



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 24, 2020 – Held by ZOOM

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Central Okanagan Public Schools Pride Video

At the June 10, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education declared June as "Pride Month" in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Central Okanagan Public Schools gratefully acknowledges the courage and contributions of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, including student diversity clubs, alliance clubs, and community volunteers. Our schools are safer and more welcoming for all because of the staff and students who celebrate our LGBT2Q+ community in June and all year long. A video was created with several Trustees, senior staff and members of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association and Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association. The video was presented and can be viewed on the School District website:

[http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/Pride-Month-Message.aspx#/="](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/Pride-Month-Message.aspx#/=)

2. RSS "Company" Virtual Dance Video

Jennifer Skogstad, Dance Teacher at Rutland Senior Secondary School, worked alongside her Company Dance Class during the COVID-19 pandemic, to prepare a dance video. Dance students conducted their dance individually and a video was collated to the song "Rainbows". The dance video can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=HllodWWCElw&feature=emb_title

Recognition:

1. Canadian Parents for French Competition Winner – Mihai Covaser, Grade 11 French Immersion Student at École Kelowna Secondary School

In attendance: Troy White, Principal, École Kelowna Secondary School
Christey Hughes, Vice-Principal, École Kelowna Secondary School
Shannon Bracken, Teacher, École Kelowna Secondary School

The Board of Education recognized Mihai Covaser for winning a National contest put on by the Canadian Parents for French, with over 800 students from across Canada entered. Students were asked to show their experiences in quarantine after the schools were closed due to COVID-19. Mihai won the grade 11 French Immersion division. The Variety Club was chosen as Mihai's charity of choice.

2. Schulich Scholarship Winner (\$100,000) - James Ropotar, Grade 12 Indigenous Student at Okanagan Mission Secondary School

In attendance: Jasmine Lemon, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

The Board of Education recognized James Ropotar, 2020 graduate of Okanagan Mission Secondary School, who won the prestigious Schulich Scholarship. The award is for \$100,000 towards an

Engineering/Applied Science degree at the University of British Columbia and makes the 2020 graduate part of an esteemed network of national STEM scholars.

Staff Presentation:

1. Superintendent of Schools/CEO Report on Student Achievement 2020

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a summary PowerPoint presentation of the Report on Student Achievement 2020. To view the full Superintendent of Schools/CEO – Report on Student Achievement 2020 please visit the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Documents and Publications.

2. Superintendent of Schools/CEO 'Year in Review'

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an overview of the 2019/2020 school year identifying student achievements, special events, challenges and business involving the Board of Education. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO thanked the Board of Education, all staff members, partner groups, and the community for their efforts to support student achievement this year. The Superintendent's 'Year in Review' is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Documents and Publications.

Action Items:

1. 2020/2021 Annual Budget Bylaw

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted, the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal year 2020/2021 in the amount of \$284,166,432.

2. Systemic Racism Discussion/Action

The Board of Education agreed to put in place a process to assess and support education throughout the School District regarding systemic racism; anti-racist education; and historic and contemporary content by and about Black, Indigenous and People of Colour.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Pandemic Update
The student school attendance for Stage 3 of the COVID-19 pandemic was shared by the Superintendent of Schools/CEO. At the elementary school level there were 5,977 students, 1,530 middle school students and 951 students at the secondary school level in attendance. As well, 1,078 Special Education designated students were in attendance.
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020 and 2020/2021
3. General Statement – June 2, 2020
4. General Statement – June 4, 2020
5. General Statement – June 9, 2020
6. General Statement – June 10, 2020
7. General Statement – June 16, 2020
8. Financial Update – International Education Program
9. COVID-19 Pandemic Financial Analysis
10. Impact of Bill 8 – Education Statutes Amendment Act
11. Year-End Reporting Guidelines

Items Requiring Special Mention:

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

- enjoyment in watching the virtual grad ceremonies by video
- congratulations to all graduates including those transitioning from elementary and middle school
- gratitude to all staff who have worked hard over the past three months for the education of our learners
- thank you to the videographers, Graduation Coordinators, staff and parents who have done so much to support the virtual graduation activities this year
- Make Some Noise for the Class of 2020 – On Friday, June 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm, the Class of 2020 asks that the community go outside, turn up their radio, and make some noise to help celebrate graduation this year. Local radio stations will be playing "I Lived" by One Republic.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
4:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (TBC)
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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