



"Together We Learn"

Central Okanagan
Public Schools (No. 23)

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, January 17, 2018

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. "A Mindful Teaching Community: Possibilities for Teacher Professional Learning"

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"A Mindful Teaching Community: Possibilities for Teacher Professional Learning" describes a grassroots professional learning journey wherein a group of practicing classroom teachers research their teaching practices and the role of mindfulness in their learning. Using a mix of methods, this book illustrates how the stories of an educator can be uncovered, investigated, and transformed through practicing mindfulness within a community. Through the stories told in this collection, the teachers learn to see greater connections between their individual ways of thinking, their actions, and the greater system they live and work in. The storied inquiry of the educators offers unique possibilities for teachers' professional learning." (*Amazon.ca*)

Teacher Mr. McLeod described the 'mindfulness practice' and its influence on enhancing engagement, teaching and learning. Mindfulness practices include a foundation focused on kindness, an open mind and an open heart and are tailored to meet different needs and to address different goals. The Board of Education commended all involved in co-authoring this educational resource.

Introduction:

1. Christine Diel, Executive Assistant to Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

The Board of Education welcomed Christine Diel to the Central Okanagan Public School District.

Presentations:

1. Using Alternative Forms of Communicating Student Learning to Support the Implementation of the Redesigned Curriculum

In attendance: Jamie Robinson, District Principal for Leadership & Learning in Innovation
Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal, KLO Middle School
Karin Dumont, Teacher, KLO Middle School
Melanie Charest, Teacher, KLO Middle School

Mr. Robinson provided an overview of the District's multi-year work on implementing quality assessment and the District's Policy 506 – Principles of Assessment. Mr. Ragoonaden introduced

teachers, Melanie Charest and Karin Dumont, who are collaborating to implement the redesigned curriculum as well as piloting an alternate form of communicating student learning. Ms. Charest and Ms. Dumont described interdisciplinary planning and the way in which horizontal learning connects many core and curricular competencies. Digital portfolios highlight and communicate the students learning journey, learning records, and evaluation criteria on each of the learning targets. 'Areas of Strength' and 'Next Steps in Learning' for each student are provided to parents. Student testimonies emphasized how much they appreciate the way in which their learning is being extended, assessed, and communicated. KLO Middle School, Ms. Charest and Ms. Dumont were commended for the work that is taking place to set the conditions for deep learning.

2. Forum Prototype for Rutland Family of Schools – Community School Learning Plans

In attendance: Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Rutland Family of Schools

Mr. Rever described an upcoming Community Forum, hosted by the Rutland Family of Schools, to be held on January 30th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Rutland Secondary School. This forum, facilitated by students, teachers and Principals/Vice-Principals, will focus on highlighting School Community Learning Plans, the way in which the redesigned curriculum is being implemented, and how learning is being enhanced in our schools. The public is welcome to attend.

Action Items:

1. Appointment of Board Standing Committee Members

(See attached)

2. Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the District Bargaining Committee

(See attached)

3. Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the Aboriginal Education Council

(See attached)

4. Opportunity to Develop Dual Credit Course(s) with Vancouver Film School

The Board of Education approved the development of a Dual Credit partnership with the Vancouver Film School.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Board Representatives on District Committees
2. Board Representatives on Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies
3. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary Information
4. General Statement – December 13, 2017
5. General Statement – December 21, 2017

Items of Special Mention:

The President of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA) announced the opening of the new COTA office located at #101-200 Dougall Road North.

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- **French Immersion Open Houses** for new Kindergarten students are taking place in Dual Track French Immersion Schools in the next few weeks. For information, please visit www.sd23.bc.ca.

- The 2018 January edition of ***Together We Learn*** with the theme of "Authors of Our Own Learning" will be distributed to all schools next week.
- **On-line enrollment** for Kindergarten, new students and Schools of Choice K-12, opens on Monday, February 5th at 7:00 am. Schools will be open at 7:00 am to support parents that require assistance.
- On Friday, January 12, 2018 secondary Principals and senior leaders from around the region gathered for the **BCSSA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Regional Graduation Learning Years Program Forum** at Hollywood Road Education Services. The goal of the Forum was to share progress and wise practice on the implementation of the Graduation Learning Years Program and included a presentation from Pat Duncan, Superintendent of Learning, Ministry of Education.
- The Central Okanagan Public Schools **Graduation Rate data** will be distributed once further analysis of the data has been completed. The District's graduation rates continue to be above the provincial average. A full report will be provided in February at a Public Board Meeting.
- The **BCIT/Dual Credit Graduation Ceremony** will be taking place:
 - Date: Thursday, January 18th
 - Time: 6:00 pm
 - Location: Rutland Senior Secondary School

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 31, 2018
 6:00 pm at the School Board Office
 Wednesday, February 14, 2018
 6:00 pm at the School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 24, 2018
 4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee
 6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (Cancelled)

For comments, please contact:

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BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES - 2018

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Baxter

VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Cacchioni (Term 1 - January to May)
Trustee Gorman (Term 2 - June to December)

Note: The Board Chairperson is an ex-officio member of all Board Committees.

Board Standing Committees:

▪ **General Affairs Committee:**

Committee of the Whole

Chairperson: The Vice-Chairperson

Senior Staff Member: Superintendent of Schools/CEO – Kevin Kaardal

▪ **Coordinating Committee:**

Board Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson

Senior Staff Members: Superintendent of Schools/CEO – Kevin Kaardal

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Eileen Sadlowski

▪ **Education and Student Services Committee:**

Chairperson: Trustee Tiede

Two Members: Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Mossman

Senior Staff Member: Deputy Superintendent – Terry-Lee Beaudry

Note: The Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee also attends Education Committee Meetings of the BCSTA Branch (held the afternoons of Branch meetings).

▪ **Finance and Audit Committee:**

Chairperson: Trustee Fraser

Two Members: Trustee Tiede and Trustee Cacchioni

Senior Staff Member: Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

▪ **Policy Committee:**

Chairperson: Trustee Butler

Two Members: Trustee Gorman and Trustee Mossman

Senior Staff Member: Superintendent of Schools/CEO – Kevin Kaardal

▪ **Planning and Facilities Committee:**

Chairperson: Trustee Gorman

Two Members: Trustee Fraser and Trustee Butler

Senior Staff Member: Director of Operations – Mitch Van Aller

▪ **Human Resources and Staff Services Committee:** *(suspended for 2018)*

▪ **Executive Staff Management Committee:**

Chairperson: Trustee Mossman

Two Members: Board Chairperson, Trustee Baxter
and Trustee Butler

▪ **District Bargaining Committee:**

Representative: Trustee Butler

Alternate: Trustee Tiede

BOARD REPRESENTATION ON DISTRICT COMMITTEES - 2018

- **District Aboriginal Education Council (Staff Rep - Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent):**
Generally meets four times a year at 9:00 am, September, November, February and May, alternating between WFN Community Services Centre and HRES

Representative:	Trustee Butler
Representative:	Trustee Fraser
One Alternate:	Trustee Mossman