



"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, February 28, 2018

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. **"The Bear Witness" – Mount Boucherie Secondary School**

In attendance:

Brad Kuhn, Vice-Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Duane Thachyk, Vice-Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Erin Talbot, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Rubina Waterhouse, Aboriginal Advocate

Students: Olivia Carlson

Katya Torin

Jorja Kovesy

Teacher Erin Talbot shared that the project began with the MBSS Theme of 'Make your Mark' and recognized the incredible leadership of the MBSS students who created *The Bear Witness*. Student Olivia Carlson shared that in the fall of 2017 her teacher approached her to start a newsletter. She outlined the first edition, highlighting the Elders in the Classroom Project, Orange Shirt Day, and the nationally recognized MBSS Academy of Indigenous Studies. Students Jorja Kovesy and Katya Torin shared their experience in the Elders in the Classroom project and their inspiration for their artwork. Their artwork was chosen to be the logo for *The Bear Witness* newsletter. All the artwork from this project was featured in the Kelowna Art Gallery last year.

2. **"The LowDown" – Davidson Road Elementary School**

In attendance:

Jarret Atkins, Vice-Principal, Davidson Road Elementary School

Drew Bonneteau, Teacher, Davidson Road Elementary School

Students: Sienna Millan

Declan Walter

Trevor Kraus

Kaelyn Courtney

Teacher Drew Bonneteau introduced Davidson Road Elementary School's news network called *The LowDown*. A video was shared, highlighting what *The LowDown* means to students. *The LowDown* shares upcoming events, information, and is a way to introduce students to their peers. The news network is produced by grade 5 students and aligns with BC's redesigned curriculum and the core competencies. The students answered questions regarding their experience producing the news network.

Action Items:

1. Reconfiguration Trigger Points for Families of Schools

The Board of Education approved the following with regard to the reconfiguration trigger points for families of schools:

THAT: The Board of Education approves the reconfiguration trigger point for **Lake Country** area schools to K to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 12 is upon the opening of the new middle school in Lake Country in September of 2021.

THAT: The Board of Education approves the reconfiguration trigger point for **Mission** area schools to K to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 12 is upon the opening of Canyon Falls Middle School in 2019.

THAT: The Board of Education approves the reconfiguration trigger point for **Westside** area schools to K to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 12 is upon the staged reconfiguration K to 5, 6 to 8 (Constable Neil Bruce Middle School), 6 to 9 (Glenrosa Middle School) and 9 to 12, to be implemented in September of 2018.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary Information
2. General Statement – February 14, 2018
3. General Statement – February 21, 2018

Items of Special Mention:

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Staff, students and Trustees attended the Pink Shirt Day Breakfast that was held today. This year, Pink Shirt Day encouraged others to combat cyberbullying by thinking twice before posting something negative, and using the internet to spread kindness.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

6:00 pm at the School Board Office

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

6:00 pm at the School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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