



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 24, 2024

Recognition

2023 Provincial Volleyball Champions

École Kelowna Secondary School AAA Senior Boys Volleyball Team

The Board of Education congratulated coach, Tony Sodaro, Assistant Coach, Darren Semeniuk, and the members of the École Kelowna Secondary School AAA Senior Boys Volleyball team, their parents and volunteers, on their achievement as the 2023 Provincial Volleyball Champions.

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

Take a Hike

In attendance:

Nathen Elliott, Principal, Central Programs and Services

Josh Hettinga, Take a Hike Teacher

Sebastien Wingfield, Take a Hike Mental Health Clinician

The Take a Hike program is open to all students within Central Okanagan Public Schools and is based out of the George Pringle gym on the Westside. The primary focus is to support grade eight and nine students who are struggling to find success in their home schools. The Take a Hike program has a powerful approach that focuses on mental health, academics, relationships, community and land-based learning.

Declaration

1. Human Rights Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February, 2024 as Human Rights Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. Inclusive Education Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February, 2024 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 15, 2024.

Action Items:

1. **2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw**

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 in the amount of \$356,027,816.

2. **Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function – Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee**

The Board of Education affirmed Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee.

3. **Proposal for Substantive Change – Pre-Lifeguarding Academy (École Okanagan Mission Secondary School)**

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change – Pre-Lifeguarding Academy (École Okanagan Mission Secondary School).

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024
2. General Statement – January 10, 2024
3. 2024/2025 Budget Survey Questions - DRAFT
4. Financial Update – December 31, 2023

Items of Special Mention

Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Deputy Superintendent spoke of the following.

1. Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including the OKM Triple Threat Theatre Company presentation of Spongebob Squarepants Musical, various basketball games and tournaments, and the Indigenous Visual Art Presentations of Learning at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. Also mentioned was the School District Volleyball League which is currently underway. Several trustees also participated in the BCSTA Financial Management Webinar.
2. The **public 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 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm by Zoom**. The zoom link can be obtained from the COPAC President (copac.president@sd23.bc.ca). All those interested in learning more about School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2024/2025 budget and how to provide input, are encouraged to participate in this information meeting.
3. The **Primary Winter Gathering**, for all grade 3 Indigenous students throughout the District, is being held this week. Students will learn about their Indigenous culture, connect in community and celebrate who they are.
4. The **49th Annual Western Canada Basketball Tournament** takes place at École Kelowna Secondary School starting on January 31st through to February 3rd. This tournament is one of the premier basketball competitions for high school athletes in Canada.
5. A reminder that the **Enrollment Application** for the 2024/2025 school year for Kindergarten and new students begins at 7:00 on January 29th through to Friday, March 15th. Visit the School District website for more information.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

6:00 pm

All Public Board Meetings take place in the Main Board Room at 1040 Hollywood Road South unless otherwise noted.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

4:00 pm Policy Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

All Public Board Standing Committee Meetings take place in the Main Board Room at 1040 Hollywood Road South unless otherwise noted.

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