



"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, January 25, 2017

Introduction:

Justin Schneider, Communications Advisor

The Board of Education welcomed Justin Schneider to the District in the new role of Communications Advisor.

Presentation:

"Inside 23"

1. WE DAY

In attendance: District Staff:
Rick Oliver, Assistant Superintendent
Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent
Teachers:
Shandra Bowen, North Glenmore Elementary School
Darcey King, Dr. Knox Middle School
Students:
Julia Basso
Cade Desjarlais
Cody Simons

On Thursday, November 3rd, 2016, over 465 students and staff from the Central Okanagan School District attended WE DAY in Vancouver. Students from the Central Okanagan Public Schools have participated in WE DAY for the past eight years. Dr. Knox students shared how WE DAY has inspired them to lead social justice initiatives in their school, community, and globally. The students also presented a slideshow highlighting the District assembly at École Charles Best Secondary the night before WE DAY as well as the WE DAY event.

2. Mount Boucherie Secondary School – First Nations Art Studio and Elder in the Classroom Project

In attendance: Teacher:
James Elwood
Students:
Jeanelle Croteau
Jayda Setah
Svenja Xylaender

Mr. Elwood created the First Nations Art Studio course, the first of its kind in the province. The course is open to all students. Mr. Elwood highlighted aspects of the course and described how it had

evolved over the last ten years, including the creation of pictographs depicting traditional local culture. Guest artists, such as Lee Claremont and Smoker Marchand, have contributed greatly to the students understanding of the history and cultural teachings associated with First Nations artwork. Students shared how they have been inspired by Mr. Elwood and guest artists. The students shared their artwork which included the sanding, shaping, and painting of paddles.

Action Items:

1. New Policy 168 – Policy Committee

The Board of Education approved new Policy 168 – Policy Committee.

2. Amendments to Policy 387 – Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 387 – Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy.

Information Items:

1. Start Time for Committee Meetings

The Board of Education received the change in start times for the following Committee Meetings:

Policy Committee – 4:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee – 6:00 pm

Finance and Legal Committee – 4:00 pm

(with the exception of May 17, 2017 which will remain at 1:00 pm)

General Affairs – 4:00 p.m.

Planning and Facilities Committee – 6:00 pm

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Office of the Ombudsperson – Files Closed from October 1 to December 31, 2016
2. Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates 2017 - Update
3. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017
4. General Statement

Items of Special Mention

The Board of Education commended the students and staff of Chief Tomat Elementary School, École KLO Middle School, and Raymer Elementary School for their exceptional welcome of B.C.'s Lieutenant Governor, Judith Guichon, during her visit to the Central Okanagan School District on Friday, January 20th, 2016.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm

School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

4:00 pm Policy Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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