



"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, May 23, 2018

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. Technology Team

Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent, introduced the following who were in attendance:

Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Learning Technology Programs

Dave Swystun, Learning Technology Manager

Dave Deleurme, Computer H/S Technician

Scott Wickenheiser, Computer H/S Technician/Infrastructure

Chad Hebert, Computer H/S Technician – Elementary Team Lead

George York, Help Desk

Dalton Sears, Computer H/S Technician

Those unable to attend were:

Troy Kruschel, Data Centre Technician

Micah Swan, Computer H/S Technician

Jim MacMahon, Data Centre Technician – Data Centre Team Lead

The Board of Education thanked the members of the Technology Department who assisted in the move from the old School Board Office located at 1940 Underhill Street to the new School Board Office at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

2. Kelowna Secondary School Mural

In attendance:

Troy White, Principal, Kelowna Secondary School

Tim Mayer, Art teacher, Kelowna Secondary School

Tania Stepanets, Student, Kelowna Secondary School

Crystal Przybille, Artist

Approximately 20 students from the KSS Honours Art Class worked on sections of a massive mural for several months. With assistance from Sheldon Pierre Louis, a local First Nations member, the intercultural mural was created as an "educational piece to showcase some of the truths behind the culture of First Nations people". The project received a community grant through UBC Okanagan and the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Centre. The mural was displayed at the Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony held last week.

Recognition:

1. Central Okanagan Public Schools Fortis Efficiency in Action Award Winner

In attendance:

Harold Schock, Energy & Sustainability Manager

Harold Schock, Energy & Sustainability Manager, presented the FortisBC Efficiency in Action Award to the Board Chairperson expressing appreciation for the support provided by the Board of Education. The FortisBC Efficiency in Action Awards recognize and celebrate BC businesses, organizations and builders for exceptional achievements in saving energy. In 2018, they awarded 10 recipients who have shown innovation to reduce their natural gas and electricity use, increase the energy efficiency of their buildings and operations, and help to meet BC's climate action goals. Central Okanagan Public Schools were selected as winners in the "large commercial customer" category for their smart improvements to save natural gas and electricity costs which included rebate-eligible LED lighting upgrades across several schools and high-efficiency boiler replacements at selected sites. In addition, the District has switched 17 school buses and one waste collection truck to compressed natural gas, helping to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

2. Rutland Secondary School Sustainable Development Challenge Winner

In attendance:

Sarah Watson, Vice-Principal, Rutland Secondary School

Students:

Keneisha Charles

Theresa Schwab

Natasha Miles

Zoe Rawsthorne

Sophia Young (not able to attend)

The Board of Education congratulated the Rutland Secondary School students "Take Two" team who were involved in the Sustainable Development Challenge. Take Two is an initiative started by five students at Rutland Secondary School who are part of the Interact Club. The Sustainable Development Challenge is hosted by Global Citizen Events and challenges students from grade 8 to 12 to partner with a local charity/NGO and come up with a project to help reach one of the UN's seventeen sustainable development goals. Take Two was awarded the first place prize of \$5,000 to make Take Two a reality. The mission of Take Two is to revolutionize the way society views waste and to reduce the amount of plastic that our community produces. Using a model developed by the organization Precious Plastic, the students are able to convert a majority of the plastic waste currently sent to the landfill into valuable new items such as jewelry, phone cases, planters and more. The profit generated from the sale of the products goes towards helping other communities establish their own Take Two workspaces and other environmental initiatives.

3. Lauryn Wachter, Grade 11 French Immersion Student, Kelowna Secondary School Concours d'art Oratoire, Provincial French Public Speaking Competition Winner

In attendance:

Lauryn Wachter, French Immersion Student, Kelowna Secondary School

Steve Labrie, Vice-Principal, Kelowna Secondary School

Shannon Bracken, Teacher, Kelowna Secondary School

The Board of Education congratulated Lauryn for winning the top award at the Provincial Concours d'art oratoire – Canada's French Public Speaking Contest. Approximately 10,000 students from across British Columbia competed with 235 making the provincial finals.

Presentation:

1. Response to SOGI 123

Presenter: Shara Mendoza, Parent

Shara Mendoza distributed the brochure "*9 Reasons SOGI 123 Must Be Stopped*" published by Parents United Canada. Ms. Mendoza expressed her concerns with the implementation of SOGI 123 in schools. Ms. Mendoza urged the Board of Education to say no to SOGI 123.

Action Items:

1. Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Indigenous Studies (Rutland Secondary School)

The Board of Education approved the Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Indigenous Studies at Rutland Secondary School.

2. Proposal for Educational Programs with External Partnerships – University of British Columbia Okanagan – School of Engineering

The Proposal for Educational Programs with External Partnerships – University of British Columbia Okanagan – School of Engineering was approved by the Board of Education.

3. Sexual Health Education Program Review – Level 2

The Board of Education approved the Sexual Health Education Program Review – Level 2.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Expansion of the Taste of Trades Program (Semester One)
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2017/2018
3. General Statement – May 9, 2018
4. Month End Enrolment Report – April 2018

Items Requiring Special Mention:

- The **Aboriginal Graduation** was held on Thursday, May 17th which celebrated the graduation of over 200 graduates – the largest class ever.
- The first ever **TED^XYouth@DoyleAve** event was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at the Innovation Centre, where 12 youth presented. The talks were profound, moving and innovative. The speakers shared thoughtful ways to create a kinder, more productive and sustainable future.
- The public was reminded that the **KSS Cancer Week Drive-Thru Breakfast** takes place tomorrow morning starting at 7:00 am at the RONA parking lot.

Next Public Board Meetings

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

6:00 pm at the School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

6:00 pm at the School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

4:00 pm General Affairs Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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