

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL PUBLIC 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, September 2, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and social distancing guidelines, the public accessed the meeting through Zoom. With limited space onsite, in-person attendance was for Trustees, staff and partner groups only.

Staff Presentation:

1. Summary of School District's Return to School Plan

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

On July 29, 2020 the Province of British Columbia announced that K-12 schools would be scheduled to begin the 2020/21 school year under Stage 2 of the Province's K-12 Education Restart Plan. The Plan for September has been developed based on the advice and recommendations from the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) to ensure health and safety measures are in place to protect students and school staff.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a PowerPoint presentation on the District Return to School Plan for Central Okanagan Public Schools. The District Return to School Plan PowerPoint is available for viewing on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Documents & Publications.

Action Item:

1. 2020-21 School Year Alternate Entry Dates

The Board of Education passed the following Motion:

THAT: Subject to the Board of Education receiving sufficient funding from the Provincial Government:

THAT: Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations) be amended as follows:

2. Enrolment Priorities

Priority shall be given to students on the following basis:

- catchment area students who, in the previous year, attended the school;
- catchment area students who, in the previous year, were 'placed' by the district in a different school;
- siblings of catchment area students;
- returning catchment area students that have transferred into the school or program they
 previously attended from eSchoolBC;

- new catchment area students:
- siblings of non-catchment area students currently enrolled in the school;
- non-catchment area students who request to attend the school which is other than their catchment area school;
- non-district area students;
- international students.

AND THAT: For the 2020-21 school year, students with approved medical conditions and their siblings in the same household that attend the District's remote learning may resume in person instruction at their school at any point in the year;

For registration in the 2021-22 school year these students will be considered to have in the previous year, attended the school;

AND THAT: For the 2020-21 school year, students that enroll in the District's remote learning at their school shall retain their enrolment at their school if they resume in-person instruction at their school prior to November 13, 2020. After this date, students shall remain the remainder of the year in the District's remote learning program;

For registration in the 2021-22 school year, these students will be considered as returning catchment area students that have transferred into the school from eSchoolBC;

AND FURTHER THAT: Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations) will be reviewed prior to the 2022/2023 District enrolment date.

THAT: Transportation fees will not be prorated for families that hold their bus seat during the transitional period in the 2020/21 school year.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting Wednesday, September 16, 2020 6:00 pm – Via Zoom for the public

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee, Via Zoom for the public

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee, Via Zoom for the public

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