



"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, January 31, 2018

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. First Nations Emergency Services Society of BC (FNESS) Fire Prevention Youth Boot Camp

In attendance:

Nina Ferguson, Acting District Vice-Principal of Aboriginal Education

Chayton Simard, Grade 12 student, Central School Programs & Services

On December 12th the First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS) held a Boot Camp to benefit Aboriginal Youth attending schools in the Central Okanagan School District. This collaboration, along with the West Kelowna Fire Department and Westbank First Nation, provided 17 youth with programs that increase the safety of families living in First Nations communities throughout BC. Students participated in workshops focusing on fire prevention and opportunities in the fire service and shared information they learned with grade 2 students from Helen Gorman Elementary School.

2. "Play is the Way" – Peter Greer Elementary School

In attendance:

Nathen Elliot, Vice-Principal, Peter Greer Elementary School

Robyn Cassan, Teacher, Peter Greer Elementary School

Aidan Neid, Grade 6 student, Peter Greer Elementary School

Camden Cassan, Grade 2 student, Peter Greer Elementary School

Brian Zinz, Kindergarten student, Peter Greer Elementary School

Play is the Way is a program designed to support and develop social emotional learning. This program helps students build resilience and perseverance, by providing them with authentic opportunities to practice these skills through play. Play is the Way has five guiding principles and reinforces the use of clear and consistent language, which is critical in guiding and supporting students on their learning journeys. The students spoke of the school theme "*Kindness Matters and So Do You*".

Introduction:

1. The Board of Education congratulated the following on their appointment to Vice-Principals (school assignments to be determined):

- Scott Brown, Teacher, Kelowna Secondary School
- Natalie Morin, Teacher, Okanagan Mission Secondary School
- Chris Oakes, Teacher, Kelowna Secondary School
- Jeremy Sanbrooks, Counsellor, Pearson Road Elementary/South Rutland Elementary Schools

2. The Board of Education welcomed Gail Prokopchuk, Transportation Manager, to the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Declaration:

Human Rights Month

The Board of Education declared the month of February 2018 as Human Rights Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. K-12 French Immersion Program on the Westside

The Board of Education approved the following with regard to K-12 French Immersion on the Westside:

THAT: The Board of Education support a K-12 French Immersion program on the Westside.

THAT: The Board of Education support a late entry Middle School French Immersion (6-8) Learning Community Program be located at Glenrosa Middle School starting September 2019 (Option C).

AND THAT: École George Pringle Elementary School will be the French Immersion early entry feeder school to Glenrosa Middle School.

THAT: The location of a secondary French Immersion program in West Kelowna be determined upon completion of the proposed Capital Projects related to the Westside Area Study.

2. Approval of Board Representatives on District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies

The Board of Education approved the Board representatives to District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Reconfiguration Trigger Points for Families of Schools
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary Information
3. Month-End Enrolment – December 2017
4. Harmony Day – February 21, 2018
5. Pink Shirt Day – February 28, 2018
6. General Statement – January 17, 2018

Items of Special Mention:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

1. TEDxYouth

TEDxYouth is coming to Kelowna! On May 17th, at the Innovation Centre on Doyle Avenue. Students interested in becoming a TedX Youth speaker are asked to meet on Tuesday, February 13th from 5:30-6:30pm @ Hollywood Road Educational Services where a Launch Event will be held to give local youth, parents/guardians, and teachers/mentors details on the TEDxYouth@DoyleAve event.

Visit the TEDxYouth website (www.TEDxYouthDoyleAve.com) for more details.

2. Rutland Learning Network Inquiry and Innovation of Learning Community Event

In response to the [BC Ministry of Education's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning](#), the Principals and Vice-Principals in the Rutland Family of Schools have been working with their school teams to co-create an Inquiry and Innovation Community Forum for Rutland area parents and students to learn about the inquiry and innovation that is occurring in the Rutland Family of Schools. This community forum which authentically engaged Rutland area parents in their child's education through the opportunity to learn, ask questions and provide feedback, took place on Tuesday, January 30th. Parents were also provided with the opportunity to interact with school teams from each of the eleven Rutland schools through interactive "learning provocations" that highlight a learning focus at each school.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

6:00 pm at the School Board Office

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

6:00 pm at the School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Thursday, February 1, 2018

6:00 pm

Special General Affairs Committee Meeting

6:00 pm at Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Topic: Grade Reconfiguration on the Westside

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

4:00 pm

Policy Committee

6:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee

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