



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, January 13, 2021**
By Zoom

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Virtual Musical Greetings for B.C. Seniors

This past December, Okanagan Mission Secondary Jazz 12 students brightened the season for seniors living in care homes thanks to their talented playing and the video editing skills of their teacher.

Megan Frederick, Music Director at OKM Secondary, stated that the project gave her students a performance goal to work towards, taught them about the importance of giving back and supporting our senior population, and hopefully brought joy to everyone at long-term care facilities.

For the video, family members of residents provided pictures and video messages for their loved ones. Students recorded individual performance tracks on their instruments at home to the song Silver Bells.

A portion of the video prepared for the residents of Glenmore Lodge was shown. To view the full video, as well as the videos prepared for the Spring Valley Care Home and Stuart Lake Hospital, visit the YouTube Channel of Megan Frederick.

Declarations

1. Family Literacy Week – January 24-31, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of January 24 – January 31, 2021 as Family Literacy Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Family Literacy week is celebrated in Kelowna during the week of Family Literacy Day. *Family Literacy Day* takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in this initiative.

Presentations

1. École Dorothea Walker Elementary Parent Community – French Immersion at OKM

Presenter: Jennifer Huber, Parent

Ms. Huber presented on behalf of 117 French Immersion parents who have signed a letter setting out their concerns with the recommendation to create a French Immersion Program at Okanagan Mission Secondary School.

2. École KLO Middle School PAC – Concerns with Proposed Changes to French Immersion at KSS/KLO/OKM

Presenter: Dr. Jodi Morris, Parent

Dr. Morris presented on behalf of the École KLO Middle School parent community. 115 parents signed a letter of concern and 125 students signed a petition.

Action Items:

1. Capacity Plan for École Kelowna Secondary School

As École Kelowna Secondary School is currently at capacity and not able to accommodate the students who are expected next year, the Board of Education considered recommendations brought forward by senior staff to address this issue. The Board of Education approved the following:

- cap the number of International students at École Kelowna Secondary School to a maximum of 65 FTE, and that the Board annually review the cap on International students by mid-October for as long as the capacity issues at Ecole Kelowna Secondary persist.
- establish a secondary French Immersion program at Okanagan Mission Secondary School to begin in September of 2022.
- establish a French Immersion catchment for Okanagan Mission Secondary School with the same boundaries as the English catchment for Okanagan Mission Secondary School.

2. Enhancement Agreement – École Dorothea Walker Elementary School

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the École Dorothea Walker Elementary School PAC for the purchase and installation of a playground. The Board of Education further approved a \$50,000 loan be provided to the École Dorothea Walker Elementary School PAC to assist with the purchase and installation of a playground.

3. Enhancement Agreement – École Casorso Elementary School GaGa Ball Court

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

4. Establishment of H.S. Grenda Middle School Catchment Boundary

The new H.S. Grenda Middle School in Lake Country is targeted to open in September 2021. The Board of Education approved the establishment of a middle school catchment boundary for H.S. Grenda Middle School with the same catchment as George Elliot Secondary School.

5. Dissolving of the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

The Board of Education agreed to dissolve the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee, and therefore, deleted Board Policy 165 – Human Resources and Staff Services Committee.

6. Property Bylaw No. 153 – Fortis BC Inc. Statutory Right-of-Way on Operations Facility Site

The Board of Education gave first, second, third readings, and granted approval for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC Inc. on property known as Operations Facility.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues:

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that due to a wind storm coming through the Okanagan area on Tuesday evening, many households were without power for parts of the day. At Davidson Road Elementary School, once it was determined that the power would not be restored during the day, steps were taken for students to be picked up by their parents with a small number transported to George Elliot Secondary School. Power has since been restored to Davidson Road Elementary.

2. Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools, including a significant number of exposures prior to the Winter break. Since the return to school in January, there was one exposure last week and four so far this week. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO encouraged everyone to follow the directions of the Public Health Officer.

3. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021

4. General Statement – December 9, 2020

5. Video Surveillance – Annual Report to the Board

Items of Special Mention

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Trustees reported on the following:

1. Families interested in the **French Immersion Program for Kindergarten** learners are invited to attend one of the upcoming virtual open houses. Please visit the Central Okanagan Public Schools website for further details.
2. The Ministry of Education recently announced the change in dates for the writing of the **Foundation Skills Assessment**. The FSA will be administered to all grade 4 and 7 students between February 15th and March 12th, 2021.
3. The Board of Education met virtually with the District of Peachland Mayor and Council on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 27, 2021
6:00 pm (via Zoom)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 20, 2021
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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