



"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, March 13, 2019

Inside 23:

1. The Welcome Centre

In attendance:

Dr. Rick Oliver, Assistant Superintendent
Renate Lutz, Settlement Worker
Chris Neufeld, Settlement Worker
Members of the Al Mustafa family

The Welcome Centre welcomes all new students and their families who are not Canadian Citizens to the Central Okanagan. The Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) assist families in getting settled in the community, including finding housing and childcare. Upon arrival, students are assessed, provided with the school supports they require, and transportation to and from schools is arranged. This year The Welcome Centre has received 244 students from 34 different countries. There are currently 1,163 students from 73 countries within the District, including 98 refugee students.

The Al Mustafa family, including mother Kifaa, father Nader, and their ten children, arrived in Kelowna in September of 2017 from Syria. The school-aged children in attendance provided a brief overview of their experiences settling into their schools.

Declaration:

1. National Volunteer Week – April 7-13, 2019

The Board of Education declared April 7 to 13, 2019 as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. Amendments to Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee

The Board of Education approved amendments to Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee.

2. Amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses

The Board of Education approved amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses.

3. **Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2019/2020 through 2023/2024**

The Board of Education approved the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2019/2020 through 2023/2024.

4. **Public Education Awareness Committee – Amended Terms of Reference**

The Board of Education approved the amended Terms of Reference of the Public Education Awareness Committee. The purpose of the Public Education Awareness Committee is to promote and support public education in Central Okanagan Public Schools and the community.

5. **Transportation Task Force – Terms of Reference**

The Board of Education approved the Transportation Task Force Terms of Reference.

6. **2019-2020 School Calendar**

The Board of Education agreed to adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. The calendar will be made available to the District and the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2019. The Superintendent will direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

In establishing such calendars, Principals must:

- a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan Public Schools) Board Policy.
- b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.
- c. Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.

The approved Local School Calendar will be posted on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website (www.sd23.bc.ca).

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Items:
 - A letter was sent home to parents/guardians in the Central Okanagan Public Schools regarding the **Student Strike 4 Climate 2019**, which will be taking place on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm. The letter stated that although the District supports the rights that citizens of the age of majority have in a democratic society to freely assemble and to express their view on issues, this Student Strike 4 Climate Change is not a District sanctioned event. Student safety and loss of instructional time is a concern of the District.
 - In response to the recent decision of the Province of Ontario to ban cell phones from school classrooms, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO reminded the Board of the BC Government and the Ministry of Education Policy on Student Success, District Policy 486 - Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication, and School Codes of Conduct regarding cell phone use in schools.
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2018/2019 and 2019/2020
3. General Statement – February 27, 2019
4. Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Trustees and the Superintendent reported on the following:

- Constable Neil Bruce and Glenrosa Middle Schools welcomed students and administrators from **Haruhigaoka Junior High School**, Kasugai, Japan. Quigley Elementary welcomed student teachers from **Chubu University** also from Kasugai, Japan.

- The Board of Education recently met with the Mayor and Council of the **District of Lake Country** to discuss matters of mutual interest.
- On March 1st and 2nd, trustees attended the **BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meeting**.
- The **H.S. Grenda Middle School Community Presentation** was held on Tuesday, March 5th at George Elliot Secondary School. The community was able to review the drawings for the new school presented by the architects.
- **Rutland Senior Secondary School Drama Department** recently presented the *High School Musical*.
- On Wednesday, March 6, 2019, Central Okanagan Public Schools hosted the **4th Annual Sumobot Robotics** event at Hollywood Road Education Services.
- The **KSS Owls Girls Curling** team won the provincial championships and brought home the Provincial banner.
- Central Okanagan Public Schools basketball teams recently competed at the **Provincial Tournaments**. We are so very proud of all the players and coaches of their participation and placement in the tournaments:
 - KSS Owls Senior Boys AAAA Basketball Team – Silver Medalists
 - GESS Coyotes Senior Boys AA Basketball Team – Silver Medalists
 - KSS Owls Junior Girls Basketball Team – Silver Medalists
 - KSS Owls Senior Girls AAA Basketball Team – Fourth
 - OKM Huskies Junior Boys Basketball Team – Sixth
 - OKM Huskies Senior Girls AAA Basketball Team – Eighth
 - KSS Owls Junior Boys Basketball Team – Eleventh

Next Public Board Meeting

Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

6:00 pm

School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

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