



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, February 12, 2020

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1. Harmony Day T-Shirt Artwork

In attendance:

Tim Mayer, Teacher, École Kelowna Secondary School

Teigan Johnston, Grade 12 Student, École Kelowna Secondary School

Teigan Johnston, a grade 12 student at École Kelowna Secondary School, prepared the artwork for the Harmony Day T-Shirts. After learning about the Four Food Chiefs *skəmxist* (Bear), *n'tyxtix* (Salmon), *spitlem* (Bitterroot) and *siya?* (Saskatoon Berry) from the Indigenous Advocate, she learned how to integrate them into her artwork based on the theme of Gratitude. Along with her family, she will continue to participate and embrace Sylix Culture in our community. She felt honoured for the opportunity to share her artwork with the Central Okanagan School District for Harmony Day.

Declaration:

1. Harmony Day – February 19, 2020

In attendance:

Leigh-Ann Yanow, Harmony Day Committee Chairperson

Chloe Yanow, Grade 7 Student, Canyon Falls Middle School

Mori Mayer, Grade 7 Student, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

This year marks the 13th Annual Harmony Day. Leigh-Ann Yanow, Chair of the Harmony Day Committee, announced that this year's Harmony Day theme is "Gratitude". Many events will be happening in schools on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. For more information, visit www.harmonyday.ca.

Students, Chloe and Mori, spoke of their experience attending the Harmony Day Living Library Middle School Conference on January 24, 2020.

The Chairperson of the Board of Education declared:

WHEREAS Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and

WHEREAS Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan Public Schools community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day allows the Central Okanagan Public Schools to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and

THEREFORE, I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of the Central Okanagan Public Schools, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2020 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. **Pink Shirt Day – February 26, 2020**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, February 26, 2020 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. **Transportation Task Force Steering Committee Recommendations**

The Board of Education approved the following recommendations to come forward to the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting:

- the eligibility walk limits be set as:

3.0 km	Elementary
4.0 km	Middle
4.8 km	Secondary
- the transportation fee of \$300/year for each bus rider for the period effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
- registration opening of March 2nd and closing of May 31st

2. **Approval of the 2019/2020 Amended Annual Budget**

At the February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted, the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2019/2020 in the amount of \$275,685,975.

3. **Affirmation of Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee**

The Board of Education affirmed Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020
2. General Statement – January 29, 2020
3. Financial Update – December 31, 2019
4. 2020/2021 Budget Survey Questions
5. BC Ministry of Education Funding Announcement

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Trustees and the Deputy Superintendent reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at events throughout the District.
2. A reminder that schools are closed on **Monday, February 17th for Family Day**.
3. On Friday, **February 21st**, CUPE and COTA will be hosting their **professional development days** and therefore schools will not be in session.
4. **Community Learning Forums**
The Rutland Community Learning Forum will be held tomorrow evening (Thursday) at Rutland Senior Secondary School and the Westside will host their Community Learning Forum on Tuesday, February 18th. Both Forums start at 6:00 pm.
5. The **47th Annual Interior Savings Western Canada Basketball Tournament** was hosted by KSS this past weekend. Eight of the top high school boys and six of the top high school girls basketball teams converged upon KSS. Many thanks to all of the students, parents and staff who volunteered their time for this annual event. Congratulations to the KSS Owls Boys Basketball team who placed 2nd.
6. Approximately **250 parents** attended the Parent Information Session – **Helping Your Child with Stress** presented by Dr. Hayley Watson on Monday night.

7. The **Proud for Prom** Drive-Thru Donation Day is on February 28th at George Elliot Secondary, Rutland Senior Secondary, Kelowna Secondary and Mount Boucherie Secondary Schools.
8. Education Researcher, Dr. Frank Bruckel from the University of Zurich, and Rachel Guerra, Director of Instruction, Liechtenstein, visited with schools and staff to better understand practices that are leading to student success.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
6:00 pm
Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee
Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

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