



"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, September 27, 2017

Appointment of Acting Secretary-Treasurer

In the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Board of Education appointed Eileen Sadlowski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, as the Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the September 27, 2017 Public Board Meeting.

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. Operations Department

In attendance: Mitch Van Aller, Director of Operations
Ken Chute, Recoverable Coordinator
Michael Daley, Grounds Coordinator
Eunice Hoekstra, Custodial Manager
Troy Koski, Maintenance Coordinator
Harold Schock, Energy and Sustainability Manager
David Widdis, Planning Manager

Mitch Van Aller, Director of Operations, introduced the Managers of the Operations Department who were in attendance. A presentation outlined the services provided at the Operations Department located at 685 Dease Road, as well as information on transportation, custodial, energy management, grounds, safety management and maintenance. The Operating Budget for 2017/2018 and the Annual Facilities Grant 2017/2018 were also reviewed. The Superintendent commended Director Van Aller and the entire Operations team for the critical work they do creating safe, clean spaces for learning, safely transporting our students and distributing resources. Chairperson Baxter thanked all Operations staff who provide exemplary service to the District, and also emphasized the important impact the Operations staff has on our students and staff.

2. Kindness Boomerang

In attendance: Bruce McKay, Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School
Sydney Ingram, Student, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

In response to the Superintendent's start-up challenge to highlight acts of kindness in schools, a video was produced and shared demonstrating how kindness 'ripples through OKM', one random act of kindness at a time. Sydney spoke about the intent of the video, highlighting how the video was introduced at OKM's Welcome Back Assembly to recognize the 'science of kindness', its benefits and the importance of practicing kindness each and every day. Sydney spoke about the culture of kindness that exists within OKM Secondary School. The Board Chairperson commented on how this video was an excellent example of the kindness initiative.

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Recognition:

1. Introductions of New Principals/Vice-Principals and COSBO Members

The Board of Education welcomed and congratulated the following new Vice-Principals and COSBO members:

- Heidi Kubin, Acting Vice-Principal at École KLO Middle School
- Laurie Fraser, Acting Vice-Principal, Shannon Lake Elementary School
- Bryce Owens, Vice-Principal at Casorso Elementary School
- Robbie Franklin, Vice-Principal at Glenrosa Middle School
- Eva Shen, International Education Homestay Coordinator
- Eunice Hoekstra-de Hek, Custodial Manager

Each new member of the Central Okanagan Leadership Team introduced themselves.

Presentation:

1. Pearson Road Elementary School Family HUB

In attendance:

- Rich Chapman, Family Hub Facilitator, Kelowna Community Resources
- Ellen Boelcke, Executive Director, Kelowna Community Resources
- Sherre Gelinis, Family Services Manager, Kelowna Community Resources

The Hub's mandate is "Healthy Families – Healthy Kids". Their mission is *"to increase awareness and accessibility to services that promote healthy development that foster resiliency and life-long learning, helping families connect to community"*. Hub services include information, support, and referrals for families. The Pearson Road Elementary School Family Hub welcomed 4000 people, throughout the Central Okanagan region, in the past year. Over 100 sessions last year also provided specific support to Aboriginal students and families.

Declaration:

1. Orange Shirt Day – Saturday, September 30, 2017

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Friday, September 29th, 2017 as "Orange Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Orange Shirt Day recognizes and celebrates the resilience and bravery of residential school survivors and their families. This resiliency is what needs to be supported and celebrated as this is the path to reconciliation and a better future for all Canadians.

2. International Walk to School Day – Wednesday, October 4, 2017

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, October 4, 2017 as "International Walk to School Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

3. World Teachers' Day, Thursday, October 5, 2017

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Thursday, October 5, 2017 as "World Teachers' Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools. A joint statement from the Board Chair and Superintendent of Schools/CEO will be shared with staff and partners on October 5th. The Board Chair read the statement at the meeting.

Presentation:

1. School Opening Report – Part 2

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 2017 School Opening Report – Part 2. This report provides detailed information about school enrolment and covers the time period of September 9 through 22, 2017. To date, the District has enrolled 22, 502 students this year which is 259 students above last year. *(The 2017 School Opening Report – Part 2 is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website.)*

Action Items:

1. Kelowna's Healthy City Strategy Partnership Invitation

The Board of Education referred the Kelowna's Healthy City Strategy Partnership Invitation to the Health Promoting Schools Committee for discussion and a recommendation back to the Board.

2. Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2016/2017

The Board of Education received and approved the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2016/2017. It was noted that the auditors stated that "the financial statements of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) for the year ended June 30, 2017 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting requirements of Section 23.1 of the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act of the Province of British Columbia".

3. Rutland Middle School Project Development Report (PDR) – Update

The Board of Education approves that the Rutland Junior Middle School Project Development Report (PDR) for a 700 student capacity middle school for the amount of \$35,903,140 be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Central Okanagan Public Schools 2016/2017 Public Sector Executive Compensation Report
2. Report to the Finance and Legal Committee – Communication of Audit Results
3. License to Occupy – City of West Kelowna
The Board of Education has approved a 'license to occupy' a piece of property in the Smith Creek area as a 'passive park' until such time the Board requires this land for a potential school site.
4. Summer Projects 2017
5. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary Information
6. General Statement – September 13, 2017

Items of Special Mention:

- The Superintendent of Schools/CEO highlighted the current "Elder in Residence" program at the Kelowna Art Gallery. This art exhibition showcases works created by students from the Central Okanagan Public Schools that have been inspired by seven Elder artists. The school project was coordinated by artist and art educator, Jim Elwood, and was developed so art students could learn about the rich history of visual arts in the Okanagan valley". The opening reception was held Thursday, September 21st.
- The first COPAC meeting of the year is being held on Monday, October 2nd, 2017 starting at 7:00 p.m. at Hollywood Road Education Services.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm

School Board Office

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 - **CANCELLED**

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

4:00 pm Policy Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

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