



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, January 26, 2022
By Zoom

The Board Chair made the following statement:

A geographical search at St. Joseph's Mission Residential School in Williams Lake has located 93 unmarked grave sites. Once again, our hearts are heavy with this horrific news. On behalf of the Board of Education, I wish to call for a moment's silence to demonstrate our deepest respect to Canada's Indigenous communities and to acknowledge the deep hurt these revelations bring, and to once again state the Board's commitment towards equity and Reconciliation in our public schools.

One minute of silence was observed.

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1. WHEELS Transition to Employment Program

Participating by Zoom:

Staff:

Michelle Kaupp, District Principal – Inclusive Education

Heather Whistle, Program Manager/Teacher, WHEELS Transition to Employment Program

Dustin Green, WHEELS Transition to Employment Program Facilitator

Student:

Joss Gamache

The aim of the WHEELS Transition to Employment Program is to provide youth and young adults with disabilities and diverse abilities, in Central Okanagan Public Schools, with opportunities to learn skills and gain experiences that will help them make successful transitions to adulthood and to directly aid them in making those transitions. The WHEELS Transition to Employment Program is offered in a professional, community-based setting in order to facilitate transitioning students' physical and attitudinal shift from school to adult environments.

The project facilitates student learning and achievement in the following areas:

- Support for obtaining paid employment as adults.
- Skill development in key transition areas, such as vocational development, recreation, home living, health and personal hygiene, and personal financial management.
- Opportunities to participate in a Bicycle Maintenance and Repair program and in Shoe Repair and Shoemaking School in order to further develop hand-eye coordination, problem solving, customer-service, and pride of workmanship.

Learning to repair things is good for students. It increases their connections to others, to the physical world, and within their own mental processes.

Declarations:

1. Human Rights Month - February

The Board of Education declared the month of February 2022 as Human Rights Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The Board of Education also acknowledged that Black Excellence Day was celebrated on January 14, 2022.

2. Inclusive Education Month – February

The Board of Education declared the month of February 2022 as Inclusive Education Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Staff Presentation:

1. COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining information on the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus relative to Central Okanagan Public Schools. Details on staff absences, from January 4th to date, and student absences, from January 10th to date, was shared. The timeline of the Health Vaccine Status Verification was provided. The response rate of **all** employees to the Vaccine Status Verification was 89.9% with a confirmed vaccine rate of **all** employees at 87.6%. The response rate of **assigned** employees was 92.3% with a confirmed vaccine rate of 89.6%.

Action Items:

1. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Football 12

The Board of Education approved the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Football 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School).

2. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Wellness 10

The Board of Education approved the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Wellness 10 (Rutland Senior Secondary School).

3. Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Soccer Academy Fee Increase

The Board of Education approved the proposed fee increase for the Soccer Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

4. Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Outdoor Education Academy Fee Increase

The Board of Education approved the proposed fee increase for the Outdoor Education Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

5. Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Baseball Academy Fee Increase

The Board of Education approved the proposed fee increase for the Baseball Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

6. Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function – Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee

The Board of Education affirmed Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee.

7. Enhancement Agreement – Chief Tomat Elementary School GaGa Ball Court

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the Chief Tomat Elementary School PAC for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court.

8. Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Reopening Review Recommendations

The Board of Education approved the following Motions:

THAT: Effective the 2022/23 school year, Bellevue Creek Elementary School is reopened.

Motions for Primary Dual Track (English and French) Elementary Program at Bellevue Creek Elementary and Dual Track (English and French) Intermediate Elementary Program at École Dorothea Walker Elementary School.

THAT: Effective the 2022/23 school year, the Kindergarten and Grade 1 English and French Immersion programs at École Dorothea Walker Elementary School are moved to Bellevue Creek Elementary School; AND THAT: Effective the 2023/24 school year, the Grade 2 English and French Immersion programs at École Dorothea Walker Elementary School are discontinued and are established at Bellevue Creek Elementary School;

AND THAT: The Board of Education renames Bellevue Creek Elementary School to École Bellevue Creek Elementary School.

THAT: The English catchments for the Okanagan Mission Family of Schools are changed per the map presented in Appendix E effective the 2022/23 school year;

AND THAT: Any students currently enrolled in Chute Lake Elementary, Anne McClymont Elementary and École Dorothea Walker Elementary shall retain their enrollment priority as "catchment or French Immersion catchment area students who, in the previous year, attended the school". These students shall retain their current transportation eligibility as long as they attend their current school and live at the same residence; AND THAT: The siblings of students who retained their catchment area priority shall be considered as "siblings of catchment or French Immersion catchment area students", if their sibling is currently registered at the school.

THAT: Section 3 of Policy 605 – Educational Facility Planning is modified to the following:

3. Depending on student enrolment, French Immersion programs should be provided at an adequate number of regionally located dual-track elementary schools that direct students to ~~future~~ regional designated dual-track middle schools in several areas of the district and ~~a single~~ dual-track senior secondary schools.

9. Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review Recommendations

Motions for Movement of Shannon Lake Elementary Middle Years Catchment to École Glenrosa Middle

THAT: Effective on the opening of the new Westside Secondary School:

The middle years English catchment within the boundaries of the elementary English catchment for Shannon Lake Elementary School is moved from Constable Neil Bruce Middle School to École Glenrosa Middle School;

AND THAT: The immediate area surrounding Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, as presented in Appendix D, is designated as an optional attendance boundary for either middle school. Students that choose École Glenrosa Middle School will be directed to the new Westside Secondary School and students that choose Constable Neil Bruce Middle School will be directed to Mount Boucherie Secondary School;

AND THAT: The boundaries of the secondary English catchment for Mount Boucherie Secondary School are aligned with the middle years English catchment for Constable Neil Bruce Middle School;

AND THAT: The boundaries of the secondary English catchment for the new Westside Secondary School are aligned with the middle years English catchment for École Glenrosa Middle School.

Motions for exemption of current students from catchment moves and consideration for siblings

THAT: Any students currently enrolled in a school and that reside in an area with a catchment change shall retain their enrollment priority as "catchment or French Immersion catchment area students who, in the previous year, attended the school". These students shall retain their current transportation eligibility as long as they attend their current school and live at the same residence;

AND THAT: The siblings of students who retained their catchment area priority shall be considered as "siblings of catchment or French Immersion catchment area students", if their sibling is currently registered at the school;

AND THAT: Grades 9 and 10 students that are enrolled at Mount Boucherie Secondary School the year prior to the new Westside Secondary School opening shall be exempt from this motion and will be designated to attend their catchment secondary school when the new school opens.

Motions for Secondary French Immersion Programming

THAT: Effective the opening of the new Westside Secondary School, the Board of Education establishes a Grade 9 and Grade 10 French Immersion program at the new Westside Secondary School;

AND THAT: An additional grade is added to the new Westside Secondary French Immersion program each year until the school offers a Grades 9 to 12 French Immersion program.

Motions for Elementary French Immersion Programming

THAT: Subject to the final approval of the capital funding for the Westside Secondary School by February 28, 2022:

Effective the 2022/23 school year, the Board of Education moves the French Immersion program at École George Pringle Elementary to programs that are established at Glenrosa Elementary School and at Hudson Road Elementary School;

AND THAT: Effective the 2022/23 school year, Glenrosa Elementary School is renamed to École Glenrosa Elementary School;

AND THAT: Effective the 2022/23 school year, Hudson Road Elementary School is renamed to École Hudson Road Elementary School;

AND THAT: Effective the 2022/23 school year, the boundaries of the French Immersion catchment for Glenrosa Elementary School are established as the area of the English middle school catchment for École Glenrosa Middle School and the English elementary catchment for Shannon Lake Elementary School, as presented and attached in Appendix E;

AND THAT: Effective the 2022/23 school year, the boundaries of the French Immersion catchment for Hudson Road Elementary School are established as the area of the English middle school catchment for Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, with the exception of the English elementary catchment for Shannon Lake Elementary School, as presented and attached in Appendix E.

THAT: Subject to the final approval of the capital funding for the Westside Secondary School after February 28, 2022 but before February 28, 2023:

Effective the 2023/24 school year, the Board of Education moves the French Immersion program at École George Pringle Elementary to programs that are established at Glenrosa Elementary School and at Hudson Road Elementary School;

AND THAT: Effective the 2023/24 school year, Glenrosa Elementary School is renamed to École Glenrosa Elementary School;

AND THAT: Effective the 2023/24 school year, Hudson Road Elementary School is renamed to École Hudson Road Elementary School;

AND THAT: Effective the 2023/24 school year, the boundaries of the French Immersion catchment for Glenrosa Elementary School are aligned with the English middle school catchment for École Glenrosa

Middle School and the English Elementary catchment for Shannon Lake Elementary School, as presented and attached in Appendix E;

AND THAT: Effective the 2023/24 school year, the boundaries of the French Immersion catchment for Hudson Road Elementary School are aligned with the English middle school catchment for Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, with the exception of the English elementary catchment for Shannon Lake Elementary School, as presented and attached in Appendix E.

10. Vaccination Mandate for Staff and Trustees

The Board of Education approved the following:

THAT: The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to implement a vaccination mandate for COTA staff, COPVPA staff, Excluded staff and Trustees per the Operating Procedure specified in the Letter of Agreement between the British Columbia Teachers' Federation and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association;

AND THAT: The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to implement a vaccination mandate for CUPE Staff per the Operating Procedure specified in the Letter of Agreement between the CUPE K-12 Presidents' Council and Support Staff Unions and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022
2. General Statement – January 12, 2022
3. Central Okanagan Public Schools Provincial Online Learning School Feasibility Report

Items Requiring Special Mention

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

- The success of the École Kelowna Secondary School school-based thrift store. This past December, the thrift store made a \$1,000 profit which was donated to the Kelowna Gospel Mission.

- **2022-2023 Budget Presentation**

The public presentation, explaining how the District's budget is established, will take place at the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm by Zoom. If you would like to listen to this presentation, please request the Zoom link from:

copac.president@sd23.bc.ca

All those interested in learning more about the School District 2022-2023 budget and how to provide input are encouraged to participate in this information meeting.

- **Parent and Staff Digital Wellness Learning Sessions**

Two upcoming Raising Digital Leaders Webinars are being hosted for parents/guardians. February 1st for Elementary Parents/Guardians and February 3rd for Middle/Secondary parents/guardians. An email was distributed to all parents/guardians on January 20th.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Via Zoom

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

4:00 pm

General Affairs Committee Meeting (**Cancelled**)

6:00 pm

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting – Via Zoom

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