



"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 16, 2016

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## **Presentation:**

### **"Inside 23"**

**Cindy Rhodes, Teacher, Rutland Senior Secondary School**  
**National Bullying Prevention Week – November 13 to 19, 2016**  
***Beyond the Hurt* Youth Facilitator Program**

Meghan Toal of the Red Cross provided background information on the purpose of the *Beyond the Hurt* Program – "To improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity in Canada and around the world". Ms. Toal congratulated Cindy Rhodes and her Youth Facilitators on being recognized as the "School Champion" by the Red Cross for going above and beyond within the *Beyond the Hurt* Facilitator Program.

## **Recognition:**

- 1. Ryan Wakefield, Teacher, Springvalley Middle School**  
Recipient of the Canadian Student Leadership Association 2016 BC Leader of Distinction Award  
The Board of Education recognized Ryan Wakefield for receiving the Canadian Student Leadership Association 2016 BC Leader of Distinction Award.

## **Declaration:**

### **National Child Day – Sunday, November 20, 2016**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Sunday, November 20, 2016 as "National Child Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

## **Action Items:**

- 1. Request from the District Human Rights Committee – British Columbia Human Rights Code**  
The Board of Education approved that single use washrooms (or alternate washroom facilities) that exist in the District be more accessible by changing signage from gender specific "Male" and "Female" to gender neutral "Washroom" for these single use facilities. The Board of Education agreed to make the requirements of the Human Rights Code and the needs of all students in regard to washroom facilities a priority for action as funding comes available for retrofitting, renovating, and designing washrooms in existing and new facilities. District staff will provide a plan to the Board of Education

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at a future Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting outlining the process to enact the two Motions approved by the Board.

### **Information Items:**

#### **Superintendent's Emergent Issues:**

The District is currently in a stage of heightened awareness due to the tragedy at Abbotsford Senior Secondary School. Over the past couple of weeks there have been several incidents in the Central Okanagan involving the RCMP resulting in a letter sent home to parents/guardians encouraging them to review the RCMP Street Proofing Tips with their children.

#### **Pro-Active Safety Awareness**

The Board of Education received a presentation by Dave Cavezza, District Health & Safety Manager, on the safety procedures currently existing in the Central Okanagan School District. The District's Safety and Emergency Response Protocols were reviewed by senior staff at a Leadership Meeting this week.

**Synopsis: Second Annual Ministry of Education Liaison Meeting/BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs**  
Deferred to next Public Board Meeting.

#### **Draft Letter to Ministry of Education – Grade 10-12 Graduation Years Curriculum**

The Board of Education agreed to forward the letter to the Minister of Education requesting a delay of one year for the Graduation Years Program implementation.

#### **The Board of Education reviewed the following:**

1. Month End Enrolment – October 2016
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017
3. General Statement

#### **Next Public Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 6:00 pm  
School Board Office

#### **Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:**

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

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| 1:00 pm | Finance and Legal Committee       |
| 4:30 pm | Planning and Facilities Committee |

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