



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, October 12, 2022

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23":

1. **École Kelowna Secondary School: A Bright Idea**

In attendance from École Kelowna Secondary School:

Scott Parker, Principal

Dayna Margetts, Teacher

Students:

Vivian Bruce, Grade 12

Olivier Parrott-Landry, Grade 12

Anna Spraggs, Grade 12

Also in attendance was Harold Schock, Energy and Sustainability Manager for Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Three grade 12 students from École Kelowna Secondary School presented an idea to improve the environmental and social sustainability of their school. The students made the case that replacing the fluorescent lights with LED lights will decrease long-term operating costs and provide a more appealing learning environment for students. This aligns with the District's LED Lights Replacement project which is currently being completed at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

Recognition

1. **Christi Ogg, Teacher, Peachland Elementary School**

Recipient of a Regional Certificate of Achievement for the 2022 Prime Minister's Award (PMA) for Teaching Excellence

In attendance: Wendy Briggs, Principal, Peachland Elementary

The Board of Education congratulated Christi Ogg, Kindergarten/Grade 1 teacher at Peachland Elementary School, on receiving a Regional Certificate of Achievement for the 2022 Prime Minister's Award (PMA) for Teaching Excellence. Principal Wendy Briggs outlined the many accomplishments of Ms. Ogg. This Certificate of Achievement acknowledges Ms. Ogg for her exemplary teaching skills that are key to the highly successful learning and social outcomes for her students.

Declaration

1. **School Bus Safety Week**

The Board of Education declared the week of October 17 – 21, 2022 as School Bus Safety Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. **2021/2022 Accumulated Operating Surplus**

The Board of Education received and approved the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the year ended June 30, 2022.

2. **New Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools**

The Board of Education approved new Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools. The Policy states:

- 1.1 All school age children who are ordinarily resident in the school district, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status in Canada, are entitled to admission to school.
- 1.2 The personal information of enrolled students or their families shall not be shared with federal immigration authorities unless required by law.
- 1.3 The Board of Education shall not permit Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officials or immigration authorities to enter schools or Board facilities unless required by law.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023
2. General Statement – September 28, 2022

Items of Special Mention

The Board Chair, Trustees and Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Appreciation to the **Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council and District Student Council** for cohosting the All Trustee Candidate's Forum on October 3, 2022.
- The **2022 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education Ceremony** will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022 in Victoria. Three Central Okanagan Public Schools' teachers are nominated under Outstanding New Teacher category:
 - Rupy Aujla, Ellison Elementary
 - Rob Bennett, École Kelowna Secondary
 - Carmen McDowell, Rutland MiddleNicole Rishaug, Student Success Team Advocate from Mount Boucherie Secondary, was nominated in the Outstanding Support – School Community category.
- Congratulations to **Tina Clarke, teacher at École Kelowna Secondary School** for receiving a 2022 American Geographical Society Fellow.
- A reminder of the **General Local Election** being held on **Saturday, October 15th**.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Swearing in Ceremony/Inaugural Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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