



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, October 13, 2021

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23":

1. **Placing Students at the Center of Numeracy**

In attendance from Canyon Falls Middle School:

Carson Tonn, Acting Vice-Principal

Christina Hidalgo, Teacher

Sydney Hertz, Teacher

A video was shown "Growing Mathematical Competencies at Canyon Falls Middle School". The video displayed how teacher, Sydney Hertz, and the learners in her Grade 6-8 Learning Community, began the year by exploring mathematical competencies and mindsets.

Introduction:

1. **Kate Cook, Human Resources Manager**

In attendance: Bob McEwen, Executive Director of Human Resources

The Board of Education welcomed Kate Cook, Human Resources Manager, to the District.

Declaration:

1. **School Bus Safety Awareness Week – October 18 – 22, 2021**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of October 18th through 22nd as 'School Bus Safety Awareness Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. **Annual Cap Review – International Students at École Kelowna Secondary School**

The Board of Education agreed to a cap of 50 FTE of international students at École Kelowna Secondary School for 2022-2023. Also, the Board of Education will annually review the cap on international students by mid-October for as long as the capacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School persist.

2. **Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report – September 2021**

The Board of Education approved the Central Okanagan Public Schools first Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report – September 2021 which is a requirement of the Ministry of Education. The report meets the legislative requirements indicated in the Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order. The Report further describes the Board's current approach to continuous improvement of student achievement. The data within the Report indicates that most of the District's performance results are at or above provincial averages. The achievement data further supports the Board's strategic directions and the current intervention strategies for numeracy and early literacy. The implementation of the reporting requirements

of the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning will replace the annual Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement that has been presented to the Board in June of each school year. The approved Annual Report will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education and posted on the School District website.

3. Vaccination Mandate

The Board of Education distributed a News Release late in the afternoon of October 13th titled "Board Reviewing Implications of Vaccine Mandate". The News Release can be viewed on the School District website at [http://www.sd23.bc.ca/DistrictInfo/newsreleases/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/DistrictInfo/newsreleases/Pages/default.aspx#/).

The Board of Education passed the following Motion:

THAT: The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to prepare a comprehensive report on any effects of a potential vaccine mandate for staff.

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to Premier Horgan, the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Officer regarding our expectation that any mandate for staff vaccines would have been a provincial decision in a provincial health order and that they would cover any costs.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

- This afternoon outside of Rutland Middle School there was an anti-mask and anti-vaccine protest. Due to interactions between students and the protestors, the RCMP were on site.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022
2. General Statement - September 29, 2021
3. Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Reopening Review – Update
4. Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review – Update
The preliminary survey results were reviewed for both the Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Reopening Review and the Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review. Considerations will be presented at the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 and public engagement sessions are planned for late November 2021.
5. District Student Council 2021-2022
The Board of Education congratulated the students who comprise the 2021-2022 District Student Council.

Items of Special Mention

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

- Congratulations to **Trustee Chantelle Desrosiers** on her interview posted in the back to school issue of the Capital Planner newsletter. The Capital Planner is a newsletter which explores perspectives on business and financial management, using an interdisciplinary approach. Trustee Desrosiers answered questions on the size of the District, unique challenges, advantages, Board cohesion, the operating budget and Ministry funding, trends in education, and COVID-19 and the start of the school year.
- Administrators and school teams were congratulated on their planning for a successful Administrative Implementation Day on Friday, October 8, 2021 with a strong focus on Truth and Reconciliation. Guest presenters included Kevin Lamoureux, Associate Vice-President of Indigenous Affairs at the University of Winnipeg, and Anona Fawn Kampe, a member of the Penticton Indian Band.
- Teachers and staff from throughout the Central Okanagan will be participating in the Teacher Professional Day on Friday, October 22nd. The theme this year is *BALANCE: Personal and Professional Equilibrium* with the keynote speaker Mary Gordon, an award-winning social entrepreneur, educator, best-selling author, parenting expert, and child advocate who has created an international children's

charity, Roots of Empathy. Thirty-nine sessions will be offered with a broad range of subject areas and self-care offerings. The Superintendent expressed appreciation to the leadership of the COTA for their efforts in organizing the professional day activities.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Board Room - 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 20, 2021
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee Meeting
Board Room - 1040 Hollywood Road South

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