



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

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, January 13, 2016

Recognition:

1. "Together We Learn"

The Board recognized Assistant Superintendent, Terry Beaudry, and all others involved in the creation of the "Together We Learn" insert issued by the Kelowna Capital News this week which will be provided to all 22,000 students. The Assistant Superintendent expressed appreciation to Donna Stathers, Principal of Glenrosa Elementary School; Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant and Karen Hill, Publisher of the Kelowna Capital News. The support of the District's Public Education Awareness Committee and Newspapers in Education Committee was also commended.

Presentations:

"Inside 23"

1. Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 Newsletter

On a quarterly basis, CUPE Local 3523 prepares a Newsletter "*CUPE Connection*" for distribution to its members. Wendy Johnson, President of CUPE 3523 introduced Treena Harley, Secretary for CUPE 3523, who is responsible for the preparation of the quarterly Newsletter. CUPE Local 3523 was awarded the Provincial Communications Award at the 2015 CUPE National Convention for an innovative approach to communicating to members.

2. International Education Department

Dr. Rick Oliver, Director of Instruction K-12 introduced the video prepared by the International Education Department promoting the Central Okanagan School District. There are currently 800 new immigrant students from 61 countries, 400 international students and 370 English Language Learners attending Central Okanagan School District schools.

There are currently 2 Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS), who provide support to all new immigrant families in the District. Donna Garbelya, a SWIS worker, introduced parent Lily Qin who shared her story and appreciation for the support she has received since relocating her family from China.

Action Items:

1. **Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review**

The Board of Education approved the adjustment of the catchment area for Lake Country to include the Woodsdale Road area to Oyama Traditional School and the Southwest Quadrant of Lake Country to Peter Greer Elementary School (not including the Sage Glenn subdivision).

2. **Amendments to Policy 735 – Advertising and Sponsorship in Schools**

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 735 – *Advertising and Sponsorship in Schools*.

3. **French Immersion Review – Task Force Direction**

The Board of Education approved the Proposed Terms of Reference for the French Immersion Task Force and the Proposed Consultation Process and Timeline. Included within the Terms of Reference are the Goal and Principles of the French Immersion Task Force.

4. **Appointment of Board Standing Committee Members**

(See attached)

5. **Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the District Bargaining Committee**

(See attached)

6. **Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the Aboriginal Education Council**

(See attached)

Information Items:

1. **Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

- The BC Human Rights Tribunal recently approved a Hiring Exemption, enabling preferential hiring of applicants who self-identify as having Aboriginal ancestry for the new Family and Child Support Worker positions and the Clinical Supervisor position to support Aboriginal students in the Central Okanagan School District.
- A joint letter (written by Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools; Susan Bauhart, President of COTA, and Raquel Steen, President of COPVPA) was recently distributed to teachers, Principals and Vice-Principals outlining the focus of the upcoming February 9th Non-Instructional Day. This day will bring together 1500 educators to explore the redesigned BC curriculum and the K-12 learner competencies. A copy of the letter of invitation is attached.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. **Principals and Vice-Principals – Approved Compensation Increase (December 14, 2015)**

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the Ministry of Education expressing their outrage that the differentiated compensation increase for Principals and Vice-Principals is to be funded by individual Districts, and not by the Province.

2. **Report Out – Chief Executive Council of the Okanagan Nation Alliance and Okanagan MLA Caucus Meeting – December 11, 2015**

The Board Chairperson, Assistant Superintendent, and Westbank First Nation Councillor Chris Derickson (Chair of the District's Aboriginal Education Council) recently presented to the Okanagan Nation Alliance and Okanagan MLA Caucus to share the District's innovative programs and practises currently being implemented to support Aboriginal student achievement.

The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.

Board Meetings are held at the School Board Office on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except the fourth Wednesday in March and December, or the months of July and August.

3. **Board Representatives on District Committees**
(See attached)
4. **Board Representatives on Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies**
(See attached)
5. **District Scholarship and Award Winners – 2014/2015**
The recipients of the Governor General Awards and Provincial Scholarship Awards were recognized.
6. **Field Trips 2015/2016**
Further information on proposed out of country field trip will be forthcoming at an upcoming Board Meeting as the status of world travel advisories are monitored.
7. **General Statements**

Items Requiring Special Mention

1. **French Immersion Information Open Houses for Kindergarten 2016**
Parents interested in the French Immersion program for kindergarten students are invited to attend open houses at the school of their choice. The dates and locations of the meetings are posted on the School District website (www.sd23.bc.ca).

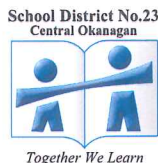
Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting:

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

January 20, 2016
4:30 pm Finance and Legal Committee
6:30 pm Education and Student Services Committee

For comments, please contact:
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Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO, 250-470-3256
Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, 250-860-8888



January 12, 2016

Teachers, Principals, Vice-Principals and Senior Educational Staff,

The Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA), the Central Okanagan School District and the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA) are excited to invite all COTA members, Principals, Vice-Principals and senior educational staff to our February 9th District Non-Instructional Day which will focus on exploring the redesigned BC Curriculum. The Joint Education Change Committee (JECC) is working alongside 58 COTA facilitators to provide a multitude of sessions on a variety of topics specific to the redesigned curriculum, and the K-12 learner competencies.

As a District, for the first time in decades, we have an opportunity to come together as a professional learning community, under one roof, to deepen our culture of collaboration and respect, as we share knowledge, experiences and questions regarding teaching and learning in the 21st century. We have an opportunity to model co-learning and a community of inquiry as we explore the redesigned curriculum and competencies.

The facilitators for the day are to be commended for their willingness and courage to facilitate learning amongst a diverse group of approximately 1500 learners. They have thoughtfully prepared sessions that honour your professionalism, and have indicated that they look forward to having you share your expertise within the sessions you attend.

Every learner is expected to bring something to the sessions. Firstly, bring your expertise. Secondly, any experiences that demonstrate the journey towards more personalized learning for students, and most certainly the questions you require clarity around. Feel free to bring technology, examples or resources that you are willing to highlight or share with your colleagues to make everyone's journey easier. The facilitators will be utilizing the First Peoples Principles of Learning and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Principles of Learning to help facilitate discussion.

Working towards the implementation of the redesigned curriculum may seem like a tremendous task for an individual teacher. However, "*Together We Learn*" is more than just a District statement, it is a truth ... that together we can learn and use reciprocal relationships to create safe, inclusive learning teams that share expertise, diverse understandings, and inquiry as we move forward in our understanding of the redesigned curriculum.

Part-time teachers are invited to attend and will be compensated if it is not in their regular schedule. Teachers Teaching on Call are also invited to attend; however, there is no budget for TTOCs to attend on a paid basis unless they are in a temporary contract and scheduled to work that day. Teacher candidates are also welcome to attend.

Other details and logistics will be provided in the near future including an agenda for the day and opportunity to preregister for the sessions.

We look forward to an excellent day of learning together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Susan Bauhart'.

Susan Bauhart
President
COTA

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kevin Kaardal'.

Kevin Kaardal
Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Central Okanagan School District

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Raquel Steen
President
COPVPA

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES - 2016

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Baxter

VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Butler (Term 1 - January to May)
Trustee Fraser (Term 2 - June to December)

Note: The Board Chairperson is an ex-officio member of all Board Committees.

Board Standing Committees:

- **General Affairs Committee:**
Committee of the Whole
Chairperson: The Vice-Chairperson
Senior Staff Member: Superintendent of Schools/CEO – Kevin Kaardal
 - **Coordinating Committee:**
Board Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson
Senior Staff Member: Superintendent of Schools/CEO – Kevin Kaardal
Secretary-Treasurer - Larry Paul
 - **Education and Student Services Committee:**
Chairperson: Trustee Tiede
Two Members: Trustee Mossman, Trustee Butler
Senior Staff Member: Assistant Superintendent – Terry-Lee Beaudry
Note: The Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee also attends Education Committee Meetings of the BCSTA Branch (held the afternoons of Branch meetings).
 - **Finance and Legal Committee:**
Chairperson: Trustee Mossman
Two Members: Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Gorman
Senior Staff Member: Director of Finance – Eileen Sadlowski
 - **Human Resources and Staff Services Committee:**
Chairperson: Trustee Butler
Two Members: Trustee Fraser, Trustee Tiede
Senior Staff Member: Director of Instruction – Human Resources – John Simonson
 - **Planning and Facilities Committee:**
Chairperson: Trustee Fraser
Two Members: Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Gorman
Senior Staff Member: Director of Operations – Mitch Van Aller
 - **Executive Staff Management Committee:**
Chairperson: Trustee Tiede
Two Members: (Human Resources and Staff Services Committee Chairperson and the Board Chairperson)
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- **District Bargaining Committee:**
Representative: Trustee Butler
Alternate: Trustee Tiede

BOARD REPRESENTATION ON DISTRICT COMMITTEES - 2016

- **District Aboriginal Education Council (Staff Rep - Terry Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent):**
Generally meets four times a year at 9:00 am, September, November, February and May, alternating between WFN Community Services Centre and HRES

Representative: Trustee Mossman
Representative: Trustee Butler
One Alternate: Trustee Fraser

- **District Early Years Partnership Committee (Staff Rep – Rhonda Ovelson, Director of Instruction K-12):**
Generally four meetings a year at 3:45 pm at the SBO Board Office: October, January, April and June

Representative: Trustee Tiede
Alternate: Trustee Cacchioni

- **Public Education Awareness Committee (Staff Rep – Terry Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent):**
Generally meets six times a year on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm at HRES: October, November, January, February, April and May

Representative: Trustee Mossman
Alternate: Trustee Baxter

- **District Employee Wellness Sub-Committee (Staff Rep – John Simonson, Director of Instruction, HR):**
All meetings Thursdays, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm (usually at the SBO Board Office) - Once a month in November, January and February

Representative: Trustee Mossman
Alternate: Trustee Butler

- **District Health Promoting Schools Committee (Staff Rep – Vianne Kintzinger, Director of Instruction K-12):**
All meetings Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at SBO Board Room - Once a month in October, December, February, April & May

Representative: Trustee Butler
Alternate: Trustee Baxter

- **District Human Rights Committee (Staff Rep – Rick Oliver, Director of Instruction K-12):**
All meetings Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm, SBO Board Room - Once a month in September, November (tentative), January, April (tentative) & June

Representative: Trustee Baxter
Alternate: Trustee Fraser

- **District Safe Schools Committee (Staff Rep – Curtis Schreiber, Principal – Central School):**
All meetings 9:00 am, first Wednesday of December, January, February, April, May and June

Representative: Trustee Cacchioni
Alternate: Trustee Gorman

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

- **Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES) (Staff Rep – Peter Molloy, Director of Instruction, SSS):**
No meeting dates have been set.

Rotating Trustee Representatives

**BOARD REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE
COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES - 2016**

▪ **CATCH (Community Action Toward Children's Health):**

Two-hour monthly Friday meetings at 8:30 am, plus occasional 'events'.

Representative: Trustee Cacchioni

Alternate: Trustee Gorman

▪ **Kelowna Veendam:**

Two-hour monthly meetings and quarterly 'events'.

Representative: Trustee Fraser

▪ **Success by 6:**

1.5 to 2-hour morning meetings (9:00 am) every second month plus occasional 'events' (often the same as CATCH).

Representative: Trustee Cacchioni

Alternate: Trustee Butler

▪ **West Kelowna Traffic Safety Committee:**

Westside Trustees are advised when meetings are called.

Representatives: Trustee Baxter and Trustee Fraser