



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, February 24, 2021
By Zoom

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Bringing the Core Competencies to Life through the Four Food Chiefs

Participating by Zoom:

Michelle Newman, Vice-Principal, A.S. Matheson Elementary School

Students participating in video:

Louis Lundeen, Markus Stofberg, Kyi Cheese, Ryan Tiznobaik, Jack Gray

Teacher participating in video:

Andrea Minshull

A PowerPoint presentation was shared with a brief history of the work that is happening at A.S. Matheson Elementary School to build confident learners, what the school is currently working on, and included hearing from a classroom teacher and four of her students and their inquiry work that supports their learning journey.

Action Items:

1. Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2021/2022 through 2026/2027

The Board of Education approved the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2021/2022 through 2026/2027.

2. Enhancement Agreement – Quigley Elementary School GaGa Ball Court

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Quigley Elementary School Parent Advisory Council for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court.

3. Westside Elementary French Immersion Middle Entry

The Board of Education agreed to discontinue offering the Grade 4 middle entry French Immersion program at Hudson Road Elementary School after the 2021/2022 school year due to a lack of sufficient enrollment to offer the program

Information Items:

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 that the District is ten days exposure free. Central Okanagan Public Schools will be submitting an updated Staff and Student Safety Plan for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) to the Ministry of Education in response to the updated Provincial K-12 Health & Safety Guidelines.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
2. General Statement – February 10, 2021
3. Search Function on District Website for Board Minutes - Update

Advocacy

1. Annual Board of Education Advocacy Plan 2020-2021

The Board of Education approved the Annual Board of Education Advocacy Plan 2020-2021. The Advocacy Plan is a living document and will be reviewed and renewed on an annual basis.

"Advocacy" will become an Agenda topic on future Public Board Meeting Agendas. This Agenda item will provide the Board of Education with an opportunity to make the public aware of the efforts/engagement that Trustees are undertaking to advocate for Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The Advocacy Briefs on capital requests for a new Westside Secondary School, Glenmore Secondary School and Rutland Middle School Replacement were reviewed.

Items of Special Mention

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

1. **Pink Shirt Day** – Students and staff throughout the District participated in Pink Shirt Day by wearing a pink shirt and joining in various school activities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club Pink Shirt Day Breakfast**, which has previously been attended by senior and school staff, was reimagined to a Pink Shirt Day Breakfast in a Box Virtual Kick-Off with the theme "Be Kind". The Central Okanagan Board of Education was a sponsor of the event.
2. Students and staff throughout the District celebrated the **14th Annual Harmony Day** with a little innovation and a lot of heart on Wednesday, February 17th. Thank you to everyone throughout the District involved in the Harmony Day activities, including the virtual Living Library, and a special thank you to Leigh-Ann Yanow and Melanie Culham, the Harmony Day Co-Chairs, as well all of the other members of the Harmony Day Committee.
3. On Friday, February 12th, the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 3523 held their **professional development days**. Through the efforts of Joe Jamison, COTA Pro-D Chair, and the Professional Development Day Planning Committee, along with the CUPE organizing committee, various guest speakers and presenters were enjoyed by teachers and support staff.
4. The **Grade 6 Late Entry French Immersion Program Parent Information Night** will be held on Monday, March 1st at 6:00 pm hosted by Glenrosa Middle School via Zoom. The Zoom information can be acquired by contacting Glenrosa Middle School.
5. Students are currently completing, with excitement, their **course selections** for next year.
6. The new ***Dreaming Forward*** exhibit is being hosted at the **Kelowna Art Gallery's Art Lab** displaying the learning of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students who connected with a variety of Indigenous Nations over the past year through art. *Dreaming Forward* showcases 75 works of art from fifteen Central Okanagan Public Schools. The exhibit will run through to April 11, 2021.

Next Public Board Meeting

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

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

4:00 pm Policy Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

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