



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, January 29, 2020

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1. Science Inquiry and Numeracy Exploration – South Kelowna Elementary School

In attendance:

Nadia Piasentin, Principal, South Kelowna Elementary School
Leanna Estey – Grade 3 teacher
Chontelle Wilson – Grade 4/5 Learning Community Teacher
Carys Swan – former student teacher at South Kelowna Elementary School

Students:

- Charlotte Henderson – Gr. 3 student
- Lucy Weber – Gr. 3 student
- Owen Gordon – Gr. 5 student
- Lexi DiGeorgio – Gr. 5 student
- Dante Madore – Gr. 5 student
- Kean Sartorius – Gr. 5 student
- Humraj Chahal – Gr. 5 student

The students of South Kelowna Elementary School presented on math explorations and how numbers relate and connect to our world, as well as, science inquiry projects created with student voice. From counting to using strategies to understand and apply their number sense the students are using a growth mindset to become stronger mathematicians. In the Fall their learning community completed an environmental inquiry unit. The task of the students was to explore the displays set up around their room and the information in their Google classroom. Some of the topics explored were Climate Change, Plastic in the Ocean, Energy & Resources, Compost & Waste Management, Pollution & Recycling, composting, and endangered animals. They used critical thinking to explore how humans are impacting, and helping the environment.

Recognition:

1. KSS AAA Boys Volleyball Team – Provincial Silver Medalists

In attendance:

Mike Sodaro, Head Coach
Brady Ibbetson, Assistant Coach
Danika Embree, Manager

Team Members:

Joshua Bermel	Jayden Lalonde
Ethan Braam	Dawson March
Riley Brinnen	Max McDonald
Connor Dojohn	Mason Sodaro
Tyson Embree	Owen Waterhouse
Wilson Holland	Thys Weststrate
Rylan Ibbetson	Braden White

The Board of Education congratulated the KSS AAA Boys Volleyball Team who won a silver medal at the provincial tournament held at the end of November.

Declarations:**1. Human Rights Month**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February 2020 as Human Rights Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. Canadian Home and School Federation National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of February 9 to 15, 2020 as the Canadian Home and School Federation National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The Canadian Home and School Federation is a national organization representing provincial Home and School Federations, and is the only organization linking provincial parent groups across Canada on issues of common national interest in public education. The Canadian Home and School Federation initiated the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (TSAW) in 1988. The purpose of this week is to encourage parents and the wider community to recognize the personal and professional contributions that our teachers and school staff make to children and their education.

Delegations:**1. French Immersion in Lake Country**

Presenter: Stephanie Lawton, PAC President – École Peter Greer Elementary School

Ms. Lawton presented to the Board of Education a proposal with 3 options to offer French Immersion in the Lake Country area due to the opening of the new H.S. Grenda Middle School in September 2021. The main goal of parents is to have French Immersion students continue with schooling within their community and offer French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School.

The Board will be undertaking a review of the District's Long-Term Facility Plan in the Fall. This topic will be included in their discussions.

Action Items:**1. Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee**

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

2. Enhancement Agreement – Mar Jok Elementary School – Outdoor Basketball Court

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Mar Jok Elementary School PAC for the creation of an outdoor asphalt basketball court.

3. Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation

The Board of Education agreed to sell 691 low carbon credits at the highest trading amount offered at the time of sale. The funds received on the sale of the credits will go towards further energy efficient initiatives.

4. Proposal for Substantive Change – Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Canyon Falls Middle School)

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change – Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Canyon Falls Middle School).

5. Proposal to Conduct the Canadian Index for Adolescent Health Upstream Project Survey as Developed by the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (CoH) at York University

The Board of Education approved the Grade 8 participation from two middle schools in the Canadian Index for Adolescent Health Upstream Project Survey.

6. Updated Acknowledgement of Okanagan Territory

The Board of Education approved the updated acknowledgement of the Okanagan Territory as follows:
"The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People."

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020
2. General Statement – January 15, 2020

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at events throughout the District including the Okanagan College Gateway Program Graduation, the performance at Triple Threat Theatre at Okanagan Mission Secondary School of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, the Harmony Day Living Library Middle School Conference, and the BCIT/School District Dual Credit Graduation ceremony.
2. **Student Enrollment**
A reminder that student enrollment for September 2020 will open on February 3, 2020 at 7:00 am.
3. **Ready Set Learn**
All elementary schools in the Central Okanagan Public Schools will be providing Early Learning opportunities for families to build connections between home and school. The schedule of individual school events is posted on the District's webpage.
4. The Indigenous Education Department, in partnership with the Early Learning Team, hosted the **Annual Primary Winter Gathering** for all Grade 2/3 Indigenous students throughout the District. Over 600 primary students joined in the celebration.
5. **2020-2021 Budget Presentation**
The public presentation explaining how the District's budget is established will take place prior to the COPAC Meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm at Hollywood Road Education Services – Room 3. All those interested in learning more about the School District 2020/2021 budget and how to provide input are encouraged to attend.
6. The Partners for Inclusive Education would like to let everyone know that the month of **February** is **Inclusive Education Month**.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

6:00 pm

Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

4:00 pm Policy Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

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