



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, September 28, 2022

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23":

1. Student Perspectives

In attendance:

- École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
 - Laduli Hewage, Grade 12
 - Derek Lea, Principal
- École Bellevue Creek Elementary School
 - Owen Grout, Kindergarten (French Immersion)
 - Autumn Saltel, Kindergarten
 - Raelyn Larmet, Principal

Owen and Autumn spoke of their excitement of the first few weeks of Kindergarten at École Bellevue Creek Elementary School. Laduli spoke of her hopes for her graduation year at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School and how excited the graduation class is to be back to school in person.

2. Introductions – Newly Appointed Principals and Vice-Principals

The Board of Education congratulated the following Principals and Vice-Principals on their new positions:

- Steven Labrie, Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School
- Sarah Watson, Principal, Canyon Falls Middle School
- Laura Wiemken, Vice-Principal, École K.L.O. Middle School

Declarations

1. World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2022

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October 5, 2022 as World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is held annually on October 5th. Established in 1994, it commemorates the signing of the 1966 UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, which is a standard-setting instrument that addresses the status and situations of teachers around the world. This recommendation outlines standards relating to education personnel policy, recruitment, and initial training as well as the continuing education of teachers, their employment, and working conditions. World Teachers' Day aims to focus on "appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world" and to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching.

2. International Walk to School Day – October 5, 2022

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October 5, 2022 as International Walk to School Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

International Walk to School Day is an annual observance that started as a way of creating awareness for walkable communities. It has grown to become an event that takes place in more than 40 countries with many schools taking part. Students rally to walk and inspire conversations about creating safer communities, environmental conservation, and health-conscious transportation habits.

3. Principal and Vice-Principal Month – October 2022

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of October as Principal and Vice-Principal Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools. This is a time to recognize and raise awareness about the vital role of Principals and Vice-Principals and the impact they have in our schools.

Staff Presentations

1. Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2022 School Opening Report – Part 2

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the Central Okanagan Public Schools, presented the 2022 School Opening Report - Part 2. This Report provides detailed information about school enrolment effective September 26, 2022. To date, the District has enrolled 24,006 students this year (including fee payers and excluding adult, Central School Programs and Services, and eSchool 23). The differences between this year and last year are as follows:

- Secondary schools have 34 more students than they had in September 2021.
- Middle schools have 220 more students than they had in September 2021.
- Elementary schools have 69 more students than they had in September 2021.

The Board of Education received the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2022 School Opening Report – Part 2.

The School Opening Report – Part 2 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website – www.sd23.bc.ca.

Action Items:

1. Enhancement Agreement – Central Programs & Services Basketball Court

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Central Programs & Services for the creation of a Basketball Court. Central Programs & Services has been donated the funds to purchase basketball hoops and install at 30x50 ft asphalt Basketball Court.

2. Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2022

On September 1, 2020 the Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order was enacted by the Ministry of Education. The Reporting Order states: *"Each year, a board must prepare and submit to the Minister a report completed in accordance with this order between June 30 and September 30, or a date otherwise determined by the Minister"*. The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) is British Columbia's approach to continuous improvement of public education. The Framework facilitates the improvement of student learning outcomes and the equity within those outcomes.

The Board of Education received and approved the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2022. The Annual Report will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education and Child Care and posted on the School District website under Publications.

3. Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2021/2022

The Ministry of Education requires that the audited financial statements be prepared, adopted by Bylaw and submitted by September 30, 2022. The Board of Education received and approved the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

4. Student and Family Affordability Fund Analysis

In August of 2022, the Province of BC announced one-time funding of \$60 million to school districts to help expand school meal programs, provide school supplies, and cover any additional fees so that students in need can take part in activities. The Central Okanagan School District's proportionate share was \$2,396,709. After community and District staff consultation, a draft summary was prepared and provided to the Board of Education on how the Fund will be spent. The expectation is that this funding will be fully spent by June 30, 2023. The Board of Education received and approved the Student and Family Affordability Fund Analysis.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023
2. General Statement – September 14, 2022
3. Operations Summer Projects Update
4. Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis for the Year Ending June 30, 2022
5. Surplus Appropriation Analysis Ending June 30, 2022
6. Central Okanagan Public Schools 2021/2022 Public Sector Executive Compensation Disclosure Report

In accordance with a Board Motion at the September 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board Chair confirmed that a letter has been approved by the Board of Education to be sent to the Honourable Jennifer Whiteside. The letter will indicate that the purchase and placement of portables on School District sites and the burden on the District's operating budget is unacceptable and cannot be sustained.

Items of Special Mention

The Board Chair, Trustees and Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

1. September 26th through 30th is **Truth and Reconciliation Week** and September 30th is **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day** in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Many learning opportunities are being provided in schools, including cultural presenters, assemblies, moments of silence, and many staff and students wearing the color orange throughout the week. September 30th marks the second annual Non-Instructional Day providing our students, families and community members with a day of reflection about the tragedy of residential schools and the impact on Indigenous Peoples and our society at large. Flags throughout the District will be flown at half-mast starting on Thursday, September 29th through to Monday, October 3rd.
2. Congratulations to Peachland Elementary School teacher, **Christi Ogg**, who has been awarded a Regional Certificate of Achievement from the 2022 **Prime Minister's Award for Teaching**. The Certificate recognizes Ms. Ogg for her exemplary teaching skills that are key to the highly successful learning and social outcomes for her students. Ms. Ogg will be receiving a Certificate signed by the Prime Minister. The complete list of 2022 recipients is available to view on the Government of Canada website – Prime Minister's Awards.
3. A local **public transit strike** is expected to start on Wednesday, October 5th which will include a full work stoppage through the Central Okanagan. A communication will be forwarded to parents requesting they make alternate arrangements to get their child to school during the suspension of public transit services.
4. A reminder of the **General Local Election** being held on Saturday, October 15th.
5. An **All Trustee Candidate's Forum**, co-hosted by the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council and District Student Council, is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022 starting at 7:30 pm by Zoom.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

4:00 pm Policy Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

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