



"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, September 14, 2016

Presentations:

1. "Inside 23"

My First Week in School

Pearson Road Elementary School – *"Hands Up Program"*

In attendance: Destiny van den Eerenbeemt, Kindergarten student
Allison Macafee and Isabel Vicente, Kindergarten teachers
Debbie Dachwitz, StrongStart Coordinator
Rob Zoppi, Principal, Pearson Road Elementary School

Rob Zoppi, Principal of Pearson Road Elementary School, spoke about the "Hands Up Program" which assists Kindergarten students with the transition to Kindergarten. In May and June 2016, prekindergarten students attended Pearson Road Elementary School two afternoons a week for 8 weeks to prepare for full day Kindergarten in September 2016.

Destiny, a new Kindergarten student, presented to the Board of Education on her first week of school, sharing her favourite centres, what she likes about Kindergarten, and the first week Scavenger Hunt! The "Hands Up Program" has helped to reduce anxiety (for students and parents), providing a successful start for Kindergarten students.

Recognition:

1. Dayna Hart, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

B.C. Teacher-Librarian of the Year (*Diana Poole Memorial Award*)

The Board of Education recognized Dayna Hart, Teacher-Librarian at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, for receiving the B.C. Teacher-Librarian of the Year (Diana Poole Memorial Award), the highest honour of the B.C. Teacher Librarian's Association.

2. Kelowna Capital News – Production of *Together We Learn*

The Board of Education recognized the Kelowna Capital News for the publication of the *Together We Learn* inserts in January and June of 2016. Karen Hill, Publisher of the Kelowna Capital News was in attendance and shared her appreciation for the partnership between District staff and the Kelowna Capital News to produce the *Together We Learn* editions.

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Kelowna Capital News staff members, Kiana Hanerwilk, Creator (January edition), and Tiffany Larkin, Creator (June edition), were also recognized for their significant involvement in producing quality publications.

Presentation:

1. School Opening Report Part 1

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the Central Okanagan School District, presented the School Opening Report Part 1. This Report covers the time period of September 6 through 9, 2016 and provides an update regarding the first four days of the school year. Admin Council and schools in the District reported a smooth and orderly opening this year. To date, the majority of schools appear to be at or exceeding enrolment projections. Once all of the adjustments are made, it is anticipated that the District will experience a significant overall increase in enrolment over last year. Detailed enrolment numbers, organized by individual schools and zones, will be provided in Part 2 of the School Opening Report at the September 28th Public Board Meeting, as well as following the September 30th 1701 submission to the Ministry of Education.

(The School Opening Report – Part 1 is available on the Central Okanagan School District website.)

The Board of Education and the Superintendent commended all staff for their efforts.

Action Items:

1. Student Transportation Funding

The Board of Education approved the \$600,000 Transportation Funding amount to be used to provide a 100% subsidy to eligible bus riders using the historical Ministry of Education guidelines of students living beyond 4.0kms (primary) and 4.8kms (4-12) from their catchment school. Non-eligible riders under this definition would continue to pay the approved Board transportation fee of \$250/student.

2. FortisBC Statutory Right-of-Way for Hollywood Road Board Office

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted Property Bylaw No. 134 (Registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) in favour of FortisBC on Lot 9, Section 22, Township 26, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan 19144.

3. City of Kelowna Statutory Right-of-Way for KLO Middle School

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted Property Bylaw No. 135 (Registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) in favour of the City of Kelowna on Lot A, District Lot 135, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan 19950 except Plan H17514.

4. Rebranding of Central Okanagan School District

The Board of Education approved the rebranding of the Central Okanagan School District to Central Okanagan Public Schools. The Board of Education requested that technical information be provided (regarding usage guidelines) prior to approving a 'refresh' of the existing District logo.

5. Public Education Awareness Committee – Draft Terms of Reference

The Board of Education approved the Terms of Reference for the Public Education Awareness Committee.

Items Requiring Special Mention:

- Synrevoice has been utilized in the School District for over ten years, providing schools with the ability to send e-mails and automated phone call messages to parents. The District will soon be moving to a new version that schools will be able to use as their main mode of communication to families (voice calling, email, text messages, social media, etc.) The new system will provide us with the opportunity to contact parents in a timely manner during emergency situations.

Information Items:**The Board of Education reviewed the following:**

- Enrolment in the District of Lake Country
- School Enhancement Program – Additional 2016/17 Call for Projects
- Letter from Ministry of Education, August 15, 2016 – Ministerial Order on Reporting
- Policy 640 – District Smoke Free Environment – Vapour Products
- Trustee Attendance – COPAC Meetings September 2016 to June 2017
- Level 4 and 5 Field Trip Summary – 2016/2017
- General Statement

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

September 21, 2016

1:00 pm	Finance and Legal Committee
6:30 pm	Planning and Facilities Committee (<i>Please note new time</i>)

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