



"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 24, 2017

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. Settlement Workers in Schools

Dr. Rick Oliver, Assistant Superintendent – Westside schools, introduced Donna Garbelya and Carol Davidson, two of the International Education Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) who both recently retired. Also introduced were Renate Lutz and Christine Neufeld who will be the new SWIS workers in the International Education Department. Central Okanagan Public Schools have had Settlement Workers in Schools since 2008. Dr. Oliver described the role of Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) who provide transitional support to students and families immigrating to the Central Okanagan from all over the world. Personalized settlement plans provide new families with support and services to help the families settle into their new school communities and the greater community. The Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) positions are funded through the Federal Government.

Recognition:

1. Kelowna Secondary School Girls Curling Team

In attendance:

Katelyn McGillivray, Skip – Grade 10 at KSS

Anna Trigalet, Third – Grade 12 International Student from Belgium

Erika Ellis, Second – Grade 8 at KLO Middle School

Grace Milligan, Alternate – Grade 10 at KSS

Mrs. Karen Ellis – Female Chaperone

Mr. Lorne Buna – Teacher Sponsor

Not able to attend:

Mr. Bob Harris, Coach

Naiomi Hayward, Lead – Grade 9 at Dr. Knox Middle School

The Board of Education recognized the KSS Girls Curling Team for securing a third place finish in the Provincial Tournament held in March.

2. Kelowna Secondary School Junior Girls Basketball Team

In attendance:

Ryan Mansley, Vice-Principal, KSS

The Board commended the KSS Junior Girls Basketball Team for achieving a silver medal at provincials this year. (The team, as well as the coaches, play basketball on Wednesdays so several team members were unable to attend.)

Action Items:

1. Draft Rewrite of Policy 401 – Role of the Student

The Board of Education approved the rewrite of Policy 401 – Role of the Student and Policy 401(A) – Role of the Student (Appendix).

2. 2017/2018 CommunityLINK Allocations

The Board of Education approved the recommended School-Based CommunityLINK Allocations 2017/2018.

3. Ministry Early Learning Agreement Approval

The Board of Education approved the new Early Learning Agreement with the Ministry of Education.

4. Budget Recommendations

The Board of Education approved the following budget items:

1. the addition of two (2) full time equivalent (FTE) custodians (\$115,000) to the custodial staffing in order to continue to maintain new classroom spaces
2. the addition of one (1.0) FTE teaching position (from Core funding) to support the Ministry mandate to indigenize the redesigned curriculum
3. the addition of \$5,000 to the 2017/2018 budget for Teacher Inquiry Projects and up to \$10,000 for LSA Support in the fall of 2017 once financial reports for individual LSA's are collected and reviewed

Information Items:

Superintendent's Emergent Issues:

- The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that the Operations staff have been involved in a great deal of preparatory work to protect our facilities from potential flooding. In particular, the Superintendent/CEO thanked the Operations staff and the students of George Elliot Secondary School (GESS) for preparing George Elliot Secondary School for the potential of flooding.
- Schools in the Central Okanagan will not follow suit after a Victoria school banned cell phones. The Central Okanagan Public Schools Policy 486 – Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communications clearly outlines the District's expectations for digital citizenship.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Letter of Support for Replacement of Shannon Lake Road Bridge
2. Grant Thornton Report to the Finance and Legal Committee – Initial Communication on Audit Planning for the Year Ended June 30, 2017
3. School Fees 2017/2018
4. Trustee Travel Expenses
5. Financial Update – International Education Program
6. Suspension Summary Report: 2010-2011 to 2015-2016
7. Central Okanagan Teachers' Association 2017-18 Executive Committee
8. The Office of the Ombudsperson – Quarterly Reporting Process Changes and Files Closed from January 1 to March 31, 2017
9. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017
10. General Statement – May 10, 2017
11. General Statement – May 17, 2017

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Items of Special Mention:

- May 18th, 2017 marked the commencement of the Graduation Ceremonies in the Central Okanagan Public Schools. The Aboriginal Education Graduation Ceremony was held on May 18th at KSS with over 650 students, staff, and families in attendance. It was a wonderful celebration of student success. As well, many graduation dinners/dances were held this past May long weekend. The other graduation ceremonies will be held in June.
- On Thursday, May 18, 2017, a private unveiling of an art piece, created collaboratively by a local artist with the support of students from the Central Okanagan Public Schools and the University of British Columbia campus, took place at the new RCMP building. Students from five Central Okanagan elementary schools (Anne McClymont, Chute Lake, Mar Jok, Rose Valley, and Shannon Lake) designed jig-saw puzzle pieces to express personal gratitude through words and art which were assembled into a four-piece framed permanent art installation.
- The Annual KSS "Drive-Thru" Breakfast will be held this Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Rona parking lot. Funds raised will support the BC Cancer Foundation.
- Many of our staff and students will be participating in next week's 'Bike to School and Work Week'. The community is encouraged to drive carefully with additional bike traffic on the roads.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates

Wednesday, June 7, 2017
4:00 pm General Affairs Committee
6:00 pm Education and Student Services

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