



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, June 10, 2020 – Held by ZOOM

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Messages from the Heart

Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Megan Frederick, Music Director at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, worked on a virtual project with her Senior Jazz Band during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each student recorded their individual pieces at home. The audio was then edited by Ms. Frederick to make a 'virtual' performance. The goal was to learn the new skill of playing/recording to a click track, but most importantly the goal was to keep the students connected making music together. The students are playing Duke Ellington's 1940 classic swing tune – Cotton Tail.

The full recording can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=QLPdet-duH4&feature=emb_logo

Declaration:

1. Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June 21, 2020 as "**Indigenous Peoples Day**" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Indigenous Peoples Day is a day to recognize and celebrate the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Indigenous peoples of Canada.

2. Pride Month – June 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June 2020 as "**Pride Month**" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Pride Month is celebrated every June in tribute to those involved in the Stonewall Riots that took place on June 28, 1969. As well as being a month-long celebration, Pride month is also an opportunity to peacefully protest and raise political awareness of current issues facing the community.

Staff Presentation:

1. Supporting Families with Remote Learning – Device Purchase Program

Presenters: Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent
Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Learning Technology Programs
John Morrone, Vice-Principal of Learning Technology Programs

In March the BC Government suspended in-person instruction in all schools in the Province. This prompted the District's 23,000 students and 1,500 staff to engage in remote learning. Schools loaned out over 2800 Chromebooks, Laptops and iPads to students to support remote learning. With the Ministry of Education indicating that the BC school system may begin with a 'hybrid' model in which

students will continue to engage in some remote learning along with in-person on-site learning for the foreseeable future, the inventory of devices that can be loaned by schools is limited as they will need to also support technology use for students that are on-site. The School District has an agreement with Lenovo Canada and Northern Computer to be able to offer a significantly discounted price of Lenovo Chromebooks and Lenovo Thinkpads through a volume purchasing agreement to Central Okanagan families. This would provide an affordable option for families to purchase personal learning devices for their children (for example \$280 for a Lenovo Chromebook 100e or \$630 for a Lenovo Thinkpad 11e including taxes).

Action Items:

1. Supporting Families with Remote Learning – Device Purchase Program

The Board of Education directed staff to develop a process to provide options for Central Okanagan Public Schools students and their families to purchase laptops and Chromebooks at the discounted price specified in the District's volume purchasing agreement with Lenovo Canada and Northern Computer.

2. News Release – Support of Pride Month and the LGBT2Q+ Community

The Board of Education approved the News Release "School District Celebrates Pride Month" regarding the Board's support of Pride month and the LGBT2Q+ community.

(The News Release is posted on the Central Okanagan Public Schools' website at:

http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Publications/Statement_PrideMonth.pdf.)

3. News Release Regarding Recent Events and Public Education's Role in Social Justice

The Board of Education approved the News Release "Statement on Systemic Racism" regarding recent events and public education's roles in social justice.

(The News Release is posted on the Central Okanagan Public Schools' website at:

http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Publications/Statement_SystemicRacism.pdf.)

4. 2020/2021 CommunityLINK Allocations

The Board of Education approved the recommended CommunityLINK Allocations for 2020/2021. The programs provide an excellent range of services to help support the Districts most vulnerable students and are a valuable supplement to the operating funding.

5. Proposal for Substantive Change – Basketball Academy (École KLO Middle School)

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change – Basketball Academy (École KLO Middle School).

6. 2021-2022 Five Year Capital Plan Submission

The Board of Education approved the Capital Plan Resolution for the 2021/2022 Capital Plan. The Capital Plan outlines the Districts immediate and future capital priorities. Boards of Education are required to submit a Capital Plan to the Ministry of Education, Capital Branch by June 30, 2020.

7. Enhancement Agreement with École Glenmore Elementary School - GaGa Ball Court

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with École Glenmore Elementary School for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, 8 tire sandpits and a mural.

8. Enhancement Agreement with Rutland Senior Secondary School – Outdoor Basketball Court

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Rutland Senior Secondary School for the creation of an outdoor basketball court.

9. Enhancement Agreement with Pearson Road Elementary School – Greenhouse Center

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Pearson Road Elementary School for the installation of a Greenhouse Center and planting of shade trees.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Pandemic Update
 - The District completed the first week at Stage 3
 - 9,504 students or 42% attended school
 - 1,228 students with designations also attended
 - 94% of staff worked onsite and 6% offsite
 - Safety protocols have been very effective
 - Students are very happy to be returning
 - Quality remote learning continues for over 12,000 students
 - Attendance numbers are expected to increase in the next week or two
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020
3. General Statement – May 19, 2020
4. General Statement – May 21, 2020
5. General Statement – May 26, 2020
6. General Statement – May 27, 2020
7. General Statement – May 28, 2020
8. Grant Thornton Report to Finance and Audit Committee – Initial Communication on Audit Planning for the Year Ended June 30, 2020
9. Updated Sustainability Initiatives 2020
10. School District Portable Information
11. Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association Executive 2020-2021
12. George Elliot Secondary School – YMCA Childcare Space
13. Donations to Central Okanagan Public Schools
14. Transportation Update

As of June 6, 2020, the District received 6,463 applications for bus transportation for the 2020/2021 school year.

Items Requiring Special Mention:

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

- The 2020 Grads of George Elliot Secondary School celebrated a red-carpet car event on June 7th where Grads were able to drive up with their families, exit their cars and walk a red carpet to receive their diploma and any awards or bursaries.
- The Board Chairperson thanked everyone for their hard work over the past 3 months and acknowledged the positive way in which students have been welcomed back to the schools.
- **Million Dollar Grant Supports Transformative Education Research at UBCO**
UBCO is receiving a \$1 million Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant to establish a partnership research initiative for the next five years. The project – Co-Curricular-Making: Honoring Indigenous Connections to Land, Culture and the Relational Self – is led by Margaret Macintyre Latta, Director of UBC Okanagan's School of Education. Community partners include the Central Okanagan Public Schools, Okanagan Nation Alliance, IndigenEYEZ, Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna Museums Society and the Universities of Alberta and Ottawa. The partnership will bring local Elders and Knowledge Keepers together with participating educators and the extended community. By the end of the five-year project, teachers and their students will have gained deeper understandings of Syilx culture with teachings that connect land, culture and understandings of self in the world. Deputy Superintendent, Terry Beaudry, was the District's lead collaborator in working with the UBC Okanagan School of Education.
- **iGen Finals Tomorrow Evening**
Meet the entrepreneurs of tomorrow! Please join the top ten teams from Central Okanagan Public Schools as they compete in the 2020 iGen Challenge and showcase their entrepreneurship, creativity, and commitment to building a sustainable venture. The iGen challenge is for innovative Grade 7-12 learners

who want to engage with entrepreneurship. Local business mentors guide students through a startup process to create enterprises, find funding, build a network, and make an impact in the innovation ecosystem in the Okanagan. The event takes place tomorrow (Thursday, June 11th) at the Okanagan Innovation Centre with the live Student pitches beginning at 5:00 pm and the Awards ceremony at 8:15 p.m. View the finals by Zoom at: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/94992338225>.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, June 17, 2020
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

For comments, please contact:

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