



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, April 28, 2021
By Zoom

Recognition of Day of Mourning

A moment of silence was held to commemorate workers who have been killed or injured on the job, or who have suffered illness as a result of their work. The flags at the Operations Department and School Board Office were lowered to half mast in recognition of today.

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. District Student Performances Featured at BCSTA AGM

The 2021 BCSTA Annual General Meeting was held virtually April 15 through to April 18, 2021. As part of the AGM, three Central Okanagan Public Schools videos were featured and shown during the breaks. Two of the videos were shown. The third video was O Canada and the Okanagan Song from Harmony Day 2016.

Rutland Senior Secondary School Company Dance Class

"The Rainbow Project"

- Link: https://youtu.be/m7dhPX_5UoQ

In the 2019/2020 school year, Jennifer Skogstad, Dance Teacher at Rutland Senior Secondary School, worked alongside her Company Dance Class during the COVID-19 pandemic, to prepare a dance video. Dance students conducted their dance individually and a video was collated to the song "Rainbows".

OKM Virtual Senior Jazz Band

"Cotton Tail"

- Link: <https://youtu.be/HGc3DSaQr5A>

In the 2019/2020 school year, Megan Frederick, Music Director at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, worked on a virtual project with her Senior Jazz Band during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each student recorded their individual pieces at home. The audio was then edited by Ms. Frederick to make a 'virtual' performance. The goal was to learn the new skill of playing/recording to a click track, but most importantly the goal was to keep the students connected making music together. The students performed Duke Ellington's 1940 classic swing tune – Cotton Tail.

2. Kelowna Civic and Community Award Winners
Recognition of Central Okanagan Public Schools students, teacher and former trustee

Participating by Zoom:

Derek Lea, Principal, OKM
Tian Whitehead, Grade 12, OKM
Julius Brooker, Grade 12, OKM
Meghan Faust, Teacher/Coach, OKM

Young Citizen of the Year:

Tian Whitehead, Grade 12, OKM

Teen Honour in the Arts Award:

Julius Brooker, Grade 12, OKM

Bob Giordano Memorial Award for Coach of the Year:

Meghan Faust, Teacher, OKM

Anita Tozer Memorial Award:

Rolli Cacchioni (former Trustee)

The Board of Education congratulated all recipients for receiving Kelowna Civic and Community Awards.

Declaration:

1. Mental Health Week – May 3-9, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 3 to 9, 2021 as Mental Health Week in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Presentations:

1. Catchment Over Capacity

Presenter: Alena Cockwell, Parent of Incoming Kindergarten Student

Ms. Cockwell presented to the Board the complications she encountered in registering her son for Kindergarten at Mar Jok Elementary School. The Board Chairperson acknowledged the overcrowding issues on the Westside and throughout the School District. The Board of Education welcomes support from parents and the community as the School District advocates for new schools and expansions to current schools. More information on advocacy can be obtained by visiting the School District website:

[http://www.sd23.bc.ca/boardadvocacy/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/boardadvocacy/Pages/default.aspx#/)

Staff Presentations:

1. Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2021/2022 Budget Presentation

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a brief PowerPoint outlining the highlights of the 2021/2022 budget recommendations. The 2021/2022 Annual Budget Bylaw will come to the Board of Education for final approval at the June 23, 2021 Public Board Meeting before submission to the Ministry of Education.

Action Items:

1. Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2021/2022 Budget Recommendations

The Board of Education approved the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO Budget Recommendations. The Board of Education agreed to issue a public statement regarding the challenges the Board is faced with in regards to the School District's 2021/2022 budget.

2. **Trustee Indemnity for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year**

The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 0.7% for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 thereby setting the stipend at:

Trustees	\$21,802
Vice-Chair	\$23,026
Chair	\$24,886

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

- All staff are continuing to do an excellent job reducing transmissions in schools. Although there continues to be exposures, the numbers over the past week have gone down.

The Board Chairperson was pleased to announce that all Central Okanagan Public Schools staff will be receiving their vaccine over the next 5 days.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
2. General Statement – April 14, 2021
3. Appointment of Vice-Chair: Second Term (May 14, 2021 – November 10, 2021)
The Board of Education has appointed Trustee Desrosiers as Board Vice-Chairperson until the November 10, 2021 Board of Education Annual General Meeting.
4. Draft Strategic Plan
Public Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, May 4, 2021
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Via Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/67139343998>
Strategic Plan Survey II
April 28, 2021 – May 12, 2021

Items Requiring Special Mention

1. Today is **National Administrative Assistants Day**. On behalf of all Administrative Assistants in Central Okanagan Public Schools, a donation was made to the Central Okanagan Community Food Bank.
2. Along with several other classes across the country, a senior Social Studies class at KSS participated in a town hall with the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister today. This was a great opportunity for our students to have a conversation with the Prime Minister and the Deputy Minister about issues that impact youth.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
6:00 pm (via Zoom)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
4:00 pm Policy Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

For comments, please contact:

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