

# 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 22, 2019

#### Recognition:

# City of Kelowna Civic and Community Award Winners

In attendance:

Troy White, Principal, Kelowna Secondary School Hugh Alexander, Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School Sarah Watson, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School Darryl Smith, Vice-Principal, George Elliot Secondary School

The Board of Education acknowledged the following teachers and students who were City of Kelowna Civic and Community Award winners:

Teen Honour in the Arts Award

Annette Bakala, student at Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Honour in the Arts Award

Ryan Grenier, teacher at Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award (Female)

Lonica McKinney, student at Kelowna Secondary School

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award (Male)

Brandon Frechette, student at George Elliot Secondary School (unable to attend)

Young Volunteer of the Year Award (Female)

Keneisha Charles, student at Rutland Senior Secondary School

Young Volunteer of the Year Award (Male)

Matthew Richardson, student at Kelowna Secondary School

#### Inside 23:

# The France Exchange Program

In attendance:

Wendy Briggs, Principal, École Glenmore Elementary School Armelle Moran, French Immersion Consultant Val Kolesar, French Immersion teacher, École Kelowna Secondary School

#### Students:

Carter Ekelund (Grade 11 – Rutland Senior Secondary)
Ryan Wasylyshyn (Grade 11 – Rutland Senior Secondary)
Logan Mazza (Grade 11 – Rutland Senior Secondary)
Josie Davies (Grade 10 French Immersion – École Kelowna Secondary School)

In March of 2018, the Board of Education approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Central Okanagan Public Schools and The Academie of Grenoble. An official signing of the Memorandum of Understanding took place in October 2018. The Memorandum states the common intention is to actively engage in creating and sustaining multiple and diverse linguistic, intercultural and pedagogical opportunities for both students and educators by supporting meaningful and authentic interactions between the Academie de Grenoble and Central Okanagan Public Schools. Twelve students from Kelowna Secondary and George Elliot Secondary participated in the exchange in Year 1 (2017-2018). In Year 2 (2018/2019), nineteen grade 10 students from George Elliot Secondary, École Kelowna Secondary, Rutland Secondary and Mount Boucherie Secondary participated in the exchange from March 16th through April 13th, and thirty grade 11 students from the same schools departed March 16th and returned on April 27th. Teachers and administrators participated in a one-week exchange. The students, Madame Kolesar and Madame Briggs spoke of their positive experience in participating in the France Exchange Program this year.

# Recognition:

1. Al Hopgood, Springvalley Middle School Teacher - Bob Burton Spirit Award (California Association of Directors of Activities)

The Board of Education recognized Al Hopgood, as the recipient of the Bob Burton Spirit Award, California Association of Directors of Activities. This award is presented to an individual who makes SPIRIT WORK, who makes a positive difference, and who emphasizes inclusion with all students and members.

2. Catrina Stevens, Grade 12, George Elliot Secondary and Rutland Senior Secondary First Place - Optimist Club's Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Board of Education recognized Catrina Stevens, for receiving first place in the Optimist Club's Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Catrina's beautifully written and executed speech on this year's topic of "*Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?*" earned her a \$1,250 Scholarship from the Optimist International Club, an iPad and trophy.

# **Declaration:**

1. Access Awareness Day – Saturday, June 1, 2019

The Board of Education declared Saturday, June 1, 2019 as Access Awareness Day. Celebrated annually on the first Saturday in June, Access Awareness Day focuses on working with community partners to raise awareness about disability, accessibility and inclusion. Access Awareness Day is possible because of the hard work and dedication of individuals across British Columbia who are committed to building a Province where everyone is included. Through Access Awareness Day, SPARC BC encourages communities to come together through local events, workshops and community dialogues to promote and support the active inclusion and engagement of people of all abilities.

The theme for this year's Access Awareness Day is "Accessibility Makes Communities More Complete". The goal is to draw attention to accessibility as integral to where people live, work, learn and play.

#### Staff Presentation:

# 1. Central Okanagan Hub

Presenter:

Robert Zoppi, Principal, Pearson Road Elementary School

The Central Okanagan Family Hub is a one-stop shop to access family services and community supports. In order for the Hub to remain open to support parents and children (ages 0 to 12), they are seeking \$100,000 to continue this service. Over the past 3 years, the Hub has helped 12,862 visitors (6,106 adults and 6,756 children) and continues to grow. There were 1,617 referrals to over 35 various community services with 583 group sessions offered. Donations to date include \$1,300 from the Rutland Elementary Student Voice Club and a donation from the District Student Council with the proceeds from a dodgeball tournament. The Pearson Road Elementary Parent Advisory Council is challenging other Parent Advisory Councils to meet their \$250 donation. The "A Lot for a Little" campaign is a five week fundraiser put on by KCR Community Resources. More information will be forthcoming on their next fundraising event to be held on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Action Items:**

# Approval of New Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Aquatic Studies – Pre-Lifeguarding 12

The Board of Education approved the new Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Aquatic Studies – Pre-Lifeguarding 12 course at Rutland Senior Secondary School.

# 2. Proposal for Substantive Change – Pre-Lifeguarding Academy

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change – Pre-Lifeguarding Academy at Rutland Senior Secondary School.

# 3. Proposal for External Partnership with UBC – Okanagan School of Education for EDUC 104 Introduction to Academic Pedagogy: An Aboriginal Perspective

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for External Partnership with UBC – Okanagan School of Education for EDUC 104.

# 4. Amended Policy 365 – Employee Discipline

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 365 – Employee Discipline.

# 5. Aboriginal Education Council Name Change to "Indigenous Education Council"

The Board of Education agreed to the change of name of the Aboriginal Education Council to Indigenous Educational Council and revise all related documents accordingly.

# 6. Review of Transportation Fees for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year

The Board of Education set the transportation fee to \$225/year for each bus rider for the period effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. With the provincial grant and transportation fees, there remains a shortfall of \$2,603,059 which will be paid out of the general operating funds.

#### 7. Kelowna Pride

The Board of Education agreed to participate in Kelowna Pride activities on June 22, 2019 in order to share information about our LGBTQ+ inclusivity, and to collaborate with District Student Council if they so desire.

#### Information Items:

# The Board of Education reviewed the following:

- 1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary 2018/2019 and 2019/2020
- 2. General Statement May 8, 2019
- 3. Enrolment Summary April 30, 2019
- 4. Health Canada Consultation Youth Access to Vaping Products

The Health Canada Consultation "offers interested parties the opportunity to provide comments to inform the development of proposed regulatory measures that aim to reduce youth access and appeal of vaping products". The Board of Education encourages all members of the public to complete the Consultation document at:

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/programs/consultation-reducing-youth-access-appeal-vaping-products-potential-regulatory-measures.html.

# **Items Requiring Special Mention:**

Trustees reported on the following:

• This week is the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual **KSS Cancer Awareness Week**. All proceeds stay here in Kelowna with the BC Cancer Foundation. The schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Drive-thru Breakfast, Rona parking lot, 7:00 – 9:30 am

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Head Shaving at lunch hour

- Trustees spoke of their attendance at various events including the Aboriginal Graduation Ceremonies and the TEDxYouth presentations.
- Congratulations were extended to the President of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, Susan Bauhart, on her acclamation as President for 2019-2021. Also congratulations to the following Executive members:

1st Vice-President Lori Dawson Bedard 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Mary Hope Professional Development Chairperson 2 year term Joe Jamison (2019-2021)Treasurer Janelle Makowetski Health & Safety Chairperson April Smith Local Association Representative Kevin Layne Jane Nordquist April Smith Bargaining/Working & Learning Conditions Chairperson April Smith TTOC Chairperson Beth Wannop Aboriginal Education Chairperson Lana Kim 1 year term Melissa Harris Social Justice Chairperson (2019-2020)French as First or Working Language (FFWL) Chairperson Genevieve Hawtree Members at Large Clay McLeod Ed Schnellert Scott Margerison

# **Next Public Board Meeting**

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
6:00 pm
School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

# **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

4:00 pm Policy Committee

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

4:00 pm General Affairs Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

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