



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, May 25, 2022**

Prior to calling the meeting to order, the Board Chair made the following statement:

Central Okanagan Public Schools joins everyone in our community in feeling sadness and shock at the news of yesterday's shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. This tragedy devastated a small community and once again raises concerns across North America. As we reflect on this tragic news, our thoughts are with not only with the people of Uvalde, but our own students and families who will feel anxious, scared, and sad as they hear of the death of so many young students.

While we know that the potential for such an incident is much lower in the Central Okanagan, school safety remains our top priority. School staff continue to review safety procedures and ensure they are up to date. With the significant media attention on this incident, children may have several questions and complex feelings about it. Staff members will be watching for student reaction and offer support if needed.

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23":

1. Living and Thriving Through Collaborative Professionalism: A Numeracy Story

In attendance:

Jordan Kleckner, Acting Director of Instruction – Learning & Innovation

Kristi Langlois, Instructional Leadership Team/Collaborative Learning Services Team

Jordyn Stolar, Social Emotional Learning Teacher, Springvalley Elementary School

Alex Kay, Teacher, Springvalley Elementary School

A group of classroom teachers and one social emotional teacher came together, alongside members of the Collaborative Learning Services team, to inquire around the question: 'How might we help meet the needs of the whole learner in our numeracy classroom?' By whole learner, it is meant social emotional, community focused, and sense of belonging, all through rich numeracy tasks based on the core and curricular competencies. Four classroom teachers at Springvalley Elementary School decided to open up their classrooms to collaborate and try a new concept with their students.

Declarations:

1. National Accessibility Week – May 29 through June 4, 2022

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of May 29th through June 4th as 'National Accessibility Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

This year the theme for National Accessibility Week is 'Inclusive from the start'.

'National AccessAbility Week is an opportunity to:

- celebrate the valuable contributions and leadership of Canadians with disabilities
- highlight the work of individuals, organizations and communities who are removing barriers
- reflect on our ongoing efforts to become a better, more accessible, more disability inclusive Canada'

2. **Pride Month**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June as 'Pride Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Pride Month is celebrated every June in tribute to those involved in the Stonewall Riots that took place on June 28, 1969. As well as being a month-long celebration, Pride month is also an opportunity to peacefully protest and raise political awareness of current issues facing the community.

Action Items:

1. **2022/2023 CommunityLINK Allocations**

The Board of Education approved the recommended CommunityLINK (learning includes nutrition and knowledge) allocations for 2022/2023 in the amount of \$1,258,789. Sixty percent of the overall funding will go directly to the school meals program (\$800,000). The remaining allocation will go towards maintaining the support for District programs (Young Parent Program at KSS) and to continue to support school-based Mental Health Clinicians in elementary schools by redistributing funding from Child and Youth Mental Health to ARC programs to support middle school students to better focus on proactive prevention and education.

2. **Community Rental Program Review for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year**

The Board of Education set the community rental rates for non-profit organizations at an average of 5% over the prior year and the custodial rate of \$50 per hour, effective July 1, 2022.

The Board of Education set the preschool and after school monthly rates at 5% over the prior year and the custodial rate of \$75 per hour, effective July 1, 2022.

The Board of Education set the community rental rates for profit organizations at an average of 10% over the prior year and a custodial rate of \$75 per hour, effective July 1, 2022.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

- In response to the tragic incident at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, a letter was sent to all parents/guardians and District staff outlining strategies for parents/guardians/staff to support students through this time of grief and anxiety.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022 and 2022/2023
2. General Statement – May 11, 2022
3. Financial Update – March 31, 2022
4. Overview of the Transportation Department Services

Items of Special Mention

The Board Chair, Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Attendance at Capstone presentations at George Elliot Secondary School.
- Participation in School Community Student Learning Plan Conversations at Quigley Elementary School and École Glenrosa Middle School.
- Watching the presentation of Romeo and Juliet at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.
- Attendance at the Kiwanis Club celebration.
- The District's excellent work in grade 12 transitions to post-secondary institutions, trades programs, and apprenticeships, in partnership with Okanagan College, BCIT, UBC-O, local employers and the Industry Trades Association, was recognized at the College Board's National Forum. The District offers dual credit advanced placement, secondary school apprenticeships and industry certification to its students.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, June 1, 2022
4:00 pm Policy Committee
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

Notice of Motion – Trustee Broughton

THAT: An appropriate technical implementation be established so that public meetings of the Board of Education, and public meetings of Board Committees at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be livestreamed online.

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