



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 27, 2021
By Zoom

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Female Industry Training Authority (ITA) Trades Sampler and Industry Training Authority (ITA) Trades Discover Programs

Participating by Zoom:

Bob Boback, Dual Credit Coordinator

Trisha Churcher, Grade 6 teacher, Watson Road Elementary School

Claus Gerlach, Female Trades Sampler Teacher

The unique learning partnership between Mrs. Churcher's grade 6 class at Watson Road Elementary School and the Female ITA Trades Sampler program was highlighted. The students at Watson Road Elementary School learned about some of the construction trades as career options through a series of hands on activities and projects.

Introductions:

1. Introductions of New Vice-Principals and COSBO Member

The Board of Education welcomed the following to their new positions in Central Okanagan Public Schools:

Jodi Everett, Vice-Principal at Springvalley Elementary School

Jamie McEvoy, Vice-Principal at Rutland Elementary School

Michelle Johnson Banser, Vice-Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Laura Fleming, Health and Safety Manager – Workplace Injury Management

Declarations:

1. Human Rights Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February 2021 as Human Rights Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools. This includes Black History Month, Inclusive Education Month, Random Acts of Kindness Day and Week, Harmony Day, World Day of Social Justice and Anti-Bullying/Pink Shirt Day.

2. Canadian Home and School Federation National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of February 8 to 12, 2021 as the Canadian Home and School Federation National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF) is a national organization representing provincial parent associations, 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.

Action Items:

- 1. Amendments to Regulations 437R – Managing Students with Diabetes (Regulations)**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Regulations 437R – Managing Students with Diabetes (Regulations).
- 2. Amendments to Policy 410 – Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over Age 16 Years**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 410 – Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over Age 16 Years.
- 3. Amendments to Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations)**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations).
- 4. Amendments to Policies – Distributed Learning to Online Learning**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to the following:
 - a. Policy 480 – Secondary Student Transitions and Graduation
 - b. Policy 612 – Prohibiting Access to Schools (Section 177 of the School Act)
 - c. Appendix 542B – Memorandum of Understanding for Educational Programs with External Partnerships (Appendix)
- 5. Amendments to Policy 315 – Job Sharing and Regulations 315R – Job Sharing (Regulations)**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 315 – Job Sharing and Regulations 315R – Job Sharing (Regulations).
- 6. Affirmation of Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee**
The Board of Education affirmed Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee.
- 7. Enhancement Agreement – Ellison Elementary School Outdoor Classroom**
The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Ellison Elementary School for the creation of an Outdoor Classroom.
- 8. Establishment of H.S. Grenda Middle School French Immersion Catchment Boundary**
The Board of Education approved the establishment of a middle school French Immersion catchment boundary for H.S. Grenda Middle School, which is the same as the English catchment for H.S. Grenda Middle School.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

- 1. Superintendent's COVID-19 Update:**
The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools, including a reminder of the vaccine schedule which has been released. The schedule is posted on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website. The Superintendent also mentioned that the District has had three days without an exposure and the downward trend has continued since winter break.

2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
3. General Statement – January 13, 2021
4. Updated Forms
 - F436.1 Request for Administration of Medication at School Form
 - F436.2 Medical Alert Planning Form
 - F436.3 Managing Students with Medical Alert Photo ID Form
 - F436.4 Medical Alert and Diabetes Documents
 - F436.9 Medical Alert and Anaphylaxis Documents and Seizure Action Plan Documents
5. Long Term Facilities Plan Considerations Townhall Meetings
 - Rutland Family of Schools – Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom
 - Central Family of Schools – Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom
 - Westside Family of Schools – Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom
 - Mission/Lake Country Family of Schools – Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

Items of Special Mention

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Trustees reported on the following:

1. Trustee Desrosiers will be representing the Board of Education at the **BC Public School Employers' Association Annual General Meeting** which is taking place by Zoom tomorrow.
2. The **Central Okanagan Teacher Librarian Association (COTLA)** are hosting "**Love Your School Library Week**" from February 8th through 14th. The school library is the hub for Learners, Thinkers, Innovators, Collaborators and Contributors. Students are encouraged to visit their library, check out a book, thank a teacher-librarian or write a support letter.
3. **Quigley Elementary School** Teacher Librarian, Sarah Murdoch Black, secured \$6,250 dollars in new books at a 30% discount for Quigley Elementary students from the **Indigo Love of Reading Foundation**. The grant is part of Indigo Love of Reading's COVID-19 Community Response Fund.
4. **021-2022 Budget Presentation**
The public presentation explaining how the District's budget is established will take place at the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm by Zoom (the Zoom link is on the District webpage). We encourage all those interested in learning more about the School District 2021-2022 budget and how to provide input to participate in this information meeting.

Notice of Motion

Trustee Geistlinger:

THAT: The Board of Education respond to Dr. Devra Davis's email (dated November 26, 2020 from 'Environmental Health Trust') with an invitation for their organization to meet with our Board to present their advice for how Central Okanagan Public Schools can reduce and mitigate the risks of radiation exposure in our schools.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
6:00 pm (via Zoom)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 3, 2021
4:00 pm General Affairs Committee (**Cancelled**)
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

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