



"Together We Learn"

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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, November 2, 2016

Presentations:

"Inside 23"

School Psychologists

Al Lalonde, District Principal - Learning Support Services, introduced two of the Central Okanagan School District's School Psychologists, Nola Hedstrom-Beblow and Blair Murray. The School District currently employs 9 School Psychologists. Ms. Hedstrom-Beblow and Mr. Murray outlined their experience in the District and the requirements to become a School Psychologist. The role of the School Psychologist in schools was presented which includes:

- assessing students and determining if they meet Ministry of Education criteria for a learning disability or an intellectual disability
- making specific and appropriate data based recommendations for interventions to support a student's academic, cognitive and social emotional growth
- collaborating and consulting with families, administrators, School Based Teams, counsellors, doctors, other specialist teachers, classroom teachers, across multiple schools

Recognition:

1. Government of Canada History Awards for Teachers

The Board of Education recognized the following for receiving the Government of Canada History Awards for teachers:

Ryan Holly, Teacher – Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Jillian Cornock, Teacher – Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Dayna Hart, Teacher-Librarian – Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

The project was how imperialism has affected the Aboriginal community and studying of the Medicine Wheel.

2. National Bullying Awareness Week – November 13-19, 2016

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of November 13-19, 2016 as "Bullying Awareness Week" in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Bullying Awareness Week began as a joint declaration of Bullying.org and the Family Channel, a national children, youth and family television network. Since its inception, Bullying Awareness Week has grown in support and is increasingly recognized by schools, individuals, organizations and communities as a time to celebrate and promote solutions to the problems of bullying. For more information visit: www.bullyingawarenessweek.org.

Action Items:

1. Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses

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

2. Policy 645 – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 645 – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV).

Information Items:

Superintendent's Emergent Issues:

The Superintendent acknowledged the tragedy that occurred yesterday at Abbotsford Senior Secondary School. As a part of our critical incident response process, letters to parents and staff have been distributed on how to provide support to students during times of grief. On behalf of the District, the Superintendent expressed condolences to the staff, students, affected families and the community.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Update: Second Annual Ministry of Education Liaison Meeting/BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs
An update will be provided at the next Public Board Meeting and a draft letter requesting that the Ministry of Education delay the implementation of the 10-12 Graduation Years Program.
2. Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies
Kelowna – Trustee Tiede and Trustee Gorman
Lake Country – Trustee Butler
Peachland – Trustee Baxter
Rutland – Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Mossman
West Kelowna – Trustee Fraser
3. Board Policy and Regulation 631 – *School Closures/Consolidation*
Pursuant to the requirements of Board Policy 631 – *School Closures/Consolidation*, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that there are no school closures recommended for the 2017/2018 school year.
4. Together We Learn
The Fall edition of the "*Together We Learn*" insert was circulated to schools the week of October 17th for distribution to students.
5. Correspondence from Ministry of Education, October 27, 2016 – Optimizing Space Utilization
The Board of Education reviewed the letter dated October 27, 2016 from Minister Mike Bernier to Mayor James Baker, District of Lake Country.
6. District Student Council 2016-2017
7. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017
8. General Statement

Items Requiring Special Mention:

- WE Day – November 3rd

On Thursday, November 3rd, over 465 students and staff from the Central Okanagan School District will be attending WE Day in Vancouver. Students were transported by bus leaving this afternoon and staying overnight at Dr. Charles Best Secondary School in Coquitlam. On Thursday they will attend WE Day at Rogers Arena with the buses returning on Thursday evening. WE Day is aimed to inspire youth to make a difference locally and globally. To attend the event, schools and groups must complete one local and one global social-justice action for the WE Schools program.

- 22nd Anniversary of Take our Kids to Work Day – November 2nd
This grade nine career experiential learning opportunity has brought our schools, families and communities together to give our students school-to-work connections. This career development opportunity has helped many students understand the importance of planning a career path, better understand their parents and experience what a workplace is like.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

November 9, 2016

4:30 pm	Human Resources and Staff Services Committee (Cancelled)
6:30 pm	Education and Student Services Committee

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