



"Together We Learn"

Central Okanagan
Public Schools (No. 23)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

Date: **Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

Introduction:

1. The Board of Education introduced and congratulated **Leanne Zorn** on her new assignment as **District Principal – Human Resources**.

Presentation: "Inside 23"

1. **Purchasing and Central Stores**

In attendance:

Eileen Sadlowski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Lloyd Pendleton, Purchasing Manager
Richard Gauthier, Pickup and Delivery Person
Marcy Dimsdale, Warehouser
Dave O'Brien, Pickup and Delivery Person
Teresa Panucci, Central Stores Clerk
Laura Sevigny, Purchasing Clerk
Christina Pelsma-McMahon, Purchasing Assistant
Dave Parmelee, Senior Warehouser

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer introduced staff from Purchasing and Central Stores as 'unsung heroes' of the School District for all of their efforts to support the schools and business offices through purchasing and distribution of learning resources, furniture, and paper, office, and school supplies. The staff also distributes the internal school mail, manages hazard waste removal, and disposal of outdated resources/furnishings. The Acting President of CUPE also commended the Central Stores staff for exemplary service to the District.

Recognition:

1. **Alida Privett, Principal, Mar Jok Elementary School
Recipient of Canada's Outstanding Principals Award**

The Board of Education acknowledged Alida Privett for her national recognition as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals by the Learning Partnership. The Learning Partnership's Outstanding Principals program recognizes the unique and vital contribution of principals in publicly funded schools. The 40 principals nominated by parents, colleagues and community members, and chosen

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by a national selection committee, are being celebrated for demonstrating innovation, leadership and for employing creativity in finding solutions and opportunities within their school communities.

**2. Mike Sodaro, Teacher, KLO Middle School
B.C.'s Volleyball Coach of the Year**

Mike Sodaro was acknowledged by the Board of Education for being named B.C.'s Volleyball Coach of the Year. This award recognizes individuals who have made a noteworthy contribution to high school volleyball. Mr. Sodaro has coached at the senior level at KSS and also at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. Not only has Mr. Sodaro supported high school volleyball, he has also been involved and supported volleyball club programs in our community.

3. Moyra Baxter, Chairperson - Central Okanagan Public Schools

Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Paul, recognized the Central Okanagan Public Schools' Board Chairperson, Moyra Baxter, for twenty years of public service as a School Trustee.

Action Items:

1. Policy Review – Library Learning Commons

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 460 – Appeals, Regulations 460.1R – Appeals, Form 460.1 – Request for Reconsideration of Learning Resource(s), Policy 535 – Instructional Resources and Library Resources and Regulations 535R – Instructional Resources and Library Resources. The amendments have been made to reflect the language in Policy 532 – Library Learning Commons.

2. Amendments to Policy 515 – Family Life Education Program

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 515 – Family Life Education Program, including the renaming of the Program and Policy to the Sexual Health Education Program.

3. Core Funding for Aboriginal Education

A letter will be written to the Ministry of Education from the Board of Education outlining the need for the province to provide additional core funding for Aboriginal Education Program staff and learning resources to support the implementation of the redesigned curriculum.

4. Multiple Entry Points into French Immersion Program to Create Flexibility for Families

The Board of Education approved the following 2 Motions:

THAT: The Board of Education supports flexible entry points to the French Immersion Program across the District that are appropriate to the principles of inclusivity, accessibility and sustainability.

THAT: Further consultation occur with the community regarding the implementation of grade 4 middle entry French Immersion and/or grade 6 late entry French Immersion.

5. Potential Impact of 2002 Restored Collective Agreement Language

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Ministry of Education, outlining the budget pressures and space challenges that may result from the 2002 restored Collective Agreement language and request assurances that the Ministry will provide adequate, sustainable and predictable funding in order to continue to educate students in a safe and inspirational learning environment in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

6. 2017-2018 School Calendar

The Board of Education adopted a Local School Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year as attached. The calendar will be made available to the District by February 28, 2017 and submitted to the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2017. The Superintendent will direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.

In establishing such calendars, principals must:

- a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Board Policy.
- b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.
- c. Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.

7. Student Learning Grant

The Board of Education approved the process for the distribution of the Student Learning Grant. This one-time Special Grant will flow to Districts by mid-March. Funds are intended to be spent on learning resources, supplies, and equipment to help ensure classrooms are well-resourced and students are well-supported through the implementation of the new curriculum and other learning innovations across the K-12 public education system. District by district allocations are not yet available, however an estimate of what the Central Okanagan Public Schools would receive based on the allocated method of \$50/FTE is \$1,104,000.

Information Items:

Superintendent's Emergent Issues:

- The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the staff is pleased that the District will receive additional funding from the Ministry of Education and will continue to provide the Board of Education with updates as more information comes available.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Amendments to Policies, Regulations and Appendix
The online Policy Manual will be updated with the amended Policies, Regulations and Appendix which are amended to align the wording to the reorganization and re-designation of the senior management team.
2. Revenue and Expense Summary at January 31, 2017
3. School Board Office Disposition/Relocation - Update
4. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017
5. General Statement

Items of Special Mention

- Staff, students, and parents from Constable Neil Bruce Middle School (CNB) and Glenrosa Middle School (GMS) will be welcoming 88 students and 8 teachers from Chuba University Haruhigaoka Junior High School, Japan, as part of the Sister School Exchange Program. This marks the 26th year of the Exchange Program.
- The Pink Shirt Community Breakfast took place this morning at the Laurel Building, hosted by the Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs. Dr. John-Tyler Binfet, renowned researcher on kindness in children, presented on the impacts and implications of kindness not only with children but adults as well.

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- Friday, February 24th is the District's Professional Development Day. CUPE 3523 will be hosting an Employee Wellness Symposium at Mount Boucherie Secondary School with Houston Kraft as the keynote speaker. The Central Okanagan Teachers Association (COTA) will be hosting the "Making Connections 12" Conference at George Elliot Secondary School with Joseph Boyden and Candy Palmater as keynote speakers.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

4:00 pm General Affairs Committee (Cancelled)

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

4:00 pm Finance and Legal Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

For comments, please contact:

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CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2017-2018 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2017/2018
Days in session	192 (3 summer Pro Days Tuesday, Aug. 29 – Thursday, August 31)
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	8
Schools open	Tuesday, September 5
Administrative Implementation Day (revised curriculum)	Friday, October 6
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 9
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 20
Non-Instructional Day for revised curriculum	Friday, November 3
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Monday, November 13
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 22
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 25 – Friday, January 5
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Monday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 8
Family Day	Monday, February 12
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 23
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 16
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 19 – Monday, April 2
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, March 30
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 2
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, April 3
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 21
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 29
Schools close	Friday, June 29

The Calendar for 2017-2018 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The hours of instruction will be:

- Kindergarten 874 hours (based on 285 minutes x 184 days)
- Grade 1-6 874 hours (based on 285 minutes x 184 days)
- Grades 7-12 947 hours (based on 309 minutes x 184 days)

Provides the:

- Number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group

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