



"Together We Learn"

**School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)**

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Presentations:

"Inside 23"

International Education

Dr. Rick Oliver, Assistant Superintendent, introduced new International Education employees, Karlee Sieben and Carolina Morena Pelaez. Karlee and Carolina expressed their passion for supporting international students as well as their past involvement in international education which started when they were students. Dr. Oliver also presented the District's promotional video for International Education. The video highlights what international students can expect to experience while on an exchange in the Central Okanagan. This video is shared with international agencies, students and families, providing insight into life and learning in our Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Recognition:

1. Introduction of New Vice-Principals and COSBO Members

The Board of Education welcomed the following new employees to the School District:

- Karlee Sieben, International Homestay Coordinator
- Adrian Zuyderduyn, Vice-Principal, Black Mountain Elementary School
- Carolina Morena Pelaez, International Education Activities Coordinator

2. Colleen Edstrom, Roots of Empathy

Colleen Edstrom was recognized for her organization of the Roots of Empathy Program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools. The Roots of Empathy involves trained facilitators and 'moms and babies' visiting classrooms on a regular basis to share the 'milestones' of infant development during the baby's first year. Roots of Empathy is considered an evidence-based classroom program that focuses on sharing the early development of infants with Kindergarten children to raise social/emotional competence and empathy of our youngest learners while reducing aggression and bullying.

Action Items:

1. Proposals for Substantive Change

The Board of Education approved the following two Proposals for Substantive Change:

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1.1 Taste of Trades Program

The 'Taste of Trades' program will enable grades 10-12 students the opportunity to investigate a number of trades in an authentic learning environment. This learning experience embeds math and science while students discover and experience the in-demand trades that have been identified by the Industry Training Authority (Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, Sheet Metal and Drafting). For information on how to enroll in 'Taste of Trades', please contact Bob Boback at Bob.boback@sd23.bc.ca.

1.2 George Elliot Secondary Education Assistant Certificate Program

The Education Assistant Certificate Program at George Elliot Secondary is a new approach for an established Okanagan College program. The Central Okanagan Public Schools Education Assistant Certificate Program will accommodate up to 30 students in a fulltime schedule. Similar to all of our Central Okanagan Dual Credit programs, this new program addition will enable our students to experience courses that are relevant to their career passions while still earning credits as a high school student. For information on how to enroll in the Education Assistant Certificate Program, please contact Bob Boback at Bob.boback@sd23.bc.ca.

2. Springvalley Middle School – Outdoor Education Academy Fee Increase

The Board of Education approved the proposed fee increase for the Outdoor Education Academy (Springvalley Middle School).

3. New Policy 506 – Principles of Assessment

The Board of Education approved the new Policy 506 – Principles of Assessment.

4. Aboriginal Education Council – Terms of Reference

The Board of Education approved the amended Aboriginal Education Council's Terms of Reference.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Student Transportation Grant – Update
As the plan submitted to the Ministry of Education was approved, the School District has begun the process of applying the subsidy and refunding parents the fees (for eligible riders) already paid for the 2016-2017 school year. The School District is targeting early November to complete the process of issuing the refunds.
2. Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies
Kelowna – Trustee Gorman/Trustee Tiede
Lake Country – Trustee Butler
Peachland – Trustee Baxter
Rutland – Trustee Cacchioni/Trustee Mossman
West Kelowna – Trustee Fraser
3. Summer Projects – 2016
The Board of Education reviewed the summer work completed in 2016.
4. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017
5. General Statement

Items Requiring Special Mention:

The Board of Education invites Central Okanagan Public School Families to the upcoming **Regional French Immersion Public Consultation Meetings** to be held:

- **Monday, October 17, 2016 (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)**
École KLO Middle, School Library
- **Tuesday, October 18, 2016 (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)**
Hollywood Road Education Centre, Room 2
- **Monday, October 24, 2016 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)**
Mount Boucherie Secondary School, Multi-Purpose Room

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

October 19, 2016

4:30 pm	Planning and Facilities Committee (Cancelled)
6:30 pm	Finance and Legal Committee (Cancelled)

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