



"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, October 10, 2018

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. Okanagan Mission Secondary School – Quest BC

In attendance: Michael Dornian, Vice-Principal
 Michael Ross, Teacher
 Krista Marrs, Teacher
 Josh Sundvick, Teacher Intern - UBCO
 Kyle Arends, Teacher Intern – UBCO
 Lauren King, Student
 Yvonne Wood, Student

Quest BC is a pilot program offered in the first semester to Grade 11 students at Okanagan Mission Secondary School. Twenty-four students work with two teachers (Mr. Ross and Mrs. Marrs). Learning journeys will include visits to the Rockies, Tofino, UVIC, Vancouver, UBC, Whistler, Revelstoke and areas throughout the Central Okanagan. Learning is expressed in many ways, including: essays, documentaries, multimedia presentations, vlogs, digital portfolios and campfire discussions. Upon the completion of the semester, students receive 28 course credits towards graduation. Lauren and Yvonne spoke about their learning and excitement by experiencing the outdoors first hand.

2. A.S. Matheson Elementary School – Library Learning Commons

In attendance: Derek Lea, Principal
 Monique West, Vice-Principal
 Catherine Nickerson, Teacher
 Mark Wells, Teacher
 Andrea Minshull, Teacher
 Aaron Veenstra, Teacher

The A.S. Matheson Library Learning Commons (LLC) is a gathering place for professional learning as well as a hub of inquiry for students of A.S. Matheson Elementary. Currently, the LLC hosts Learning in Depth with grades 2-4, Design Thinking Support with grades 5-6, and a Love of Literacy program for grades 1-4. The LLC also plays host to Coffee, Curriculum and Conversation time on Mondays during the winter term for teachers. In addition to this, games club, chess club, and Battle of the Books are offered in the LLC. The A.S. Matheson Elementary Learning Commons is a space where individuals can comfortably meet to question and communicate.

Recognition:

1. Association of School Transportation Services of BC (ASTSBC) 2018 Special Needs Driver of the Year – Mike Radawetz, Bus Driver

In attendance: Gail Prokopchuk, Transportation Manager
Mike Radawetz, Bus Driver (unable to attend)

The Board of Education recognized bus driver, Mike Radawetz, for receiving the Association of School Transportation Services of BC (ASTSBC) 2018 Special Needs Driver of the Year. Gail Prokopchuk, Transportation Manager, stated Mike started driving the special needs bus in 2008. His considerable care and concern for students is evident in the many ways he goes above and beyond, both on and off the school bus.

2. Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education Finalists

In attendance: Carmen McDowell, Teacher, Rutland Middle School
Heather McIntosh, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Jim Laird, Principal, Rutland Middle School
Brad Kuhn, Vice-Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The Board of Education congratulated two Central Okanagan Public Schools' teachers for being finalists for the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education announced by the Minister of Education. These awards honour the efforts of those who go above and beyond to make life better for students in British Columbia. **Carmen McDowell**, teacher at Rutland Middle School, was a finalist in the Outstanding New Teacher category, and **Heather McIntosh**, teacher at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, a finalist in the Technology and Innovation Award category. The awards ceremony was held at Government House in Victoria on Friday, October 5, 2018. Premier John Horgan, Minister of Education Rob Fleming and Lt. Gov. Janet Austin were all in attendance. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO Kevin Kaardal attended the event on behalf of the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. Grade 4 Middle Entry French Immersion

The Board of Education made the following decision regarding grade 4 middle entry French Immersion on the Westside:

- A Grade 4 middle entry French Immersion program be opened at Hudson Road Elementary School in September 2019.
- That students registered in the French Immersion program, within that school, transition to Glenrosa Middle School for grade 6 in 2021.
- A consultation meeting with the school community be scheduled so that an implementation plan can be developed with staff, student and parent input.
- Students in the first cohort of early entry French Immersion students will transition from École George Pringle Elementary School to Glenrosa Middle School for grade 6 in 2019.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Items:
 - The Superintendent discussed the District's approach to the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) implementation.
2. Sexual Assault Protocol

3. Education and Student Services Committee – Recommendation to Reschedule to Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm
 - The Board of Education agreed to also schedule a General Affairs Committee Meeting at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.
4. Central Okanagan Public Schools Admin Procedures
5. Catchment Area Review Dates with Parent Advisory Councils
 - Bankhead Elementary School: October 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm
 - Watson Road Elementary School: October 26, 2018 at 8:45 am
6. Central Zone Family of Schools Learning Forum
 - Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018
 - Time: 6:00 pm
 - Location: Kelowna Secondary School
7. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2018/2019
8. General Statement – September 26, 2018

Next Public Board Meetings

Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

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

Inaugural Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

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