



"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, March 14, 2018

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. Intermediate Leadership at George Pringle Elementary School

In attendance:

Veronica Dumontet, Principal, George Pringle Elementary School
Elizabeth Isabelle, Teacher, George Pringle Elementary School
Lise Rogall, Teacher, George Pringle Elementary School
Carrie Mouillierat, Teacher, George Pringle Elementary School

Students: Jada Bargery, Grade 6
Erik and Liam Wheeler, Grade 6
Katelyn Gunn, Grade 5

Principal Veronica Dumontet introduced the teacher sponsors of the Intermediate Leadership Group. The teacher sponsors outlined the leadership group's first three initiatives including morning greeters, buddy benches, and smile bags.

The students shared that while attending WE Day in Vancouver back in November they learned that they can change the world by taking action. A video was shared highlighting their latest initiative 'We are Love'. During this initiative, paper hearts with the message "you are loved" written on the front and a personalized message on the back were handed out to every student, teacher, and staff member at George Pringle Elementary on Valentine's Day.

The group is looking forward to their next initiatives, 'Zinc Saves Lives' a battery recycling campaign that provides participants with the opportunity to reduce the amount of electronic waste going to landfills and a global initiative called 'We are Silent' where participants take a vow of silence to turn up the volume on the struggles of young people fighting for their basic human rights.

Recognition:

1. KLO Cougars Grade 9 Girls Basketball Team – Provincial Silver Medalists

This item was deferred to a future Board Meeting as members of the KLO Cougars Grade 9 Girls Basketball Team were unable to attend.

2. KSS Owls Girls Curling Team – Provincial Bronze Medalists

In attendance:

Bob Harris, Coach
Erika Ellis, Skip
Megan Sergerie, Second

The Board of Education congratulated the coaches and players of the Girls Curling Team for placing third in the Province at the Provincial Tournament held recently in New Westminster.

3. KSS Owls Senior Girls AAA Basketball Team – Provincial Champions

In attendance:

Darren Semeniuk, Coach
Quentin Thiessen, Coach
Mark Steen, Vice-Principal

Players: Taya Hanson and Rachel Hare, Grade 12 students

The Board of Education congratulated the coaches and players of the Senior Girls AAA Basketball Team for winning the Provincial Tournament on Saturday, March 3, 2018 in Langley.

Delegations:

1. Reconsideration of Board Decision Regarding Westside Grade Reconfiguration – Chantelle Desrosier and Sara Neukomm

Chantelle Desrosier and Sara Neukomm requested that the Board of Education reconsider their decision regarding the Westside Grade Reconfiguration. Reference to Board Policies and Regulations regarding due diligence in making decisions and providing opportunities for meaningful consultation were outlined. Background on the consultation process and the Board decision regarding the Rutland Zone Reconfiguration were also provided.

Action Items:

1. Notice of Motion – February 28, 2018 Public Board Meeting

The Board of Education approved a middle entry French Immersion (Grade 4) Program be offered at a school on the Westside starting in September of 2019.

2. 2018-2019 School Calendar

The Board of Education adopted a Local School Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The calendar will be made available to the District and the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2018. The Superintendent will direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2018-2019 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 Public Schools) Board Policy.
- b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.
- c. Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.

3. Proposal for Educational Programs with External Partnerships – Vancouver Film School

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Educational Programs with External Partnerships – Vancouver Film School.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. The Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report: October 1 to December 31, 2017
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary Information
3. General Statement – February 28, 2018

Items of Special Mention:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

1. The Central Okanagan Inquiry Expo (formerly the District Science Fair) was held at UBC Okanagan on Saturday, March 10, 2018 and featured more than 80 projects with approximately 120 students participating. Participants in this year's event enjoyed a university experience, with UBC students providing demonstrations and hands-on activities, and professors presenting topics that inspired higher-level learning.
2. The School Board Office (currently located at 1940 Underhill Street) is moving and all future Board Standing Committee Meetings and Public Board Meetings will be held at the new office at 1040 Hollywood Road South.

Next Public Board Meetings

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

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

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee at the School Board Office, **1040 Hollywood Road S.**

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee at the School Board Office, **1040 Hollywood Road S.**

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