



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, June 8, 2022

Recognition:

1. 16U Barn Owls Boys' Volleyball Team – National Bronze Medalists

In attendance: Mike Sodaro, Teacher, École KLO Middle School and
Coach of the 16U Barn Owls Boys' Volleyball Team

The Board of Education congratulated the 16U Barn Owls Boys' Volleyball Team who recently won a bronze medal at the 2022 Volleyball Canada Nationals in Edmonton. The team was coached by Mike Sodaro, teacher at École KLO Middle School and consisted of students from both Okanagan Mission Secondary School and École Kelowna Secondary School.

2. Kelowna Civic and Community Award Winners – Recognition of Central Okanagan Public Schools Teachers/Coach and Students

In attendance: Troy White, Principal, École Kelowna Secondary School
Derek Lea, Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School
Jeff Saunders, Teacher, Rutland Senior Secondary School

The Board of Education congratulated the following individuals/teams on receiving a Kelowna Civic and Community Award:

Bob Giordano Memorial Award – Coach/Sport Administrator of the Year

Mike Sodaro, Teacher at École KLO Middle School and Head Coach of the École Kelowna Secondary School Owls Boys' Volleyball Team

Bryan Couling Memorial Award – Athletic Team of the Year

École Kelowna Secondary School Owls Boys Volleyball Team

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award – Young Female Athlete

Tatum Wade, Grade 12 student at Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award – Young Male Athlete

Everett Schmuland, Grade 12 student at École Kelowna Secondary School (not in attendance)

Nathan Loo, Grade 12 student at Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Teen Honour in the Arts Award

Dryden Bennett, Grade 12 student at Rutland Senior Secondary School

Young Citizen of the Year Award

David Withler, Grade 12 student at École Kelowna Secondary School

3. 18U Junior Heat Boys' Volleyball Team – National Silver Medalists

In attendance: Paul Thiessen, Athletic Director at Okanagan Mission Secondary and
President of Okanagan Central School Athletics Association

The Board of Education congratulated the 18U Junior Heat Boys' Volleyball Team who recently won a silver medal at the 2022 Volleyball Canada Nationals in Edmonton. The Heat players come from three local schools: École Kelowna Secondary, Okanagan Mission Secondary and Mount Boucherie Secondary. This is the first time a Kelowna boys' team has medaled in the Tier 1 Division and finished second in the nation. A huge accomplishment for a district the size of the Central Okanagan. All other teams in the top eight came from cities with over a million people.

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23":

1. Student Empowerment Through a Decolonized Approach to Learning

In attendance:

Jordan Kleckner, Acting Director of Instruction: Learning and Innovation

Kristi Langlois, Instructional Leadership Team/Collaborative Learning Services Team

Janine Chabot, Teacher, École Dr. Knox Middle School

Grade 9 École Dr. Knox Middle Students:

Ava Cudmore

Kaylie Gross

Libby Reis

Students from École Dr. Knox Middle School shared their experiences in their Indigenous Studies and Leadership class, some of their key learning, and their future steps.

Declarations:

1. National Indigenous History Month – June and National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21, 2022

The Board of Education recognized June as 'National Indigenous History Month' and declared June 21, 2022 as 'Indigenous Peoples Day' in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Government of Canada's website:

"National Indigenous History Month is held in June to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across Canada."

"June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples."

Action Items:

1. Livestreaming of Public Board/Board Standing Committee Meetings

The Board of Education approved that an appropriate technical implementation be established so that public meetings of the Board of Education, and public meetings of Board Committees at the discretion of the Committee Chair, will be webcast beginning in Fall of 2022.

2. Amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation.

3. Amendments to Policy 390 – Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality

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4. Amendments to Policy 625 – Sites, Facility and Equipment Enhancements

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5. Amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses

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6. 2023/2024 Five Year Capital Plan Submission

The Board of Education approved the Capital Plan Resolutions for the 2023/2024 Capital Plan. Boards of Education are required to submit a Capital Plan to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, Capital Branch by June 30, 2022. The 2023/2024 Capital Plan is based on the Long Term Facilities Plan and outlines the District's immediate and future capital priorities.

7. Enhancement Agreement – Watson Road Elementary School Outdoor Learning Space

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the Watson Road Elementary School PAC for an Outdoor Learning Space consisting of seating areas, garden beds, mud kitchen and a sand box.

8. Property Bylaw No. 156 – BC Hydro and TELUS Statutory Right-of-Way on Webber Road Elementary School Site

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and granted approval for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of BC Hydro and TELUS on Lot 96 District Lot 3481 Osoyoos Plan 20022, known as Webber Road Elementary School. The Statutory Right-of-Way is required for the operation and maintenance of both BC Hydro and TELUS infrastructure.

9. Letter to West Kelowna Mayor and Council – Comments about Central Okanagan Public Schools at May 24, 2022 Council Meeting

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the City of West Kelowna Mayor and Council regarding comments made at the May 24, 2022 West Kelowna Council Meeting regarding a school site in Goat's Peak and the District's planning for school sites.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022 and 2022/2023
2. General Statement – May 25, 2022
3. École Bellevue Creek Elementary School and École Dorothea Walker Elementary School Traffic Planning
4. Financial Update – International Education Program
5. Grant Thornton Report to Finance and Audit Committee – Initial Communication on Audit Planning for the Year Ended June 30, 2022
6. Updated Sustainability Initiatives for the 2021/2022 School Year
7. Trustee Candidate Information Session

Thursday, August 11, 2022

6:30 pm

School Board Office - 1040 Hollywood Road South

The British Columbia School Trustees Association website (www.bcsta.org) contains resources for individuals interested in running in the next election, including a guide for school trustee candidates "Putting Students First".

Items of Special Mention

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

- Attendance at events at Oyama Traditional School, Mar Jok Elementary Learning in Depth Showcase and the Peachland Elementary Carnival.
- On Saturday, June 11th, Central Okanagan Public Schools will have a booth in City Park celebrating the **Kelowna Pride Festival** and welcomes families and community members to visit. The booth will be open from 11am to 3pm with a Pride march/parade at 10am.
- A team of amazing music teachers and various members of the community have organized a powerful project to **aid the Ukrainian relief effort**. On Sunday, June 26th from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm at Prospera Place, music students from Okanagan Mission, École KSS, Mount Boucherie, Rutland Senior, George Elliot, Canyon Falls, Rutland Middle, École Glenrosa Middle, Springvalley Middle, Constable Neil Bruce Middle and École Dr. Knox Middle, will perform as part of a mass band of over 450 students. The students will be performing a special piece of music called "Kyiv", which was written by American composer, Brian Balmages, and will be led by guest conductor, Dennis Colpitts. This piece is a tribute to the Ukrainian people and all proceeds from the sale of this music is going towards the Canadian-Ukrainian Foundation. To date, more than \$50,000 has been raised and the piece has been performed in over 200 different cities, across 5 countries. Admission is by donation and there will also be a vendor fair with local artisans, crafters, business, and food trucks also donating a portion of their proceeds to the fundraising effort. A variety of bands and choirs will also be performing during the vendor fair.
- Thank you to the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) for their support for our graduates over the years. This year 532 awards were presented for a total of \$496,725.00.
- Congratulations to the students, staff and community of Okanagan Mission Secondary School for raising \$34,500 in the Relay for Life school-wide fundraiser. Nineteen teams and over 130 students and staff participated. The top individual fundraiser, Kate Alcantara, raised \$2,225 and the top team 'Where There's a Will There's a Way' raised over \$4,000.
- Also, congratulations to the students, staff and community of École Dr. Knox Middle School who recently held their Bald Falcon Day. Their final fundraising total was \$20,227.08 for the BC Children's Hospital.
- The Indigenous Graduation ceremonies are being held at each of the secondary schools, using traditional honouring ceremonies including blanketing, drumming, singing, smudging and traditional food.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

Notice of Motion: Trustee Bowman

THAT: Central Okanagan Public Schools develop a Sanctuary Schools Policy to support students living with precarious immigration status.

For comments, please contact:

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