicitly reference SOGI to reduce discrimination for all students. SOGI 2 references inclusive learning environments, including SOGI and LGBTQ+ signage, word choices, and extra-curricular opportunities to create positive and welcoming spaces for all students. SOGI 3 offers inclusive curriculum with lesson plans that teach diversity and respect. A video was shared, highlighting the importance of integrating the SOGI curriculum within the BC curriculum, at age appropriate levels. The District adopted *Policy 452 – Discrimination Towards and By Students as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity* on May 28, 2014 and offers inclusive learning environments. Dr. Oliver shared that the District is currently engaging in conversations on how to support students and staff in schools with SOGI 3: Inclusive Curriculum.

Raquel Steen joined the meeting at 6:27 pm.

The Committee recognized the importance of educating parents on the ongoing work of the District to create inclusive school communities through the Human Rights Committee, Policy development, Diversity Clubs in secondary schools and the celebration of Harmony Day.

2. **Central Okanagan Family Hub Update and Proposed Feasibility Study**

Ellen Boelcke, Executive Director – Kelowna Community Resources, and Terri Scott, Central Okanagan Family Hub Community Engagement Facilitator, provided an update on the Central Okanagan Family Hub located at Pearson Road Elementary School. Since the Central Okanagan Family Hub opened their doors to the public on June 13, 2016, they have served 7,000 people. February 2018 was the busiest month to date, due to an increase in immigrants accessing the Central Okanagan Family Hub as well as increased hours of operation. In February and March 2018, the Central Okanagan Family Hub facilitated an eight week Family Literacy Program as well as a wellness support group for mothers. A Parent Learning Centre is also run out of the Central Okanagan Family Hub that hosts various other community programs.

Ellen Boelcke, Executive Director – Kelowna Community Resources, shared that the Central Okanagan Family Hub is well established and is serving the Rutland Community well; however, there is a need to offer supports to families that do not live in Rutland. Currently, the Central Okanagan Family Hub staff have been accessing other families within the community to see what their needs are. The Executive Director also presented the Education and Student Services Committee Chair with a poster created by the children who have accessed the Central Okanagan Family Hub.

3. Foundry Kelowna Update

Shelagh Turner, Executive Director – Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Mike Gawliuk, Director of Service Delivery and Program Innovation – CMHA, and Melissa Feddersen, Centre Manager – Foundry Kelowna, provided an update on Foundry Kelowna. Foundry Kelowna operates both walk-in and scheduled services for young people 12 to 24 years of age. The building location and design involved a hundred consultation hours with youth and families to ensure the environment was inviting for youth. Since the doors opened in September 2017, over 900 youth have been served. In surveying the families accessing Foundry Kelowna, family/caregiver support was noted as being an area in need of additional services. As such, Foundry Kelowna is working to increase supports for families and caregivers.

Items Requiring Special Mention

1. Equity Scan – Student/Parent/Community Forum Nights

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared that Central Okanagan Public Schools is one of six provincial school districts invited by the Ministry of Education to participate in an Equity Scan Pilot. This process includes identifying promising practices and barriers to learner success, as well as building a network of high performing systems designed to serve Aboriginal Learners. An essential part of this process is engaging with our parents/community. The following Community Forums will be held to garner feedback:

- Tuesday, April 10th at 5:30 pm at Winfield Memorial Hall – 10130 Bottom Wood Lake Road
- Thursday, April 12th at 5:30 pm at WFN Community Services – 1900 Quail Lane
- Monday, April 23rd at 5:30 pm at Kelowna Friendship Society – 442 Leon Avenue
- Tuesday, April 24th at 5:30 pm at Métis Community Services – 147 Park Road

Items for Future Education and Student Services Committee Meetings

May 2, 2018	June 6, 2018
Revised Board/Authority Authorized Courses	Revised Board/Authority Authorized Courses
Sexual Health Education Level 2 Program Review (Assistant Superintendent, V. Kintzinger)	Enhancing Student Learning Framework (Superintendent/CEO, K. Kaardal)
International Education Level 1 Program Review (Assistant Superintendent, R. Oliver)	Assessment/Communicating Student Learning
Draft Program Review Cycle and Meeting Schedule 2018/2019 (Deputy Superintendent, T. Beaudry)	
Assessment/Communicating Student Learning	
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 2017 Committee Meetings

- May 2, 2018, and June 6, 2018.

Questions – Please Contact:

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