



# 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, January 25, 2023**

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## Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

### 1. **Creating a Community of Mathematicians through Visual Patterning and DESMOS**

In attendance:

Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction: Learning and Innovation  
Kevin Dent, Teacher, Instructional Leadership Team  
Bréanne Christian, French Immersion Teacher, École H.S. Grenda Middle School  
Students from École H.S. Grenda Middle School  
Elena Eikenaar, Grade 8  
Ty Pallas, Grade 8

Teachers and students from École H.S. Grenda Middle School shared their experiences in their math class over the last two years, focusing on a unit from last year based on using visual patterning to explore algebra and utilizing DESMOS to graph equations.

## Recognition:

### 1. **École Kelowna Secondary School Senior Boys Volleyball Team – Provincial Champions**

The Board of Education recognized the École Kelowna Secondary School Owls Senior Boys Volleyball Team on winning the senior boys Provincial Championship.

In attendance:

Scott Parker, Principal, École Kelowna Secondary School  
Mike Sodaro, Coach

Players:

Walker Sodaro  
Dominic Sodaro  
Owen McParland  
Nash Semeniuk  
Tyler Valuck  
Kian Bos  
Lynden Infanti  
Connor Collinson Lea  
Lincoln Wagner  
Eddie Kallo  
Matt Chayka

## Declaration:

### 1. Human Rights Month - February

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February 2023 as Human Rights Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### 2. Inclusive Education Month – February

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February 2023 as Inclusive Education Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### 3. Black Excellence Day

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that Black Excellence Day was celebrated on January 16, 2023.

## Action Items:

### 1. Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement Course Proposal: Revised Board/Authority (BAA) Course – Indigenous Art Studio 12

The Board of Education reviewed and re-approved the revised Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Indigenous Art Studio 12 as meeting the Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023
2. General Statement – January 11, 2023
3. Video Surveillance – Annual Report to the Board

## Items Requiring Special Mention

The Board Chair, Trustees and Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

1. Attendance at various events.
2. The **2023-2024 Budget Presentation**, explaining how the District's budget is established, will take place at the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm by Zoom. If you would like to listen to this presentation, please request the Zoom link from: [copac.president@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:copac.president@sd23.bc.ca).  
We encourage all those interested in learning more about the School District 2023-2024 budget and how to provide input to participate in this information meeting.
3. Central Okanagan Public Schools invites parents and educators to subscribe to the District's **Digital Wellness - Bits & Bytes Newsletter**. The Newsletter will include bite-sized learning ideas and resources to help families learn to live well in a digital world. Those who subscribe will receive short online articles with resources, information, and helpful ideas to support you and your family in growing your collective Digital Wellness knowledge and skills. The Bits and Bytes Newsletter will come out at the end of every month. The link to subscribe to the Newsletter is <https://www.sd23ltd.com/subscribe>.
4. A reminder that **on-line enrollment for Kindergarten and new students for September 2023/2024 opens at 7:00 am on Monday, January 30, 2023**. Visit the School District website for further information.

## Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm

## Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

4:00 pm General Affairs Committee (Cancelled)

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

### Notice of Motion:

Trustee Fraser:

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care requesting them to commit to ongoing funding of the Student and Affordability Fund past the expiry of June 30, 2023.

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