



"Together We Learn"

**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, May 25, 2016

Presentations:

1. "Inside 23"

1.1 Chefs in the Classrooms

In attendance: Students: Gavin Cunningham, Grade 3, Anne McClymont Elementary
Chloe Yanow, Grade 3, Anne McClymont Elementary
Teachers: Leigh-Ann Yanow, Curriculum Developer
Anne Cairns, Teacher, Anne McClymont Elementary
Guests: Debbie McMillan, Chair of Chefs in the Classrooms

The Chefs in the Classrooms (Edible Foods) Program is providing over 170 students from six schools with the opportunity to learn how to grow, harvest, and cook with local produce. Some of the Okanagan's most famous local chefs and community volunteers visit classrooms to support the program.

1.2 The Walking School Bus – Pearson Road Elementary School

In attendance: Students: Jordan Gillberg, Grade 5, Pearson Road Elementary
Lukas Dust, Grade 2, Pearson Road Elementary
Principal: Rob Zoppi, Principal, Pearson Road Elementary

The 'Walking School Bus' program provides students with leadership opportunities, encouraging students and family members to walk to school in a safe manner. Students act as 'walking bus driver' leaders, picking up students at various stops, to ensure all students arrive to school safely. Parents assist with the supervision of students as student leaders lead students to Pearson Road Elementary on a daily basis. Students expressed that they have learned patience, respect, and garnered friendships and leadership skills through the 'Walking School Bus' program.

2. Collage of Residential Schools – Michelle McGee – Gift to the Board of Education

Michelle McGee, a KLO Middle School student, read her essay on Canadian Residential Schools and gifted the Board of Education with a collage of pictures, emphasizing the devastating realities of residential school.

Recognition:

1. Annual Civic and Community Awards

The Board of Education recognized and congratulated the following students of the Central Okanagan for receiving awards at the April 27th Annual Civic and Community Awards evening:

- Ellie McCarthy, Grade 12, KSS – *Female Augie Ciancone Memorial Award*
- Parker Simson, Grade 12, KSS – *Male Augie Ciancone Memorial Award*
- Maya Gay, Grade 12, Okanagan Mission Secondary School, *Young Female Volunteer of the Year Award*
- Stuart Isherwood, Grade 12, KSS – *Young Male Volunteer of the Year Award*
- Lauren Maier, Grade 11, KSS – *Teen Honour in the Arts Award*

Action Items:

1. Annual Capital Project Bylaw No. 127069 Annual Facility Grant (AFG)

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 127069 2016/2017 Annual Facility Grant in the amount of \$2,974,867.

2. Enhancement Agreement – Dorothea Walker Elementary School

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the Dorothea Walker Elementary School Parent Advisory Council for the creation of an outdoor learning space.

3. Proposals for Substantive Change

The Board of Education approved the following Proposals for Substantive Change:

- Okanagan Mission Secondary School Golf Academy
- George Elliot Secondary School Dance Academy

4. Renewal Application for Hiring Exemption

The Board of Education supported the application for renewal for a B.C. Human Rights Tribunal Special Program.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent reported on the concerns related to lead in the water in BC Public Schools. All of Central Okanagan Schools were recently tested and meet health standard requirements. The Central Okanagan School District continues to monitor water safety levels on a regular basis and has added additional safety protocols.

2. The Board of Education reviewed the **Health Promoting Schools (HPS) Committee Report, Field Trips 2015/2016** and the **General Statements**.

3. Central Okanagan Community Hub – License to Occupy Space at Pearson Road Elementary School

The Board of Education supported Kelowna Community Resources' Family Hub by approving the 'license to occupy' agreement. It expected that the Hub will officially open at Pearson Road Elementary in the fall of 2016.

Items Requiring Special Mention

1. The Joint Education Change Committee (JECC) was recognized for creating a video and providing various learning resources to support the professional learning of teachers, principals/vice-principals, and senior staff during the May 24th Non-Instructional Day. Over 144 sessions were held, focusing on the implementation of the redesigned curriculum.
2. The South Kelowna Parent Advisory Council, in partnership with the City of Kelowna, applied for and received \$125,000.00 from the Provincial Government to replace the playground at South Kelowna Elementary.
3. The Young Entrepreneur Competition was held May 24th at the Okanagan College. Middle and secondary school finalists created comprehensive business plans, sharing their passion for entrepreneurship and ways to contribute to the community.
4. The Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony was held at Kelowna Secondary School on May 19th. Nearly 700 people attended this year's event to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2016 Aboriginal student graduates.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting:

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

June 1, 2016
4:30 pm General Affairs Committee
6:30 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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