



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: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. The Power of Storytelling to Communicate Student Learning – Rutland Senior Secondary School

Participating by Zoom:

Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent
Hugh Alexander, Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School
Russ Bischoff, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School
Sarah Watson, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School
Jarret Atkins, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School
Jennifer Skogstad, Teacher, Rutland Senior Secondary School

Members of the staff at Rutland Senior Secondary School shared their work on how story impacts learning in their community. They use the power of storytelling to enhance the learning for all members of their community to make learning more impactful and engaging. Their story about developing their Belief Statement of Learning, to how they honour and reflect on Remembrance Day, to sharing their Story with the community through their School Community Learning Plan and the greater community at large. The use of story has had a powerful impact on the learning at Rutland Senior Secondary School. The commercial video "Straight out of Rutland" was shared. Visit the following link to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=ZLU9mDBH6ZI&app=desktop>

Declarations:

1. Bullying Awareness Week – November 16 to 22, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of November 16 to 22, 2020 as *Bullying Awareness Week* in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. National Child Day – November 20, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Friday, November 20, 2020 as *National Child Day* in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. Amendments to Policy 540 – Proposals for Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs and Specialty Academies)

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 540 – Proposals for Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs and Specialty Academies).

2. Approval of School Community Learning Plans

The Board of Education approved all School Community Learning Plans. All School Plans are available for viewing on school websites.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues:
The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools. As of today, November 10, 2020, nine schools have reported exposures. These exposures are due to individuals contracting illness outside of school. The School District continues to work with and follow the direction of Interior Health. Interior Health has distributed a Public Service Announcement regarding the concern with the rising COVID-19 cases. Please visit the School District website to review the Interior Health Public Service Announcement.
2. School Community Learning Plan Conversations (School Visits) – Proposed Timeline
The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that the process for schools hosting School Community Learning Plan Conversations is being refined due to the COVID-19 pandemic. School Conversations will be scheduled in the months of January through March 2021, and the proposed dates will come forward to the Board of Education.
3. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
4. General Statement – October 28, 2020
5. Financial Update – September 30, 2020
6. Long Term Facilities Plan Consultation
 - 6.1 Survey I Results
 - 6.2 École Kelowna Secondary School Considerations for Capacity Issues
 - 6.3 H.S. Grenda Middle School Considerations for French Immersion Program
 - 6.4 Long Term Facilities Plan Consultation – Survey II
 - 6.5 Townhall Meetings
 - H.S. Grenda Middle School French Immersion Program Considerations:
Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom
<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/69376010829>
 - École Kelowna Secondary School Capacity Considerations:
Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom
<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/61498372295>
7. Strategic Planning Consultation Process and the Revised Framework for Enhancing Student Learning
The revised Framework for Enhancing Student Learning places new requirements on Boards of Education to collaboratively develop Strategic Plans with partner groups that align District education goals and business processes to ensure the Ministry of Education Student Success Policy is achieved for each learner.
District staff have developed a process that will result in a Strategic Plan that is responsive to the learning needs of students and their families, and support the Board's Mission, Vision and Overarching Goal.
The Strategic Planning Timelines were reviewed.

Items Requiring Special Mention

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

1. Trustees commented on their participation in various virtual Remembrance Day Ceremonies and commended staff for their thoughtful and inspiring Ceremonies to commemorate Remembrance Day.

2. On November 6, 2020 a beautiful outdoor learning space at Pearson Road Elementary School was dedicated and named after long-time and well-known Kindergarten teacher, Isabel Alves-Vicente. For the past 3 years, "Mrs. V", as she was affectionately known as, has been fighting ALS. The new space consists of greenhouses, wood planter boxes, and an Indigenous garden will be added over time. A beautiful place for staff and students to come and think of Mrs. V.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 25, 2020
6:00 pm (via Zoom for the public)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, November 18, 2020
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee (via Zoom for the public)
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee (via Zoom for the public)

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