



"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 13, 2019

Inside 23:

1. École KLO Middle School – The Nest

In attendance:

Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal,
Christina Drescher, Learning Assistance Teacher
Ryan Scorgie, Teacher
Joan Ewing, Counsellor

The Nest is an integrated support service system based on the philosophy that every child will succeed if they can. In order to achieve this goal, the focus is based on building skill sets in children to help them find success. The integrated support system includes an administrator, a counsellor, behaviour intervention, learning assistance, and a CEA. The Nest is located in the entrance of the school, and provides a calm, clean, quiet and welcoming work space for students. A presentation was made on how the Nest works within the school and what has been learned since integration of the support services.

Recognition:

1. **Ryan Grenier, Theatre/Drama Teacher at Okanagan Mission Secondary School Drama Teacher of the Year**

The Board of Education congratulated Ryan Grenier, Theatre/Drama Teacher at Okanagan Mission Secondary School for being the recipient of the Drama Teacher of the Year by the B.C. Drama Educators, a group which represents theatre teachers in schools and venues across the province.

Declaration:

1. **Harmony Day – February 20, 2019**

In attendance: Leigh-Ann Yanow, Chair, Harmony Day Committee

This year marks the 12th Annual Harmony Day. Leigh-Ann Yanow, Chair of the Harmony Day Committee, announced that this year's Harmony Day theme is **"Identity"**. Ms. Yanow spoke of the 3rd Annual Living Library Harmony Day Conference for Middle School students held on January 30th. Many events will be happening in schools on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. For more information, visit www.harmonyday.ca.

The Board Chairperson on behalf of the Board of Education made the following declaration:

- WHEREAS** Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,
- WHEREAS** Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan Public Schools community to celebrate cultural 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 20, 2019 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. Pink Shirt Day – February 27, 2019

The Board of Education declared February 27, 2019 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Presentations:

1. British Columbia Student Leadership Conference 2020

Presenters: Al Hopgood, Teacher - Springvalley Middle School
Ryan Wakefield, Teacher - Springvalley Middle School
Ashley Ciardullo, Student - Springvalley Middle School
Jordan Johnson, Student - Kelowna Secondary School

Jordan and Ashley presented on the bid to host the BC Student Leadership Conference in 2020. The Conference is scheduled to take place on October 15 – 18, 2020 proposed for Rutland Senior Secondary School. Attending the Conference would be 400-600 student delegates, 40-50 Central Okanagan Public Schools Student Council Leaders and 40-60 adult advisors. A Planning Committee will be formed with the responsibility of organizing the leadership program, scheduling the billeting of students and ensuring the leadership conference is a cost-neutral event for the Central Okanagan Public School District.

Action Items:

1. Proposal to Host the BC Student Leadership Conference 2020

The Board of Education supported the request by staff to host the 2020 BC Student Leadership Conference in the Central Okanagan Public School District. Prior to August 2019, staff will prepare and submit a bid to host.

2. Approval of 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2018/2019 in the amount of \$260,904,760.

3. Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee

The Board of Education affirmed Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee.

4. Proposed Work Plan for Long-Term Facility Plan Update

Approval was granted by the Board of Education for staff to move forward with the review of the Long-Term Facility Plan. Trustee Fraser, as Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, was appointed to participate on the steering committee.

5. Appointment of New BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Alternate Trustee Representative

The Board of Education appointed Trustee Tiede to be the alternate trustee representative to the BC Public School Employers' Association – BCPSEA Representative Council.

6. Appointment of New BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Alternate Trustee Representative

Trustee Bowman was appointed by the Board of Education to be the alternate trustee representative to the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council.

7. BC School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting Motions

The Board of Education agreed to forward the following Motion to BCSTA to be included on the BCSTA AGM Agenda:

That BCSTA urge the provincial government (Ministry of Education/Ministry of Transportation) to work with the Federal Minister of Transportation's Task Force to explore all aspects of school bus safety, including the issue of seat belts, and to report back to the Boards of Education.

8. Central Okanagan Early Years Table

The Board of Education will send a letter of support to the Childhood Connections Society's application to the City of Kelowna for grant funding to support the continuation of the Central Okanagan Early Years Table.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Financial Update – December 31, 2018
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2018/2019
3. General Statement – January 30, 2019

Items Requiring Special Mention:

**Canadian Home and School Federation National Teacher/Staff Appreciation
February 10 to 16, 2019**

The Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF) is a national organization representing provincial Home and School Federations, and is the only organization linking provincial parent groups across Canada on issues of common national interest in public education. The Canadian Home and School Federation initiated the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (TSAW) in 1988. The purpose of this week is to encourage parents and the wider community to recognize the personal and professional contributions that our teachers and school staff make to children and their education.

Trustees and the Deputy Superintendent reported on the following:

- The Interior Savings Western Canada Basketball Tournament was held last week at Kelowna Secondary School. Congratulations were expressed to all the students who participated and the tournament organizers. The AAA Girls Tournament draw had Okanagan Mission Huskies playing the Kelowna Owls on Saturday.
- Bands and choirs from Mount Boucherie Secondary, Constable Neil Bruce Middle and Glenrosa Middle recently performed an outstanding concert at the Kelowna Community Theatre.
- A report was provided to the Board of Education on the recent Mental Health Conference held in Vancouver which was attended by the Board Chair (representing BCSTA), the Superintendent

of Schools/CEO, Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and the Health Promoting Schools Coordinators.

- Congratulations to Okanagan Mission Secondary School which was the recipient of \$2,500 for their Grad Variety Show from the Tom Budd Foundation.
- The Rutland Community Forum was held on Thursday, January 31st hosted by the Rutland family of schools. This Forum provided an opportunity to interact with parents, students and educators as they came together to demonstrate the learning, inquiry and innovation that is occurring in all Rutland schools.
- Westside Community Learning Forum - The schools on the Westside will be hosting their Community Learning Forum on Tuesday, February 19th starting at 6:00 pm at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.
- Zonal Professional Development Day Conference and Health and Wellness Symposium
 - Date: Friday, February 22, 2019
 - Locations: Rutland Senior and Rutland Middle Schools
 - Theme: Making Connections 14
- A community presentation on the new H.S. Grenda Middle School in Lake Country will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, 6:00 pm at George Elliot Secondary School.
- A reminder that schools are closed on Monday, February 18th for Family Day.

Next Public Board Meeting

Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

6:00 pm at the School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

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