



"Together We Learn"

Central Okanagan
Public Schools (No. 23)

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, February 14, 2018

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. Student Voice in Designing Innovative Spaces – Raymer Elementary School

In attendance:

Students:

Dimitre Walls-Cawthorne (Gr 4)
Sarah Clark (Gr 5)
Caleb Hartl (Gr 5)
Simrat Sangha (Gr 3)
Malhya Stienstra (Gr 6)

Raymer Elementary School Staff:

Terrilynn Nunes, Principal
Jodi Lightfoot, Teacher
Pam Samaddar, Teacher
Amy Robertson, Teacher Candidate
Jenny Cartwright, Teacher
Sydney Hertz, Teacher
Tatiana DeFaria, Teacher

Principal Terrilynn Nunes described how the school community is using the 'spirals of inquiry' to co-design innovative learning spaces. Simrat presented a video, describing how the focus on 'growth mindsets' help students learn more about thinking and learning and how learning space impacts learning. Malhya spoke of how facility upgrades (removing the old lockers) provide new collaborative learning spaces. Students researched, ordered and tested the furniture to ensure the new furniture supported enriched learning opportunities. Dimitre described how the new collaborative space called the 'Raven's Nest' is used for collaborative and quiet learning. Resource teacher, Tatiana DeFaria, shared how the newly-designed spaced also provides an opportunity for students to learn about self-regulation. Students, Sarah and Caleb, also added that special lighting and collaborative, innovative learning spaces in classrooms enable students to choose their learning space, personalizing the way in which students are learning in classrooms. Teacher Jodi Lightfoot also described how staff worked in teams to beautify areas of Raymer Elementary School. Next steps? Students will be using 'Applied Design Skills and Technology (ADST)' to beautify and create innovative learning spaces outside of the school.

Declarations:

1. Harmony Day – February 21, 2018

In attendance: Leigh-Ann Yanow, Chair, Harmony Day Committee

This year marks the 11th Annual Harmony Day. Teacher Leigh-Ann Yanow announced that this year's Harmony Day theme is **Resilience**. Ms. Yanow spoke of this year's second Annual Living Library for Middle School students and the number of events happening in our schools on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. For more information, visit www.harmonyday.ca.

The Board Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Education, made the following Declaration:

WHEREAS *Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,*

WHEREAS *Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan Public Schools community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,*

WHEREAS *Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,*

WHEREAS *Harmony Day allows the Central Okanagan Public Schools to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and,*

THEREFORE *I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of the Central Okanagan Public Schools, do hereby proclaim February 21, 2018 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.*

2. Pink Shirt Day – February 28, 2018

The Board of Education declared the following:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, February 28, 2018 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. Approval of 2017/2018 Amended Annual Budget

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted, the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2017/2018 in the amount of \$250,947,090.

2. Opportunity to Explore the Development of a Dual Credit Partnership with the School of Engineering (UBC – Okanagan)

The Board of Education approved the opportunity to explore the Development of a Dual Credit partnership with the School of Engineering (UBC-O).

3. Lake Country Health Hub

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, in support of the expansion of the Lake Country Health Hub.

Items of Special Mention:

The Board of Education recognized Florida's horrific school tragedy today, expressing deep condolences to all involved.

The Board of Education agreed to request that the City of West Kelowna Traffic Committee meet to discuss ongoing traffic issues impacting Constable Neil Bruce Middle School.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Scholarship Summary Information
2. Financial Update – December 31, 2017
3. Ministry of Education Capital Division Approval of Middle School in the District of Lake Country and Announcement
4. Video Surveillance – Annual Report to the Board
This Report is provided to the Board of Education in accordance with Regulation 645R – *Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)* item 5.2.
5. Month End Enrolment – January 2018
6. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary Information
7. General Statement – January 31, 2018

The Superintendent reported on the following:

1. **TEDx YOUTH**

The District is involved in hosting a TEDx YOUTH event on May 17th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the first TEDx Youth event for students in the region.

2. **Youth Mental Health Summit**

The Youth Mental Health Summit, to be held on Friday, February 16th, 2018 at the Rotary Centre for the Arts, will engage our local middle and high school students in conversations, knowledge exchange, and action around promoting mental wellness in our school communities, and support student leadership in mental health. This opportunity will bring students together to learn from each other and build the skills needed to elevate their impact back in their school settings. Students participating in this Summit will take back their learnings and ideas in order to develop school-based initiatives for mental health week in May 2018.

3. **February 23, 2018 Professional Development Day**

Administration, teaching and support staff will be participating in professional development activities on Friday, February 23, 2018. Two of the sessions being offered during the day include:

Central Okanagan Teachers' Association

"Making Connections 12"

Location: Rutland Middle/Rutland Secondary Schools
715/705 Rutland Road
Kelowna

CUPE Local 3523 (Hosted by Health Promoting Schools)

Employee Wellness Symposium – Resilience"

Location: Dr. Knox Middle School
121 Drysdale Boulevard
Kelowna

4. **Glenmore Elementary School "Why We Do What We Do – Love Concert"**

Thursday, February 15th

Evangel Church

Performances at 10:00 am and 12:30 pm

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2018
6:00 pm at the School Board Office
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
6:00 pm at the School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee (HRES – Room 3)*
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (HRES – Gym)*

*Please note that both of these meetings will be held at Hollywood Road Education Services (HRES), 1040 Hollywood Road.

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