



"Together We Learn"

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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, November 30, 2016

Presentation:

"Inside 23"

1. Kindness Crew – George Elliot Secondary School

In attendance:

Principal: Kathy Weninger

Teacher: Kathy Lafontaine

The George Elliot Secondary School Kindness Crew was developed after the 2015/2016 Healthy Schools Conference. Students from the Kindness Crew outlined their 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 Inquiry Projects and highlighted their past and future activities focused on increasing connectedness, reducing anxiety, and promoting positive use of social media.

2. Coding

Presenter: Jordan Kleckner, District Principal Learning Technology
Alida Privett, Principal, Mar Jok Elementary School
Tim Van Brummelen, Vice-Principal, Mar Jok Elementary School
April Cutler, teacher, Mar Jok Elementary School

The Ministry of Education Coding initiative is part of the new Applied Design, Skills and Technology redesigned curriculum. Coding is a way to have students interact with design thinking. A presentation was made by staff of Mar Jok Elementary School outlining the Coding that is taking place in their Kindergarten through Grade 6 classrooms.

Recognition:

1. Kelowna Secondary School KSS Girls Field Hockey Team Silver Medallists at Provincial AAA Field Hockey Tournament

The Board of Education recognized the Kelowna Secondary School KSS Girls Field Hockey Team who recently won the silver medal at the Provincial AAA Field Hockey Tournament. Coaches Arnar Bernhardsson and Brian Demug were also recognized.

Declaration:

Computer Science Education Week – December 5 – 11, 2016

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared December 5 – 11, 2016 as "Computer Science Education Week" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

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Action Items:

- 1. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal**
The Board of Education approved the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Perspectives mondiales 12 (École Kelowna Secondary School).
- 2. City of Kelowna Statutory Right-of-Way for Dr. Knox Middle School**
The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings and adopted School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 137 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way), and granted approval for the registration of a Statutory-Right-of-Way in favour of the City of Kelowna on Lot A, Section 4, Township 23, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan KAP85548.

Information Items:

- 1. Synopsis: Second Annual Ministry of Education Liaison Meeting/BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs**
- 2. Improving Budgeting and Expenditure Management in the Public Education System – Auditor General's Report – May 2016**
- 3. Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 Executive**
The Board of Education congratulated the following members of CUPE Local 3523 who were elected to the Executive Board effective November 2016 through to November 2017:

Table Officers:

President:	Wendy Johnson
Vice-President:	David Tether
Recording Secretary:	Treena Harley
Secretary-Treasurer:	Kieran Fahy

Sergeant-at-Arms:

John O'Flaherty

Shop Stewards:

Clerical/Library Assistant:	Julie Melia, Elaine Soroka
Custodial:	Colleen Elder
General:	Bill Ewen
Operations:	Dick Beetlestone
Student Support Services:	Margaret Varga, Teri Wishlow
Transportation:	Duane Wheatley

- 4. Board Standing Committees**
The Board of Education agreed to suspend the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee for one year starting January 2017, with all Human Resources matters to be referred to the General Affairs Committee for that time period. The Board of Education also agreed to form a Policy Committee starting January 1, 2017 to manage Policy matters. The General Affairs Committee and Policy Committees will meet in alternate months at the times previously scheduled for Human Resources and Staff Services and General Affairs. The Committee effectiveness will be assessed at the end of the time frame.

Items Requiring Special Mention

The Superintendent reported on the following items:

- A letter from Education Minister Mike Bernier has been forwarded to all parents containing updates on the Grade 10-12 curriculum implementation and the Foundation Skills Assessment. The letter of November 29th is posted on the School District website.
- Congratulations were extended to the George Elliot Secondary School Grade 9/10 Boys Volleyball Team for winning the Provincial championships last weekend.
- The Superintendent wished good luck to the many Central Okanagan Public School volleyball teams participating in Provincial tournaments this weekend

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017
2. General Statement

Next Public Board Meeting

Annual General Meeting and Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates

2017 Board Standing Committee Meeting dates to be confirmed.

For comments, please contact:

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