



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, December 9, 2020
By Zoom

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Oyama Traditional School ArtStarts Grant

Participating by Zoom:

Luke Campbell, Principal, Oyama Traditional School
Alison Beaumont, Lake Country Art Gallery Community Engagement Coordinator
Pippa Dean-Veerman, Lake Country Art Gallery Community Engagement Coordinator
Eddie Beaumont, Student, Oyama Traditional School

In 2020 students from Oyama Traditional School, artist Alison Beaumont and grade 3 teacher Pippa Dean-Veerman (now retired) worked on a community project with the Lake Country Art Gallery. This culminated with students presenting their work at the Lake Country Public Art Gallery in January 2020. Based on the success of the project, Alison Beaumont searched for sources that would continue to support this work and help finance the supplies needed to execute the next project.

Art Starts is a Vancouver based non-profit that supports artists to be part of school-based projects that bring artists to classrooms across the Province. Funding is available in the form of Grants between \$3,500 and \$10,000, and up to 70% of the project costs. A Grant was received in the amount of \$6,000 for their "Giving Voice" project.

Giving Voice will be the 2021 community exhibition title at the Lake Country Art Gallery next April. This project seeks to explore the concept of voice and the many ways in which it can be expressed through artist practices. Recognizing the connection to land and the possibility that giving voice can both be human and non-human, there will be an opportunity for a knowledge keeper or Elder to share Indigenous ways of knowing and expressing voice. The artists will provide experiences that support students as they navigate the ideation process, providing technical instruction to realize their works.

Action Items:

1. 2020-2021 Budget Timeline

The Board of Education approved the 2020-2021 Budget Timeline.

- 2. Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Indigenous Studies (GESS)**
The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Indigenous Studies (George Elliot Secondary School).
- 3. Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Art and Design (GESS)**
The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Art and Design (George Elliot Secondary School).
- 4. Foundation Skills Assessment Results**
The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the Fraser Institute's misuse of Foundation Skills Assessment results and request that the Ministry of Education only post the results internally to Districts. The Board of Education further agreed to undertake a media campaign before the Foundation Skills Assessment results are posted.
- 5. Enrollment Application Dates for 2021-2022 School Year**
The Board of Education set the initial enrollment application dates for the 2021/2022 school year as February 1, 2021 through to March 12, 2021. The closing date of enrollment applications, in order to apply the Board's enrollment application priorities as established in Regulation 405R – Student Placement (*Regulations*), be set as September 2, 2021.
- 6. New Minister of Education: Honourable Jennifer Whiteside – Mandate Letter**
The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the new Minister of Education, Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, congratulating her on her appointment and inviting her to visit Central Okanagan Public Schools.
- 7. French Immersion Programming at H.S. Grenda Middle School**
The Board of Education approved the establishment of a French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School effective at the start of the 2021/2022 school year.
- 8. Capacity Plan for École Kelowna Secondary School**
The Board of Education deferred further discussion on the following recommendations to the January 13, 2021 Public Board Meeting:
 - The Board of Education establish a secondary French Immersion program at Okanagan Mission Secondary School.
 - A French Immersion catchment for Okanagan Mission Secondary School is established with the same boundaries as the English catchment for Okanagan Mission Secondary School.
 - The Board of Education restricts International students at École Kelowna Secondary School to a maximum number to be determined by the Board of Education.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

- 1. Superintendent's COVID-19 Update**
The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Thirty Central Okanagan Public School sites have reported at least one exposure. Interior Health has expressed their approval with the safety protocols in the schools. The District will continue to collaborate with Interior Health.
There was clarification from Dr. Bonnie Henry that there is no intention to extend the winter break, with all provincial partners involved in the decision.

2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
3. General Statement – November 25, 2020
4. Statement of Financial Information for June 30, 2020

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
6:00 pm (via Zoom)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 6, 2021
4:00 pm Policy Committee
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (via Zoom)

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