



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, May 11, 2022**

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23":

1. Upstream Project

In attendance:

Alan Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent

Sherri Roche, District Principal – Learning Support Services

Philippa (Philly) Putlitz, Upstream Coordinator, BGC Okanagan

In partnership with the City of Kelowna's "The Journey Home Strategy" to address homelessness in the city, the Central Okanagan Public Schools partnered with several agencies to launch the Upstream for Youth pilot project. The Upstream Project is an innovative initiative aimed to prevent, rather than respond to, youth homelessness in Canada. Using a population-screening tool, the project identifies at-risk youth and connects them to supports that help them remain in school and maintain stable housing. Ultimately, the goals are to improve student's overall mental well-being, increase school engagement and decrease youth homelessness. The project was piloted with Grade 8 students at École KLO Middle School and Springvalley Middle School and is completely voluntary. The lead partner, the Boys and Girls Club, has helped in consultation with school staff to help over 50 students and their families into coordinated supports.

Declarations:

1. National Food Allergy Awareness Month - May

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of May as National Food Allergy Awareness Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

As per the national campaign website: *"Food allergy is one of the leading causes of potentially life-threatening anaphylactic reactions and a public health concern in Canada, especially among children. Over 3 million Canadians are affected by food allergy, that's 7.5% of the population. The impact of food allergy is far greater, with an estimated 50% of households being either directly or indirectly affected by food allergy. That means 1-in-2 Canadian households are impacted by food allergy. As there is no way of predicting how severe an allergic reaction may be and no known cure for food allergy, avoiding the allergenic food is required to prevent a reaction."*

For more information and food allergy education, visit: <https://foodallergycanada.ca/campaign/food-allergy-awareness-month/>

Staff Presentation:

1. Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2022/2023 Budget Presentation

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a brief PowerPoint outlining the highlights of the 2022/2023 budget recommendations. The 2022/2023 Annual Budget Bylaw will come to the Board of Education for final approval at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting before submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2022/2023 Annual Budget Presentation is posted on the District website (<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Publications/Superintendent%20of%20Schools-CEO%202022-2023%20Annual%20Budget%20Presentation.pdf>).

Action Items:

1. Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2022/2023 Budget Recommendations Report

The Board of Education approved the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO Budget Recommendations to balance the 2022/2023 Annual Budget Bylaw. The 2022/2023 budget pressure is \$3,332,956 made up as follows:

Anticipated Funding Increase	4,054,272
Reduced Surplus Carry Over	(1,407,592)
	2,646,680
Additional Costs	5,979,636
2022/2023 Budget Pressure	(3,332,956)

2. Trustee Indemnity for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 3.1% for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 thereby setting the stipend at: Trustee - \$22,478, Vice Chair - \$23,740, Chair - \$25,657.

3. Indigenous Education Preliminary Budget (2022/2023 Fiscal Year)

The Board of Education approved staff's proposed 2022/2023 Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget.

4. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposals – Wellness 11 and 12

The Board of Education approved the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposals – Wellness 11 and Wellness 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School).

5. Okanagan Mission Secondary School – Soccer Academy Fee Increase

The Board of Education approved the proposed fee increase of \$100 (from \$550 to \$650/student/semester) for the Soccer Academy (Okanagan Mission Secondary School).

6. Health Promoting Schools Review – Level 1

The Board of Education approved the Health Promoting Schools Review – Level 1.

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 – April 27, 2022
3. École George Pringle Elementary School – Student Transition Plan

Items of Special Mention

Trustees spoke of the following:

- Participation in the Capstone presentations at Okanagan Mission Secondary School
- Attendance at the École H.S. Grenda Middle School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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