



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, March 10, 2021
By Zoom

Prior to calling the meeting to order, the Board Chairperson, Moyra Baxter, made the following statement:
Before we proceed with the Regular Public Board Meeting I am going to say a few words (a slide with a picture and outlining the 54 years of service of Rolli Cacchioni was displayed).

If this Board Meeting was taking place in the Board Room instead of by Zoom, we would have an empty seat at the table. That seat belonged to our fellow trustee Rolli Cacchioni. Mr. Cacchioni had a long career in this School District. I first met him when my youngest son was at KLO Secondary, and then, when I became a school trustee, I knew him as a Principal in the District. After he was elected to the School Board, it took me some time to stop calling him Mr. Cacchioni and start calling him Trustee Cacchioni in public and Rolli in private.

Rolli Cacchioni committed himself to service – to his students and youth in general, to his colleagues, to the community at large and to his church. The profound sadness at his passing has been felt throughout the Central Okanagan.

(A slide outlining the ways to recognize Rolli Cacchioni, including donating to the Rolli Cacchioni Memorial Award [through the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society] and donating to the BC Cancer Society, along with the details of his funeral arrangements, was displayed.)

This is the information regarding honouring Rolli and his legacy. This will be posted on the School District website and is also available on the Springfield Funeral Home website. A plaque will be placed on Rolli's trustee photo and given to his family. As a former Board Chair, his photo will remain in the Board Room. We will miss Rolli and won't forget him.

All trustees and the thousands of staff members throughout the School District send our sincere condolences to Mary and the family.

Let's pause for a moment of reflection.

Thank you.

And now, if Rolli were here with us, he would signal to me with his "let's get on with business" look.

So, I will call the meeting to order.

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Sustainability Development Challenge

Carmen Denby, the Coordinator of the Sustainability Development Challenge, provided an introduction of the history of the Sustainability Development Challenge.

Founded by local community leaders in 2003, **Global Citizen Events** is an annual initiative that promotes the UN Sustainable Development Goals and celebrates the impact Okanagan citizens have in global and local humanitarian efforts. Their mission is to Entertain, Educate and Inspire to Action: <https://www.globalcitizenevents.com/>. The **Sustainable Development Challenge** is one of several events held each February. Each year they are partnering with more community organizations to help them reach our city's youth and provide them with this platform.

Students from the top 3 teams provided an overview of their projects.

Third Place: **ZED ED** - École Kelowna Secondary School

Establish a podcast Studio to give voice to youth about issues they face with the hopes of spreading the Podcast district wide.

- Team members: Cameron Simon, Hanna Howard, Helen Kang, and Heather Ikesaka
- Support Teacher: Dayna Margetts

Second Place: **OKM Composting** - Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Set up a composting program at OKM.

- Team members: Avery Ford, Madeleine Darlington, and Taylor Blenkin
- Support teachers: Mike Ross and Jasmine Lemon

First place: **Our Voice for Change** - Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Reduce or eliminate the use of animal dissection in the Science classes

- Team members: Lexie Pfenning, Annabelle Lee, Erin Work, and Caitlin Mahony
- Support Teacher: Mike Dornian

Action Items:

1. Advocacy for Children in Care – Part 1

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting an update on the Ministry of Education's progress towards responding to the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) Report: *Room for Improvement: Toward Better Education Outcomes for Children in Care (2017)*.

2. Enhancement Agreement – Glenrosa Elementary School GaGa Ball Court

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Glenrosa Elementary School for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court.

3. 2021-2022 School Calendar

The Board of Education adopted a Local School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO will direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

The 2021-2022 school calendar will be posted on the School District website under District Info – Calendar.

4. By-Election

Due to the vacancy on the Board of Education from the passing of Trustee Rolli Cacchioni, a by-election is required. Therefore, the Board of Education approved the following Motion:

THAT: The Board of Education notify the City of Kelowna of the required by-election to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

- The Board Chairperson and Superintendent of Schools/CEO expressed their gratitude to all staff, students and families for their courage and patience over the past year.
- The number of exposures in Central Okanagan Public Schools have significantly declined. In the past two-week period there have been ten exposures.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
2. General Statement – February 24, 2021
3. 2021 – 2022 School Fees Summary
4. The Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report – October 1 to December 31, 2020
5. Long Term Facilities Plan Consultation – Survey III Results

Items of Special Mention

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Trustees reported on attendance at School Community Learning Plan Conversations, and provided a reminder that schools will be closed Monday, March 15th through to Friday, March 26th for spring break.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
6:00 pm (via Zoom)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

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