



CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 6:00 pm

**School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee A. Geistlinger, Chair
Trustee J. Fraser, Committee Member
Trustee V. Johnson, Committee Member
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO (*Absent*)
Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Yvonne Hildebrandt, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: Lori Dawson Bedard, COTA 1st Vice-President
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Jared Birkeland, COPVPA Vice-President
Jessica Teasdale, CUPE Executive Member

There were no representatives from District Student Council.

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

AGENDA

February 15, 2023 Committee Agenda - approved as presented.

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Education and Student Services Committee Report – January 18, 2023

January 18, 2023 Committee Report - received as distributed.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Literacy Summer Camps 2023

Brenda Kirsch, Acting District Principal of Early Learning and Child Care, explained the anticipated format and focus of the 3rd Annual Literacy Summer Camps 2023 coming this summer. The Literacy Summer Camps 2023 will be built on the success of the previous two year's literacy-based summer camps and will focus on literacy, curricular competencies, and helping students practice skill building in a joyful play-based learning environment. Summer can be a challenging time for some early learners due to months away from school, missing out on frequent social interactions, food security, and the dedicated time to read and write each day. The Literacy Summer Camps will be offered for the first two weeks of July, Monday to Friday, at four regional hubs, and over 170 children in Grades 1 to 4 are expected to participate from 15 neighbouring schools. Teachers, Certified Education Assistants, and Indigenous Student Advocates will team together to nurture the educational and social-emotional well-being of each student. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and each child will receive a take-home package including library books, books to keep and a book-store gift certificate at the end of the Literacy Summer Camp. In addition, teachers will check-in with students during the summer to ensure continuity and coherence in the learning. Feedback from staff and parents will once again be garnered and will inform future District summer literacy programs.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Camila Biffard: Ms. Biffard spoke in favour of the Reading Intervention Outreach (RIO) Program; however, shared concerns about accessibility to the program and transportation challenges.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Golf Academy Fee Increase

Scott Brown, Vice-Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, and Christian Rogers, Teacher at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, presented the proposed fee increase for the Golf Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. The fees prior to 2022 were set up as a variable rate per student based on factors including: if a student had already purchased a golf membership at the course, if they had a range pass, and the number of supplemental activities they participated in. Since all students wanted the supplemental training and learning sessions, they have been added into the program and will be part of the fixed costs moving forward. The proposed fee increase takes into consideration the increased green fee rates due to inflation, the increase in coaching session fees over the years, and the increase in participating students, which necessitates an additional certified golf instructor. The proposed fee increase will make the Golf Academy financially sustainable.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase (from \$150-\$375) to a fixed fee of \$465 with a golf membership or \$545.00 without a golf membership for the Golf Academy (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 15, 2023 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

Hockey Canada Skills Academy Fee Increase (Canyon Falls Middle School, École KLO Middle School, Mount Boucherie Secondary School, École OKM Secondary School, Rutland Senior Secondary School)

Vince Hunter, Principal at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School, and Blain Wright, Teacher Coordinator of the Hockey Canada Skills Academy, presented the proposed fee increase for the Hockey Canada Skills Academy at Canyon Falls Middle School, École KLO Middle School, Mount Boucherie Secondary School, École OKM Secondary School, and Rutland Senior Secondary School. For the past nine years, the student fees for the various Hockey Canada Skills Academy Programs have not been increased. However, the cost of ice rental has continued to rise, bus transportation costs have doubled, and inflationary costs have contributed to an increase in expenses for all aspects of the program. The proposed fee increases will make the programs financially sustainable moving forward.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase of \$200 (from \$1100 to \$1300/student) for the Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Canyon Falls Middle School, École KLO Middle School, and École OKM Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 15, 2023 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase of \$170 (from \$1000 to \$1170/student) for the Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 15, 2023 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase of \$115 (from \$850 to \$965/student) for the Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 15, 2023 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

The Committee requested that information regarding Parent Consultation be added to the Golf Academy Fee Increase Action Memo and the Hockey Canada Skills Academy Fee Increase Action Memo prior to the recommendations coming forward to the Board of Education.

MEETING RECESS

7:22 pm: The meeting recessed.

7:25 pm: The meeting reconvened.

Affirmation of Policy 150 – Education and Student Services Committee

The Committee reviewed *Policy 150 – Education and Student Services Committee* and there were no recommended changes to the policy at this time.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education affirm Policy 150 – Education and Student Services Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 15, 2023 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Harmony Day – February 15, 2023

Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, shared that Harmony Day 2023 was celebrated on February 15th in Central Okanagan Public Schools and guest speaker, Ian Tyson, spoke to an audience of over 1800 grade five students about overcoming challenges. Recyclable Harmony Day bags were designed by a class of artists at École Kelowna Secondary School and have been distributed across the District.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

Public Board Meeting Action Items

- *Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Golf Academy Fee Increase*
- *Hockey Canada Skills Academy Fee Increase (Canyon Falls Middle School, École KLO Middle School, Mount Boucherie Secondary School, École OKM Secondary School, Rutland Senior Secondary School)*
- *Affirmation of Policy 150 – Education and Student Services Committee*

ITEMS FOR FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 19, 2023

- Proposals for Board/Authority Authorized Courses
- Proposals for Re-approval of Board/Authority Authorized Courses
- Sexual Health Education (Level 1 Review)
Assistant Superintendent (A. Lalonde)

May 17, 2023

- Draft Program Review Cycle & Meeting Schedule 2023-2024
- Cultural Performances Program (Level 2 Review)
Assistant Superintendent (R. Steen)

June 21, 2023

REVIEW LEGEND

Level One Review

- District-wide surveys involving all stakeholders
- Focus Groups
- Interviews with key staff and clients

Level Two Review

- Surveys to a representative sample group of stakeholders
- Optional Focus Groups and personnel interviews as appropriate

Level Three Review

Limited or no surveying and/or interviews to gather informal feedback

FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings start at 6:00 pm.

April 19, 2023; May 17, 2023; and June 21, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Questions - Please Contact:

Trustee Amy Geistlinger, Chair at Amy.Geistlinger@sd23.bc.ca

Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools at 250-470-3225 or Terry.Beaudry@sd23.bc.ca

Amy Geistlinger, Chair