



"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, May 10, 2017

Presentation: "Inside 23"

1. RCMP School Resource Officers

In attendance: Constable Fred Arnold, Constable Robyn Boffy
Constable Sherri Lund, Constable Lesley Smith

Al Lalonde, District Principal of Learning Support Services, described the role of the RCMP School Resource Officers who provide support to our schools, students, and families in each of our four municipalities. Constable Robyn Boffy defined her position as "helping students become awesome adults". Constable Boffy also shared the proactive nature of building relationships with school communities. Constable Sherri Lund provided a further description of the ways each officer becomes intertwined with the fabric of the school community, learning deeply how best to support each unique cohort of students. One example of influence was the implementation of the Preventing Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) Program to help students understand the grave consequences of engaging in risky behaviours.

The Board of Education recognized Constable Robyn Boffy, Constable Georgina Josefsson, Constable Sherri Lund, Constable Brandwyn Rigby and Constable Erin Willcocks for their exemplary work in our schools during their tenure as Resource Officers.

The Board of Education welcomed the following newly-appointed RCMP School Resource Officers for the 2017/2018 school year: Constable Fred Angulo, Constable Fred Arnold, Constable Kelly Boudreau, Constable Dave Caley, and Constable Lesley Smith.

Recognition:

1. Regional Heritage Fair – Kelowna Museum Society

Shelley Weber, Kelowna Museum Society, described the Regional Heritage Fair and the way in which students projects are assessed. The following acknowledges the students who showcased exceptional projects:

Runner-up

Landon Tew, Anne McClymont Elementary: *Was British Columbia Almost a Part of the USA?*
(Landon explained his project to the Board of Education.)

Chinese Canadian Historical Society History Award

Anna Wolters, Anne McClymont Elementary: *Railway to a New Life*

The Board of Education recognized the staff at the Kelowna Museum for partnering with the Central Okanagan Public Schools to facilitate the annual Heritage Fair.

Presentation:

1. Foundry Kelowna

In attendance: Melissa Feddersen, Foundry Kelowna Centre Manager

A brief presentation was made to the Board of Education providing an overview of the new Foundry Kelowna site.

Action Items:

1. The McCreary Centre Society 'Foundry Baseline Study'

The Board of Education approved grade 9 and grade 10 student participation in the McCreary Centre Society 'Foundry Baseline Study' on adolescent access to mental health services.

Information Items:

Superintendent's Emergent Issues:

- The Superintendent discussed the Emergency Operations Evacuation Alert and potential flooding at George Elliott Secondary School. The high riverbanks of Vernon Creek are being monitored as this poses a threat of flooding and is considered a safety hazard for the community. Emergency Plans, including sandbagging riverbanks, evacuation plans, relocating students, and possible staging areas, have been set in place. Emergency Plans have been communicated to the parents of George Elliot Secondary School.
- Some of the bus runs on the Westside have been rerouted to include alternate bus stops due to current flooding.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. *13 Reasons Why*
The Superintendent recently distributed a letter to all Central Okanagan Public Schools' parents to ensure parents are aware and informed of the Netflix series '13 Reasons Why' about a young girl who dies by suicide and the message she leaves for 13 people she feels are responsible for her pain. The show is targeted for students sixteen years of age or older.
2. Month End Enrolment – April 2017
3. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017
4. General Statement

Items of Special Mention:

- Friday, May 19th is the **District's Non-Instructional Day**. School will not be in session. Teachers will be engaged in professional learning, involving the implementation of the redesigned curriculum.
- The opening reception for "**Art in Action**" takes place Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Kelowna Art Gallery from 6:00 p.m. – 8: 00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

- Friday, April 28, 2017 marked the annual **"Day of Mourning"**. A service was held at the Central Okanagan Public Schools' Operation Department on Dease Road with Trustee representatives, senior staff, and Operations' staff in attendance.
- The Central Okanagan Public Schools' Annual Elementary **Zonal Track Meet** was recently held, connecting our young athletes from across the District. The Board of Education commended all involved in this annual event.
- **Constable Neil Bruce (CNB) Middle School** hosted the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, Judith Guichon, on Thursday, May 4th, 2017. The Superintendent commended the students of CNB Middle School for their conduct and thoughtful questions posed to the Honourable Guichon.
- **Quigley Elementary School** recently hosted MADD Canada and the RCMP and supporters of Alexa's Team for the 2016 Alexa's Team recipient awards for the southeast District area of British Columbia. Sixty police officers from across the southeastern region of BC were acknowledged for their efforts in combating and reducing impaired driving offences in their communities.
- The Board of Education commended the **District Student Council** for their coordination of a District-wide Dodgeball event, involving teams from all secondary schools. Over \$800.00 was raised to support the 'Giving Giggles' Kelowna Hospital Foundation Fundraiser.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

1:00 pm	Finance and Legal Committee
4:00 pm	Planning and Facilities Committee

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