



"Together We Learn"

**School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)**

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, June 8, 2016

Presentations:

1. "Inside 23"

1.1 Inter-Generational Pilot Project – Dr. Knox Middle School

Vianne Kintzinger, Director of Instruction K-12, presented to the Board of Education on the Inter-Generational Program currently offered at Dr. Knox Middle School. A video was shown highlighting the partnership between Dr. Knox Middle School and the Highlands Retirement Home. The video demonstrated a typical day students have at the Highlands Retirement Home. The Inter-Generational Project focuses on the social and emotional growth of the students and the emotional well-being of all involved.

1.2 "Get Loud" for Mental Health

Crystal Zaseybida, Teacher at KSS, encouraged the Board of Education to "Get Loud" for mental health, especially supporting students who are involved in yearend provincial exams.

Recognition:

1. Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarian Association – 10 Years of District Author Visits

The following members of the Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarian Association Author Committee were recognized:

Angela MacRitchie, Committee Chair

Misty Smith (Committee member and COTLA President)

Unable to attend:

Pat Kirkey

Lisa Kurio

Stacey Manoin

Sarah Parmar

2. Rotary Students

The following Rotary Students were introduced and welcomed by the Board of Education:

Yaika Zeeman from Holland (attending Mount Boucherie Secondary in grade 11)

Maria Bernardes Augusto from Brazil (attending KSS in grade 11)

3. Regional Science Fair Winners

The Board of Education recognized the following students for their placement at the Regional Science Fair:

***Genome British Columbia Award and
BC Greenhouse Growers' Association Award***

Mutant Plants

Keira Dail, Davidson Road Elementary School

CWSF Student for Science Fair Foundation of BC

Power of Phi

Teryl Bates, Dr. Knox Middle School

Tes Yeux Sont...ROUGES?

Patricia Humer, KLO Middle School

Wasted Water – Do We Really Need Watering Restrictions?

Ainsley Horton, KLO Middle School

Pump up the Velocity

Teagan Ribbink, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

SCWIST Award

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Ainsley Horton, KLO Middle School

BC Science Teachers' Award

Stress Buster

Georgia Sweet, KLO Middle School

Action Items:

1. 2016-2017 CommunityLINK Allocation

The Board of Education approved the Recommended School-Based CommunityLINK Allocations.

2. Policy Review – Library Learning Commons

The Board of Education approved **new** Policy 532 – Library Learning Commons. The Board tabled the amendments to Policy 460 – Appeals, Regulations 460.1R – Appeals, Form 460.1 – Request for Reconsideration of Learning Resource(s), Policy 535 – Instructional Resources and Library Resources and Regulations 535R – Instructional Resources and Library Resources to the fall of 2016, enabling time for staff to collaboratively develop a corresponding administrative procedure.

3. French Immersion Review – Task Force Bundled Options

The Board of Education agreed to meet with the French Immersion Steering Committee for further discussions on the four bundled options and the General Affairs Committee members who are not on the French Immersion Steering Committee.

4. Ministry Early Learning Agreement Approval

The Board of Education approved the Early Learning Agreement with the Ministry of Education.

5. Amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Staff is beginning to review the Westside growth pressures which may or may not result in a grade reconfiguration. The Project Identification Report (PIR) process is in the beginning phase to determine patterns of growth and future space requirements in Westside schools. At this time, there is no plan to implement a grade reconfiguration on the Westside.

The Superintendent of Schools and the Chairperson of the Board recently toured the Minister of Education through Rutland Middle School to discuss the current facility challenges associated with the Rutland Middle School building.

2. May 31, 2016 \$25 Million in Redirected Administrative Savings for School Districts

The Central Okanagan School District will receive \$967,983.00 of redirected administrative savings for the 2016-2017 school year. The Board will determine, through consultation at the upcoming June 15, 2016 Public Finance and Legal Committee meeting and the June 22, 2016 Public Board meeting, how this additional funding will be allocated.

3. Ministry Response to Annual Capital Plan Submission (Non-Monetary Bylaw)

The Annual Capital Plan projects were reviewed by the Secretary Treasurer.

4. The Board of Education reviewed the Grant Thornton Report to the Finance and Legal Committee – Initial Communication on Audit Planning, School Fees 2016/2017, Financial Update – International Education Program, Trustee Travel Expenses, the Executive Members for COPVA, COTA and COPAC partner groups, Field Trips 2015/2016 and the General Statement.

Items Requiring Special Mention:

B.C. Retired Teachers' Association Gold Star Award

Sharon Foster, teacher at Shannon Lake Elementary School, was recently recognized with the 'Gold Star Award' for her leadership in coordinating and facilitating the intergenerational project between Smith Creek Retirement Home and Shannon Lake Elementary School.

Mikayla Spence, Central Okanagan School District graduate, has recently had her book, "Prince S", recognized as an approved Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium (ERAC) resource.

The '**Together We Learn**' June edition was distributed to schools this week. The 'Together We Learn' celebrates the multiple pathways to graduation. Congratulations to the 1,960 Central Okanagan School District Graduates!

The **Central Okanagan School District Track & Field Meet** was held today at the Apple Bowl. This Meet involved over 800 grades 4, 5, and 6 students. Jim Bradshaw, coordinator of the District Track & Field Meet, was recognized for his ongoing leadership in organizing the annual Meet.

The Annual **Central Okanagan School District Retirement Celebration** was held on Saturday, June 4th. Forty-two retirees were in attendance. (There are a total of 74 retirees this year to date.) John Simonson, Director of Instruction (K-12) and the District's Human Resources Department was recognized for organizing this annual event.

The **FAT CAT CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL** is being held Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th at Kelowna's Waterfront Park.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting:

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

June 15, 2016
4:30 pm Planning and Facilities Committee
6:30 pm Finance and Legal Committee

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