



# 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 13, 2023**

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## Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

### Student Exchange – Haruhigaoka Junior High

In attendance:

Adrian Zuyderduyn, Vice-Principal, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Students:

- Emily Loverock (Grade 8, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School)
- Sam York (Grade 8, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School)
- Jeannine Clark (Grade 9, École Glenrosa Middle School)
- Jonah Nouisser (Grade 9, École Glenrosa Middle School)

Four students from our Westside middle schools (École Glenrosa Middle and Constable Neil Bruce Middle) traveled to our sister school in Kasugai, Japan from November 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 12<sup>th</sup> to take part in a cultural exchange at Haruhigaoka Junior High School. The four students had a fantastic cultural experience. They attended school all week and had a wonderful homestay experience with families of some of the Grade 9 students at our sister school. In February 2024, the two Westside middle schools will host 110 students and 8 staff from Haruhigaoka Junior High School, their first visit to Canada since 2019.

### Action Items:

**1. 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 Budget Timeline and Budget Development Principles**

The Board of Education approved the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 Budget Timeline.

**2. École Dr. Knox Middle School – Golf Academy Fee Increase**

The Board of Education approved the proposed fee increase of \$100 (from \$400 to \$500/student) for the Golf Academy (École Dr. Knox Middle School).

**3. Proposal for Substantive Change – Outdoor Education Academy (École Glenrosa Middle School)**

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change – Outdoor Education Academy (École Glenrosa Middle School).

**4. Proposal to Expand The Canadian Index for Adolescent Health Upstream Project Survey as Developed by the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (CoH) at York University**

The Board of Education approved all grade 8 student participation in the Upstream Project as funding for expansion of the program becomes available.

## 5. Enrollment Application Dates for 2024/2025 School Year

The Board of Education approved the initial enrollment application dates for the 2024/2025 school year be set as January 29, 2024 at 7:00 am through to March 15, 2024. The closing date of enrollment applications, in order to apply the Board's enrollment application priorities as established in Regulations 405R – *Student Placement (Regulations)*, be set as August 29, 2024.

The enrollment application information will be forwarded to the media for publication, and school administration will be publicizing the application dates on their school websites, in newsletters and/or their telephone call-out system.

Information meetings will be held by all Principals of elementary schools that offer French Immersion Programs on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Interested parents/caregivers can attend by joining the Zoom meeting using the following link: [sd23.org/french-immersion-session](https://sd23.org/french-immersion-session). The information meetings will be recorded and posted to the District website for parents/caregivers who are unable to participate in the Zoom information meetings.

## 6. Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD23-03 (Food Infrastructure Program)

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD23-03 (Food Infrastructure Program).

## 7. Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD23-04 (North Glenmore Elementary School)

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD23-04 (North Glenmore Elementary School).

### Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024
2. General Statement – November 22, 2023
3. Statement of Financial Information for June 30, 2023
4. Central Okanagan Public Schools Approved Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course List – November 2023
5. Amended Policy 388 – Public Interest Disclosure Act

### Advocacy

- Following the Provincial Advocacy Day in Victoria on October 19<sup>th</sup> that brought together Board Chairs with Members of the Legislative Assembly, Board Chairpersons received an Advocacy Day Follow Up Kit from the British Columbia School Trustees Association. Discussion on the Advocacy Day Follow Up Kit will take place at a future General Affairs Committee Meeting.

### Items of Special Mention

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following.

1. Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including concerts, the Operations Department Annual Staff Holiday Luncheon, the International Education Model UN Positional Paper Student Presentations at the Mary Irwin Theatre, the RSS Queer Straight Alliance event, and carnivals.
2. Congratulations to the AAA Senior Boys and AAAA Senior Girls volleyball teams at École Kelowna Secondary School for winning their respective Provincial Championships. This is the first time in BC School Sports history that one school has won both championships in the same year. The teams will be invited to a future Public Board Meeting for recognition. Also, congratulations to the Mount Boucherie Secondary School Bears and École Okanagan Mission Secondary School Huskies AAAA Girls Volleyball Teams who placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Provincials (after a very exciting 3 set match). At the AA Girls Provincial Tournament, the École George Elliot Secondary School Coyotes finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place.

3. On Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> the Rutland Senior Boys Football team played in the semi-finals of the BC High School Football Championships. The Voodoos played against the Vancouver College Fighting Irish in one of the semi-finals. The Fighting Irish are the #1 ranked team in BC and Canadian High School Football. Their 4th place is the highest finish for the Voodoos in the final standings.
4. Trustees recently delivered gift baskets to all the schools/sites in the District expressing their appreciation to staff for their contributions to the success of students in Central Okanagan Public Schools.
5. On November 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>, Trustees attended the BCSTA Trustee Academy in Vancouver.
6. The Winter edition of Together We Learn with the theme of "Wonder" will be published this week.

### **Next Public Board Meeting**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 24, 2024  
6:00 pm

All Public Board Meetings take place in the Main Board Room at 1040 Hollywood Road South unless otherwise noted.

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

4:00 pm Policy Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

All Public Board Standing Committee Meetings take place in the Main Board Room at 1040 Hollywood Road South unless otherwise noted.

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