



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 25, 2019

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1. New Teachers

In attendance:

Leanne Zorn, District Principal – Human Resources

Natasha Jaswal, Elementary Counsellor at Springvalley Elementary/South Rutland Elementary

Kevin Clyde, French Immersion Math/Science teacher at École Dr. Knox Middle

Ms. Jaswal and Mr. Clyde are two new employees of the District. They spoke about their experience in being hired by the District, their current roles, how their first three weeks of school have been and what they are excited about.

2. Gratitude at Springvalley Elementary School

In attendance:

Sue Stevenson, Principal, Springvalley Elementary

Tim Van Brummelen, Vice-Principal, Springvalley Elementary

Teachers:

Drew Hamilton

Kristi Fortuin

Kiran Grewal

The Principal, Vice-Principal and teachers of Springvalley Elementary School presented on how they practice gratitude at Springvalley Elementary School.

Introduction

1. The Board of Education welcomed and congratulated the following newly appointed Principals, Vice-Principals and COSBO staff:

Jayne Booth, Human Resources Manager

Scott Brown, Vice-Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary

Christey Hughes, Vice-Principal at École Kelowna Secondary

Michelle Kaupp, Principal at Chief Tomat Elementary

Violeta Malfair, Principal at Hudson Road Elementary

Lori McPhail, International Education Homestay Coordinator

Natalie Morin, Vice-Principal at École George Pringle Elementary

Chris Oakes, Vice-Principal at École KLO Middle

Wynter Oakes, Vice-Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary

Michelle Relova, Principal at Ellison Elementary

Jeremy Sanbrooks, Vice-Principal at École Peter Greer Elementary

Unable to attend:

Thomas Gruenenwald, Principal at Springvalley Middle

Declarations

1. Orange Shirt Day – Monday, September 30, 2019

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Monday, September 30, 2019 as Orange Shirt Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of a *story* of one student having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and it also is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

2. International Walk to School Day – Wednesday, October 2, 2019

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, October 2, 2019 as International Walk to School Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October.

3. World Teachers' Day – Saturday, October 5, 2019

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Saturday, October 5, 2019 as World Teachers' Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

World Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is held annually on October 5th. It was established in 1994 and aims to focus on "appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world" and to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching.

Staff Presentations

1. Modular Farm at École KLO Middle School

Presenters:

Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal, École KLO Middle School

Peter Boyd, Community Member

In Attendance:

Heidi Kubin, Vice-Principal, École KLO Middle School

Chris Oakes, Vice-Principal, École KLO Middle School

Principal Ragoonaden explained that through a grant from President's Choice (PC) Children's Charities, École KLO Middle School has been awarded a Modular Farm. The Modular Farm will provide students the opportunity to practice sustainable living for future generations, leadership, and the importance of global citizenship. A Modular Farm on site at École KLO Middle School will enhance the ability of teachers from École KLO Middle School and other schools to create in-situ, contemporary, novel learning environments that are very relevant to local and regional context. The Board of Education is being requested to enter, in principle, into an Enhancement Agreement.

2. Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2019 School Opening Report – Part 2

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 2019 School Opening Report – Part 2. This report provides detailed information about school enrolment and covers the time period of September 6 to 20, 2019. To date, the District has enrolled 22,784 students this year (excluding Central Program and Services) which is 491 students above last year (excluding Central Program and Services). (The 2019 School Opening Report – Part 2 is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website.)

Action Items

1. Enhancement Agreement (Proposal in Principle) – École KLO Middle School Modular Farm

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement, in principle, with École KLO Middle School for the installation of a Modular Farm on site at École KLO Middle School.

2. Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2018/2019

The Board of Education received and approved the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

3. Renewal of External Auditors, Grant Thornton LLP

The Board of Education renewed the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as the auditors for the Central Okanagan Public Schools for a period of five years beginning with the audit of the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

4. Property Bylaw No. 149 – BC Hydro/Telus Statutory Right-of-Way on the Sports Fields for George Elliot Secondary and H.S. Grenda Middle Schools

The Board of Education give first, second, third readings, and adopted Property Bylaw No. 149 – BC Hydro/Telus Statutory Right-of-Way on Lot 2, Section 10, Township 20, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan 4073 except Plan 26148 and Plan EPP17253.

5. Westbank First Nation Elections

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter of congratulations to the recently elected Westbank First Nation Chief and Council, and also to write a letter to thank the previous Westbank First Nation Chief and Council for their service.

Information Items:

Superintendent's Emergent Items:

1. School Board Statement on Supportive Housing in Rutland
A draft News Release was distributed and will be disseminated to the media.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Central Okanagan Public Schools 2018/2019 Public Sector Executive Compensation Disclosure Report
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020
3. General Statement – September 11, 2019

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Trustees and the Superintendent reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at events throughout the District including Mount Boucherie Secondary School hosting a delegation from the Yukon to visit the Indigenous Education Academy and attendance at the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference.
2. Friday Night Football has commenced with KSS having their first home game last Friday. This Friday (September 27th) will have RSS playing at 6:00 pm at the Apple Bowl.

3. Global Action Strike – a letter was sent home to parents of middle and secondary school students on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Students may be excused from school by their parents/guardians.
4. The Grand Opening of Sensisysten House of Learning is taking place tomorrow, Thursday, September 26th, starting at 2:30 pm.
5. Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) will be administered in grades 4 and 7 from September 30th to November 8th. Parents/Guardians of students in grades 4 and 7 received a letter from the Superintendent of Schools/CEO.
6. Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education
Three Central Okanagan Public School employees are finalists for the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education and will be attending a ceremony in Victoria on October 4, 2019:
District Leadership category:
Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Learning Technology
School Leadership category:
Troy White, Principal, École Kelowna Secondary
Outstanding Support (Teaching Assistant) category:
Marie Kielpinski, CEA, Mount Boucherie Secondary

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
6:00 pm
School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 2, 2019
4:00 pm Policy Committee
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee
School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Notice of Motion

Trustee Geistlinger:

THAT: The Board of Education request staff provide a thorough, unbiased report on the potential health effects related to 5G cellular radiation;
AND THAT: Any funding and sponsorship connected to the referenced scientific studies be disclosed.

For comments, please contact:

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