



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, January 10, 2024**

Recognition

2023 Provincial Volleyball Champions

École Kelowna Secondary School AAAA Senior Girls Volleyball Team

The Board of Education congratulated coach, Shauna King, and the members of the École Kelowna Secondary School AAAA Senior Girls Volleyball team, their parents and volunteers, on their achievement as the 2023 Provincial Volleyball Champions.

For the first time in tournament history, the Senior Girls and Senior Boys Volleyball Provincial Champions were from the same school, in the same year. The École Kelowna Secondary School AAA Senior Boys Volleyball Team will be recognized by the Board of Education at a future Board Meeting.

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. United Nations Climate Summit COP28

In attendance:

Erin Work, Grade 12, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Jamie Robinson, Assistant Superintendent

Graham Johnson, Vice-Principal, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Kelly Hanson, Teacher, Instructional Leadership Team

Kristi Langlois, Teacher, Instructional Leadership Team

The District's work with The College Board of Canada and the Centre for Global Education resulted in the opportunity for one student from the AP Land Based Inquiry course at École George Elliot Secondary School and École Okanagan Mission Secondary School being selected to attend the United Nations Climate Summit COP 28, a Student Leadership Summit held concurrently with the United Nations Climate Change Conference, in Dubai, UAE. Grade 12 student, Erin Work, from École Okanagan Mission Secondary School, was selected and able to attend events in the Blue Zone, with government leaders from around the world. Erin was the only Canadian afforded this privilege. Teacher Kristi Langlois, from the Instructional Leadership Team, attended along with Erin and participated in events in the Green Zone. Erin spoke of her passion for climate change education, sustainability and social justice, and her plan to raise awareness of climate change and sustainability in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. Connecting Science to the Real World – BC Wildlife Magazine

In attendance:

Craig Arsenault, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Scott Sieben, Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Craig Arsenault spoke on making connection through science and every day activities through his Science for Citizens course at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. Science for Citizens allows an educator to present real-world science in relatable, practical ways. Collaboration with projects takes place with the

Indigenous Education Department. An example of a project is tanning of hides donated from local area hunters. Craig was recently featured in an article in the BC Wildlife Federation Magazine and on CBC.

Declaration

Family Literacy Week – January 21 to 28, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of January 21 to 28, 2024 as Family Literacy Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues
 - The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that classes at École George Elliot Secondary School were back on schedule this morning following a two day closure due to a flood on the premises.
 - Appreciation was expressed to all administrators and staff who supported families in a variety of ways over the winter break.
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024
3. General Statement – December 13, 2023

Items of Special Mention

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following.

1. Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including concerts, breakfasts and luncheons.
2. A reminder that the Enrollment Application for the 2024/2025 school year begins at 7:00 on January 29th through to Friday, March 15th. Further information on the process is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website: www.sd23.bc.ca.
3. Information meetings will be held by all Principals of elementary schools that offer French Immersion Programs on Tuesday, January 16th via Zoom from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Interested parents/caregivers can attend by joining the Zoom meeting using the following link: sd23.org/french-immersion-session. The information meetings will be recorded and posted to the District website for parents/caregivers who are unable to participate in the Zoom information meetings. Further information on the French Immersion Program is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website: www.sd23.bc.ca.
4. Trustee Fraser reminded other members of the Board of Education of the BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Resolution Committee Meeting taking place on Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 pm by Zoom.
5. The Winter edition of Together We Learn with the theme of "Wonder" was published just prior to the winter break. An expression of thanks was extended to the École Kelowna Secondary School Journalism 10, 11 and 12 classes for their preparation of the articles for this edition.
6. The Mount Boucherie Secondary School Indigenous Visual Art Presentations of Learning will be taking place on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

6:00 pm

All Public Board Meetings take place in the Main Board Room at 1040 Hollywood Road South unless otherwise noted.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

4:00 pm

Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

4:00 pm Policy Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

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