



"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, September 26, 2018**

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

Okanagan College – Partnerships in Action

In attendance: Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent
Michelle Nice, Human Resources Officer
Meran Couzens, Certified Education Assistant
Andrew Garant, Certified Education Assistant

Mrs. Kintzinger shared that three years ago the District expanded their robust partnership with Okanagan College to include a Certified Education Assistant Program. As Certified Education Assistants are in constant demand, this dual credit program was created to respond to that need. Mrs. Nice reiterated the District's need for Certified Education Assistants (CEA). This year, the District had 70 CEA vacancies to fill. So far, 65 out of 70 CEAs have been recruited.

Meran and Andrew provided an overview of their experience taking the Certified Education Assistants Program through Okanagan College at George Elliot Secondary School. Both graduates shared their positive experiences as well as their preparedness for employment.

Declaration:

1. **Orange Shirt Day – Sunday, September 30, 2018**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Sunday, September 30, 2018 as "Orange Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools, recognizing that many schools will celebrate "Orange Shirt Day" on Friday, October 28, 2018.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of a *story* of one student having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and it also is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

2. International Walk to School Day – Wednesday, October 3, 2018

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, October 3, 2018 as "International Walk to School Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October.

3. World Teachers' Day – Friday, October 5, 2018

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Friday, October 5, 2018 as "World Teachers' Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

World Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is held annually on October 5th. It was established in 1994 and aims to focus on "appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world" and to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching.

Staff Presentations:

Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2018 School Opening Report – Part 2

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 2018 School Opening Report – Part 2. This report provides detailed information about school enrolment and covers the time period of September 7 to 21, 2018. To date, the District has enrolled 22,753 students this year which is 339 students above last year. (The 2018 School Opening Report – Part 2 is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website.)

Action Items:

1. Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2017/2018

The Board of Education received and approved the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. School Community Plan Conversations (School Visits) – Proposed Timeline
The proposed timeline will be shared with Trustees once all School Community Plan Conversations have been scheduled.
2. Communication of Audit Results and Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2017/2018
3. 2017/2018 Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis Report
4. Rescheduling of Committee Meetings
Due to the local general elections taking place on October 20, 2018, the Board of Education scheduled the Inaugural Meeting for November 7, 2018. Accordingly, the two Board Committee meetings scheduled for November 7th (General Affairs and Education and Student Services) have been cancelled and will be rescheduled by the new Board of Education before the end of the calendar year, if necessary.
5. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2018/2019
4. General Statement – September 12, 2018

Items Requiring Special Mention:

- A reminder that the Aboriginal Education Program is hosting the following three Aboriginal Family Fun Nights:
 - Tuesday, October 9th at 5:30 pm – Constable Neil Bruce Middle
 - Wednesday, October 10th at 5:30 pm – Springvalley Middle
 - Thursday, October 11th at 5:30 pm – Dr. Knox Middle
- A Grand Opening of the new playground at Peachland Elementary will be held on Thursday, September 27th at 5:30 pm.
- The Premier's Award for Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony is on October 5, 2018 at the Government House in Victoria. Two Central Okanagan Public Schools teachers received the honour of being named finalists and will attend the ceremony. Carmen McDowell, Rutland Middle School, Outstanding New Teacher Award Finalist, and Heather McIntosh, Mount Boucherie Secondary, Technology and Innovation Award Finalist.
- Recently, students painted a rainbow sidewalk at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. A second rainbow sidewalk will be painted at the new School Board Office in the near future.

Next Public Board Meetings

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

6:00 pm at the School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

6:00 pm at the School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

4:00 pm Planning Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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