



*"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, November 22, 2017

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## Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

### 1. Innovative Learning Environments Projects

In attendance:

Jamie Robinson, District Principal for Leadership in Learning & Innovation

North Glenmore Elementary School

In attendance:

Jared Birkeland, Principal, and Jill Voros, Vice-Principal

Teachers: Jennifer Moffatt

Heather Letkeman

École Dr. Knox Middle School

In attendance:

Trent Dolgopol, Principal

Teachers: Kristi Langlois

Kevin Dent

Jamie Robinson, District Principal for Leadership in Learning & Innovation, introduced the concept of the Innovative Learning Environments Projects, which are going on across the District in multiple schools and at all levels. The Innovative Learning Environments are founded on the '7 Principles of Learning' from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Principal Jared Birkeland and Teachers Jennifer Moffatt and Heather Letkeman shared that two classrooms of elementary students at North Glenmore Elementary School are currently involved in the Innovative Learning Environment Project. The redesign of the classrooms coupled with the collaborative approach to implementing the redesigned curriculum is providing multiple learning environments to meet the individual educational needs of students.

Principal Trent Dolgopol and Teachers Kristi Langlois and Kevin Dent described École Dr. Knox Middle School's new Grade 8 Learning Community. Three teachers share sixty-eight students within three classrooms. The focus on project-based inquiry learning integrates several core and curricular competencies. The classrooms have also been redesigned to provide flexible and personalized learning environments.

A video was shared, showcasing students' testimonies related to their experiences. Students expressed the importance of having several adults support their learning as well as the opportunity to have 'voice and choice' in their learning while engaged in meaningful project-based inquiry.

## **Presentation:**

### **1. Okanagan College Dual Credit Administrative Assistant and Office Assistant Programs**

In attendance:

Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent

Brenda Ridgeley-Ketchell, Department Chair – Office Administration, Okanagan College

Assistant Superintendent Vianne Kintzinger provided an overview of the Ministry of Education's Career Education curriculum, which enables students to discover a bridge between classroom learning and workplace and post-secondary opportunities. These opportunities support smooth transitions from secondary school to post-secondary education and the workplace. As part of the District's Career Education Program, Mrs. Kintzinger highlighted the importance of Dual Credit courses, enabling students to garner specific occupational skills while enrolled as a secondary student. Brenda Ridgeley-Ketchell, Okanagan College Chair – Office Administration, provided an overview of the Office Assistant Program and the Administrative Assistant Program currently being offered at Okanagan College for post-secondary students. Through a possible Dual-Credit partnership, secondary school students would have the opportunity to enrol in these courses. This potential partnership will be discussed at the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 public Board meeting.

## **Declaration:**

### **1. Computer Science Education Week – December 4-10, 2017**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared December 4-10, 2017 as "Computer Science Education Week" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

## **Action Items:**

### **1. Central Okanagan Public Schools Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses to Retire**

The Board of Education approved the retirement of the following BAA courses:

- Computer Assisted Machining 11
- Canadian Literature 12
- Career Explorations 10
- European Languages and Culture 11
- Experience Okanagan College 11
- Golf 12: Modern Theory
- Italian Culture 11
- Media Analysis and Current Events 11
- Recreational Vehicle Training 12
- Sailing 11 and 12
- Technology Principles 12
- Visually Impaired – Technology 10, 11 and 12
- Work Readiness 11

### **2. School Trustee Electoral Boundaries**

The Board of Education discussed varying perspectives related to Trustee electoral boundaries and proportional trustee representation within various communities and decided not to proceed with requesting the Ministry of Education to change the current electoral boundaries.

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**The Board of Education reviewed the following:**

1. Board Policy and Regulation 631 – *School Closures/Consolidation*  
Pursuant to the requirements of Board Policy 631 – School Closures/Consolidation, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that there are no school closures or consolidations recommended for the 2018/2019 school year.
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary Information
3. General Statement – November 8, 2017

**Items of Special Mention:**

- The Board of Education expressed appreciation to schools for conducting such respectful, insightful Remembrance Day Assemblies.

**Next Public Board Meeting**

**Annual General Meeting and Regular Public Board Meeting**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm

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