



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 9, 2019

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1. Rose Valley Elementary School – Orange Shirt Day

In attendance:

Jesse Bruce, Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School

Teachers:

Kumi Nittel

Danielle Weill

Teacher Interns:

Stacey Searle

Jennifer Simmer

Advocate:

Stephanie Mason

Students:

Braxton Archondous

Taylor Archondous

Eric Wagner

Parker Davis

Danika Silzer

Abby MacDonald

The students and staff at Rose Valley Elementary School celebrated Orange Shirt Day on Monday, September 30th to acknowledge residential school survivors and honoring the memory of those who did not survive. A book was created by the students and provided to each classroom which included how Rose Valley Elementary is respectful, safe, proud of who they are, welcoming, special, loved, included, appreciated, noticed, accepted, supportive, helpful, and part of a team.

Introduction

1. The Board of Education welcomed and congratulated the following newly appointed Principal and Vice-Principal:

Thomas Gruenenwald, Principal at Springvalley Middle School

Ryan Wakefield, Vice-Principal at George Elliot Secondary School

Declarations

1. National Principals' Month – October

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October as Principal and Vice-Principal Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. **Bus Safety Week – October 21-25, 2019**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Monday, October 21, 2019 through Friday, October 25, 2019 as School Bus Safety Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items

1. **2019–2020 Senior Management Team Workplan**

The Board of Education approved the amended 2019-2020 Senior Management Team Workplan.

2. **Letter to Members of Parliament Candidates – Dangers of Vaping**

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to all Members of Parliament candidates in the Central Okanagan School District ridings asking them how, if elected as a Member of Parliament, they would address the serious danger that vaping poses to children and, in particular, the marketing of vaping products to children. The Board of Education also agreed to write letters to the local MLAs, the Provincial Government, and all the municipal governments in the Central Okanagan regarding action on vaping products.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Long-Term Facility Plan Process - Update
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020
3. General Statement – September 25, 2019
4. Suspension Summary Report: 2012-2013 to 2017-2018
5. Deputy Minister's Bulletin – Graduation Assessment Requirements
6. Trustee Attendance at Municipal Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 11th.
Lake Country – Trustee Geistlinger
Peachland – Trustee Baxter
West Kelowna – Trustee Desrosiers
Rutland – Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Bowman
Kelowna – Trustee Fraser and Trustee Tiede

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Trustees and the Superintendent reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at events throughout the District including the visit by a delegation from the Yukon to the Indigenous Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.
2. **École KLO Environmental Stewardship Day** was held on Tuesday, October 8th.
3. The **Child Advocacy Center** has been holding a series of Open Houses for the professional agencies and organizations that will intersect with their services. The open houses provided an opportunity for anyone from our organization to come in and see the newly constructed facility and meet some of the people involved. The new Center is located at #200 – 1815 Kirschner Road.
4. Friday, October 11th is **Administrative Implementation Day** with many professional learning opportunities taking place for staff at schools throughout the Central Okanagan.
Also, Friday, October 25th is a **Teacher Professional Day**. The **COTA October Pro-D Conference** is being held at Mount Boucherie Secondary School with the theme of "Humor, Laughter, Learning and Health" with keynote speaker Candy Palmater.
5. The Chairperson and Superintendent of Schools/CEO attended the **Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education** held at Government House in Victoria last Friday. Congratulations to Troy White, Principal at École Kelowna Secondary, for receiving the top award for the School Leadership category. Congratulations as well to our other finalists Jordan Kleckner, District Principal – Learning Technology in the District Leadership category, and Marie Kielpinski, CEA at Mount Boucherie Secondary in the Outstanding Support (Teaching Assistant) category.

6. **Transportation Review Community Meetings** will be held the first and second week of December. The dates, times and locations will be posted on the District website and sent out in a News Release.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

6:00 pm

School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

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