



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, April 8, 2020 – Held by ZOOM

Recognition:

The Board of Education congratulated the following basketball teams for their placement in Provincial Tournaments held prior to spring break:

- École Dr. Knox Middle School Grade 9 Girls Basketball Team
Provincial Champions
- École Kelowna Secondary School Junior Girls Basketball Team
Provincial Bronze Medalists
- École Kelowna Secondary School Junior Boys Basketball Team
Provincial Bronze Medalists
- École Kelowna Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team
Provincial Silver Medalists
- Okanagan Mission Secondary School Senior Girls Basketball Team
Provincial Silver Medalists
- Okanagan Mission Secondary School Grade 9 Boys Basketball Team
Provincial Silver Medalists

Declaration:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 19-25, 2020 as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Pandemic Update
Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO, provided the history and an update on the School District's processes undertaken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, the District's response to the 4 priorities set by the Ministry of Education to guide school district's work during this pandemic. The 4 priorities are:
 1. Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees.
 2. Provide the services needed to support children of our essential workers.
 3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
 4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020
3. Suspension Summary Report: 2013-2014 to 2018-2019
4. General Statement – March 11, 2020

5. General Statement – March 24, 2020
6. General Statement – March 26, 2020
7. General Statement – March 31, 2020
8. General Statement – April 2, 2020

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Trustees reported on the following:

1. Trustees expressed their appreciation to all staff, parents and students for their efforts in regards to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. A reminder to the public that school zones are still in effect from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm as there are students and staff attending some schools. Also, another reminder that school playgrounds and fields are closed to the public.
3. Dorothy Zoellner, a former teacher in Central Okanagan Public Schools, and the wife of former Superintendent, William (Bill) Zoellner, passed away on April 6, 2020. The Board of Education expressed their condolences to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Zoellner.
4. A News Release will be forwarded to local media as Central Okanagan Public Schools would like to get all students and families at home moving at the same time each morning with the help of local radio stations. In reference to the school district number, we are asking local radio stations to announce a health break and play an uplifting dance song each weekday morning at 9:23 a.m. to promote physical activity and community while many students learn from home. Central Okanagan Public Schools asks families to tune in to their favorite local station, get moving at the same time each day, and share their fun photos and videos to social media, tagging the station they listen to and @sd23news.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting – Via ZOOM
Wednesday, April 22, 2020
6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

4:00 pm	Finance and Audit Committee (Via ZOOM)
6:00 pm	Education and Student Services Committee (Cancelled)

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