



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, May 12, 2021
By Zoom

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. La Vie En Turquoise – Our Journey of Reflection and Hope

Presenters from École Dorothea Walker Elementary School:

Sue Bergen, Principal
Raelyn Larmet, Vice-Principal
Stacey Lea, Teacher (unable to participate)
Stephanie Lisk, Parent

A video of the project was presented.

This mural project was inspired by a wish to reflect on the past year through a positive lens and bring the community together – even as everyone continued to be distanced from each other. The students and staff at École Dorothea Walker Elementary School chose to document their resilience and find beauty and strength where there was challenge, fear and uncertainty. The project itself is a collage which began with each class recording their messages in text. Layers of material were added in stages so that every child and adult had a hand somewhere in the finished piece. The edges of each section are intentionally overlapped to indicate the connectedness through community.

Action Items:

1. Student Support Services Program Review (Level 2)

The Board of Education accepted the Student Support Services Program Review (Level 2). The District reviews programs on a cyclical basis and the Level 2 Review of the Student Support Services Program is a part of the regular cycle.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

- The vaccine clinics for Central Okanagan Public Schools' staff has completed. There may be an additional clinic in June for those staff who were not able to participate in the clinics previously.
- The number of exposures per day in schools continues on a downward trajectory.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
2. General Statement – April 28, 2021
3. Indigenous Education Preliminary Budget (2021/2022 Fiscal Year)
4. Financial Update – March 31, 2021
5. Draft Long Term Facilities Plan

Items Requiring Special Mention

Trustees spoke of their attendance at the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council Meeting AGM and District Student Council Meeting. The Board Chairperson spoke of the following:

1. A letter was recently received by the Board of Education from Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association President, Scott Sieben, expressing appreciation to Superintendent of Schools/CEO Kevin Kaardal and Executive Director of Human Resources Bob McEwen for "going above and beyond to ensure that all staff members who wished to be vaccinated were assigned a time. It was a tremendous organizational accomplishment". The COPVPA further commended members of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association who collaborated to provide coverage for their colleagues to ensure the process of the vaccination of staff went smoothly.

The Board Chairperson stated that Mr. Kaardal and Mr. McEwen would want their teams recognized for their hard work. She also commended Principals and Vice-Principals for their leadership in working with their school staff and for their hard work over the past year.

2. School Trustee By-Election

The nomination period is now open from May 11th through to May 21st at 4:00 pm. Candidate nomination packages are available at the City of Kelowna, Office of the City Clerk (2nd floor, City Hall). There are two dates for advanced voting: Wednesday, June 16th and Wednesday, June 23rd from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Hollywood Road Education Centre. General voting day is Saturday, June 26th from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Rutland Senior Secondary, Okanagan Mission Secondary, École Kelowna Senior Secondary and École Dr. Knox Middle.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
6:00 pm (via Zoom)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 19, 2021
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee Meeting (by Zoom)
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee Meeting (by Zoom)

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