



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, November 25, 2020
By Zoom

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Share Some Good News

Participating by Zoom:

Sue Bergen, Principal, École Dorothea Walker Elementary School

Raelyn Larmet, Vice-Principal, École Dorothea Walker Elementary School

With the COVID-19 pandemic restricting schools welcoming parents into schools, Sue Bergen, the Principal of École Dorothea Walker Elementary School, developed a video to showcase the many wonderful things happening in their school. The video was provided to all École Dorothea Walker Elementary School families by email.

Presentations

1. Potential French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School

Participating by Zoom:

Danielle Lamb, Parent of Students at École Peter Greer Elementary School

Jannik Eikenaar, Parent of Student at École Peter Greer Elementary School

Ms. Lamb and Mr. Eikenaar expressed their appreciation to the Board of Education for allowing for and listening to feedback from the community.

Ms. Lamb and Mr. Eikenaar provided research and voiced their belief in the importance of students remaining in their community for their education.

The issue of French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School will come forward to the December 2, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting (6:00 pm by Zoom) for further discussion, and to the Board of Education on December 9, 2020 (6:00 pm by Zoom).

Action Items:

1. Appointment of Board Standing Committee Trustee Representation

The Board of Education appointed the Trustee representatives to the Board Standing Committees, as attached.

2. Appointment of Trustee Representative to the Executive Staff Management Committee

The Board of Education appointed Trustee Desrosiers to the Executive Staff Management Committee.

- 3. Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the Indigenous Education Council**
The Board of Education appointed Trustee Fraser and Trustee Desrosiers to be the Board representatives on the District Indigenous Education Council. The alternate representative is Trustee Bowman.
- 4. Appointment of Board Representatives to District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies**
The Board of Education appointed the Trustee representatives to the District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies, as attached.
- 5. Secondary French Immersion Programming on the Westside**
The Board of Education deferred the issue of secondary French Immersion Programming on the Westside to the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on December 2, 2020 (6:00 pm by Zoom) to receive additional information and for further discussion. At the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, it will be determined when secondary French Immersion Programming on the Westside will come to the Board for decision.
- 6. Amendments to Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations)**
The Board of Education deferred the suggested amendments to Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations) back to the Policy Committee for further discussion.
- 7. Amendments to Policy 105 – Policy Manual**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 105 – Policy Manual.
- 8. Policy 110 – Policy Development**
The Board of Education affirmed Policy 110 – Policy Development.
- 9. Amendments to Policy 740 – Distribution of Information from Outside Sources and Regulations 740R – Distribution of Information from Outside Sources (Regulations)**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 740 – Distribution of Information from Outside Sources and Regulations 740R – Distribution of Information from Outside Sources (Regulations).
- 10. Amendments to Policy 210 – Superintendent of Schools/CEO Role Description**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 210 – Superintendent of Schools/CEO Role Description.
- 11. Amendments to Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students.
- 12. Amendments to Policy 480 – Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 480 – Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule and also approved the deletion of Form 480A – Application for Exemption and Form 480A – Appeal. The new title of the Policy is "Secondary Student Transitions and Graduation".

13. Letter to Capital Management Branch – Additional Funding for Playground Equipment Program

The Board of Education agreed to send a letter to the Ministry of Education's Capital Management Branch requesting additional funding for the Playground Equipment Program.

14. Property Bylaw No. 152 – BC Hydro Statutory Right-of-Way on H.S. Grenda Middle School Site

The Board of Education gave first, second, third readings, and adopted School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 152 (registration of a Statutory-Right-of-Way), in favour of BC Hydro on Lot A, District Lot 118, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan KAP48997, known as H.S. Grenda Middle School.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's COVID-19 Update
The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools. The majority of exposures are resulting from family gatherings and community events. The District continues to collaborate with Interior Health.
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
3. General Statement – November 10, 2020
4. District Student Council 2020-2021
5. Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes – November 10, 2020
The Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes will be approved at the November 10, 2021 Annual General Meeting.
6. Board Policy and Regulations 631 – School Closures/Consolidation
There are no school closures recommended for the 2021/2022 school year.
7. Board Policy and Regulations 632 – School Reconfigurations
The District continues to grow at a rapid rate in most of its communities and many schools are significantly over capacity. There may be grade reconfigurations or catchment changes for the 2021/2022 school year. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education on December 9, 2020 and a final decision by the Board of Education is expected by January 13, 2021.
8. eSchool23 (formerly referred to as eSchoolBC) Update
The change of name from eSchoolBC to eSchool23 is in progress with the intent for confirmation in the spring of 2021.
There are currently (as of November 20, 2020) 683 students registered in the newly established synchronous K-9 Program. For students in grades 10 to 12, eSchool23 is providing 1,268 courses to 651 students. The majority of students are taking 1-2 courses. Sixty-seven students are taking 4 or more courses. At the end of the transition period on November 13, 2020, there were 96 students on the waitlist. As of November 20, 2020, 94 students were placed in classes with 2 students remaining on the waitlist. The remaining 2 students were to be accommodated the following week.

Items Requiring Special Mention

The Board Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Education, expressed their appreciation for all of the work being done in the schools by all staff.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020
6:00 pm (via Zoom)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

4:00 pm General Affairs Committee **(Cancelled)**
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (via Zoom)

For comments, please contact:

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BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

November 2020 – November 2021

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Baxter

VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Desrosiers (Term 1 – November 10, 2020 to May 13, 2021)
Trustee Cacchioni (Term 2 – May 14, 2021 to November 10, 2021)

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 – Ryan Stierman

▪ **Education and Student Services Committee:**

Chairperson: Trustee Bowman

Two Members: Trustee Desrosiers Trustee Geistlinger

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 Tiede

Two Members: Trustee Cacchioni Trustee Fraser

Senior Staff Member: Assistant Secretary-Treasurer – Delta Carmichael

▪ **Planning and Facilities Committee:**

Chairperson: Trustee Desrosiers

Two Members: Trustee Cacchioni Trustee Tiede

Senior Staff Member: Director of Operations – Mitch Van Aller

▪ **Policy Committee:**

Chairperson: Trustee Fraser

Two Members: Trustee Bowman Trustee Geistlinger

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

▪ **Human Resources and Staff Services Committee:** *(suspended for 2020-2021)*

▪ **Executive Staff Management Committee:**

Chairperson: Trustee Fraser

Two Members: Board Chairperson, Trustee Baxter
and Trustee Desrosiers

BOARD REPRESENTATION ON DISTRICT COMMITTEES

November 2020 – November 2021

- **District Indigenous Education Council (Staff Rep – Terry-Lee 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 Desrosiers

Representative: Trustee Fraser

One Alternate: Trustee Bowman

- **District Early Years Partnership Committee (Staff Rep – Rhonda Ovelson, Assistant Superintendent):**

Generally four meetings a year at 3:45 pm at the School Board Office: October, January, April and June

Representative: Trustee Geistlinger

Alternate: Trustee Tiede

- **Public Education Awareness Committee (Staff Rep – Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent):**

Generally meets six times a year on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm at HRES: October, November, January, February, April and May

Representative: Trustee Baxter

Alternate: Trustee Fraser

- **District Health Promoting Schools Committee (Staff Rep – Al Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent):**

All meetings Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at SBO Board Room - Once a month in October, December, February, April & May

Representative: Trustee Fraser

Alternate: Trustee Bowman

- **District Human Rights Committee (Staff Rep – Dr. Rick Oliver, Assistant Superintendent):**

All meetings Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm, SBO Board Room - Once a month in September, November (tentative), January, April (tentative) & June

Representative: Trustee Bowman

Alternate: Trustee Desrosiers

- **District Safe Schools Committee (Staff Rep – Sherri McKinnon, District Principal of Learning Support Services):**

All meetings 9:00 am, first Wednesday of December, January, February, April, May and June

Representative: Trustee Tiede

Alternate: Trustee Cacchioni

**BOARD REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE
COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES
November 2020 – November 2021**

- **Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership:**
(CATCH (Community Action Toward Children's Health) has been merged with Success by 6)
Two-hour monthly Friday meetings at 9:00 am, plus occasional 'events'.
Representative: Trustee Geistlinger
Alternate: Trustee Tiede

- **West Kelowna Traffic Safety Committee:**
Westside Trustees are advised when meetings are called.
Representatives: Trustee Baxter and Trustee Desrosiers