



BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. eSchoolBC

Participating by Zoom:

Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Technology

John Morrone, Vice-Principal of Technology

Cori Nicolai, Teacher

Ava Dodgson, Grade 1 student

Sarah Lebeter (Dodgson), Parent

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the requirement that Boards of Education provide remote learning for students, the Central Okanagan Public School's eSchoolBC program was expanded to provide service to 700+ students. An additional 23 teachers were hired to support this growth. The Board Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Education, recognized the eSchoolBC staff on their efforts in establishing a program for Kindergarten to grade 9 students. Cori Nicolai, one of the new teachers hired, shared her Weekly Learning Schedule which included times for whole group participation, small group participation and 1 on 1 learning. Ava, a grade 1 student in Ms. Nicolai's class, shared her favorite parts of remote learning, and Ava's mom, Sarah Lebeter shared her perspective as a parent.

Recognition:

1. FortisBC Efficiency in Action Award – Medium Commercial Customer

Participating by Zoom:

Harold Schock, Energy & Sustainability Manager

This year was the sixth annual awards ceremony for FortisBC. The Efficiency in Action Awards showcase the exceptional work organizations of all sizes in B.C. are doing to achieve energy savings in new buildings, commercial upgrades and industrial operations. The Central Okanagan Public Schools won the 2020 Efficiency in Action Award – Medium Commercial Customer. This Award was received due to the upgrade at Canyon Falls Middle School with several energy-efficient features, with the proceeds of the FortisBC rebate used to purchase solar panels to decrease the school's carbon footprint ever further.

Action Items:

1. Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

The Board of Education accepted the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

2. Enhancement Agreement – Chief Tomat Elementary School Playground

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the Chief Tomat Elementary School PAC for the purchase and installation of a new playground. The Board of Education further approved a \$50,000 loan to be provided to the Chief Tomat Elementary School PAC to assist with the purchase and installation of a new playground.

3. Enhancement Agreement – North Glenmore Elementary School Playground

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the North Glenmore Elementary School PAC for the purchase and installation of a new playground. The Board of Education further approved a \$50,000 loan to be provided to the North Glenmore Elementary School PAC to assist with the purchase and installation of a new playground.

4. Letter of Support – BC Childcare New Spaces Funding Application

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter of support for the District's BC ChildCare New Spaces Funding Applications for the following projects:

- Black Mountain Elementary School - YMCA
- North Glenmore Elementary School – Boys and Girls Club
- Ellison Elementary School - Clubhouse
- Okanagan Mission Secondary School - YMCA
- Anne McClymont Elementary School – Boys and Girls Club
- Hudson Road Elementary School – Boys and Girls Club

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
2. General Statement – October 14, 2020
3. 2020 School Remembrance Day Assemblies

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised the Board of Education of the format of the various assemblies taking place virtually in schools on November 10th to honour Remembrance Day.

4. Community Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, gathering restrictions have been put in place for Remembrance Day Ceremonies hosted by the various cities/communities serviced by Central Okanagan Public Schools. In lieu of attendance, the Board of Education has either purchased wreaths to be placed on the Board's behalf or donated to the appropriate Legion's Poppy Fund.

5. Townhall Meetings

H.S. Grenda Middle School French Immersion Program Considerations:

Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/69376010829>

École Kelowna Secondary School Capacity Considerations:

Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/61498372295>

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

6:00 pm (via Zoom for the public)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

4:00 pm Policy Committee (via Zoom for the public)

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (via Zoom for the public)

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