



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, February 26, 2020

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1. École KSS Indigenous Academy – Blanketing Exercise

In attendance:

Troy White, Principal, École KSS
Ryan Mansley, Vice-Principal, École KSS
Rob Bennett, Teacher, École KSS
Dawn Dionne, Indigenous Advocate, École KSS

Students:

Camille Arellano
Nicole Spletzer
Emmy Carlyle

The students of the Indigenous Leadership and English First Peoples 2019 spoke of the opportunities they have had since the inception of the Indigenous Leadership Program at École KSS last year. These opportunities included visiting a residential school, constructing a teepee, cutting and curing deer meat, filleting and smoking of salmon, Moosehide Campaign/Awareness and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Campaign.

Action Items:

1. Transportation Recommendations from the February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting

The Board of Education reviewed the Steering Committee recommendations as well as the recommendations made by the Board of Education at their February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

The Board of Education approved the following:

THAT: The Board of Education set the eligibility walk limits as 3.0 km for elementary students, 4.0 km for middle students, and 4.8 km for secondary students.

THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation fee of \$300 using the route cap scenario.

THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation registration opening date to March 2, 2020 and closing date of May 31, 2020.

THAT: The Board of Education approved the amendments to Regulations 425R – Student Fees (*Regulations*), which makes the following substantive changes to the existing Regulations:

- Addition of a new criteria to also allow for a subsidy under income thresholds.

THAT: The Board of Education approved the rewrite to Regulations 470R – Transportation Services Management (*Regulations*) Guiding Principles for Transportation in Central Okanagan Public Schools, which makes the following substantive changes to the existing Regulations:

- Registration deadline set to May 31. Late applications for eligible students will be accommodated if there is an empty seat.

- Eligibility for secondary students can be removed if the area they reside in has been deemed to have adequate transit service.
- Courtesy seats will not be provided to students that reside less than 2.0 kms from their catchment school.
- Courtesy seats will first be provided to elementary and middle school students based on distance. Any remaining seats will be provided to secondary students based on distance.
- The practice to remove courtesy riders from a seat during the year to accommodate new eligible riders is discontinued.
- An additional fee will be charged for students that require more than one route.
- The restriction on bus transfers and bus stop limits is eliminated.
- Increase of ride time guideline to 60 minutes.
- All outstanding fees must be paid, arranged for payment or subsidized to receive busing service.

2. Enhancement Agreement – École KLO Middle School – Modular Farm

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the École KLO Middle School PAC for a Modular Farm. The Board also approved a \$49,764 loan to be provided to the École KLO Middle School PAC to assist with the fees and installation of the Modular Farm.

3. Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2020/2021 through 2024/2025

The Board of Education approved the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2020/2021 through 2024/2025.

4. Amendments to Policy 386 – Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 386 – Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication.

5. New Policy 437 – Managing Students with Diabetes and New Regulations 437R – Managing Students with Diabetes (*Regulations*)

The Board of Education approved new Policy 437 – Managing Students with Diabetes and new Regulations 437R – Managing Students with Diabetes (*Regulations*).

6. Amendments to Policy 208 – Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 208 – Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigation Allegations of Financial Irregularity which includes the change of the name of the Policy to Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity or Criminal Activity.

7. Affirmation of Policy 168 – Policy Committee

The Board of Education affirmed Policy 168 – Policy Committee.

8. Amendments to Policy 706 – District Student Council and Regulations 706R – District Student Council (*Regulations*)

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 706 – District Student Council and Regulations 706R – District Student Council (*Regulations*).

9. Okanagan Mission Secondary School (OKM) Band Field Study through Europe

The Board of Education cancelled the Okanagan Mission Secondary School Band Field Study through Europe that was scheduled to take place March 8-21, 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Amended Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020
2. General Statement – January 29, 2020

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Trustees, the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at events throughout the District including the Westside Learning Forum held at Mount Boucherie Secondary.
2. On Thursday, February 20th, over 200 guests witnessed a historic step forward with the signing of the **Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation Agreement**. This celebration continues the journey to ensure the practice of equity for all learners throughout the school system. Congratulations to Deputy Superintendent, Terry Beaudry, and District Principal of Indigenous Education, Joanne De Guevara, and the Equity Scan Committee members, for their work on achieving this Agreement,
3. The **Pink Shirt Day Breakfast** was held this morning at the Laurel Building and sponsored by Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs. The theme this year is "Lift each other up".
4. **Haruhigaoka Junior High School Student Exchange - Kasugai, Japan**
Students and staff from Central Okanagan Public Schools sister school Haruhigaoka Junior High School arrived today and will be in Kelowna until Monday, March 2nd. They will be attending classes with students at Constable Neil Bruce and Glenrosa Middle Schools. Next year will mark the 30th anniversary of this student exchange.
5. On Friday, February 21st, CUPE and COTA members attended professional development opportunities. The CUPE Pro-D was held at École Dr. Knox Middle School and organized by the Employee Wellness Committee and the Social Emotional Learning Team. The Okanagan Zonal Professional Day was hosted by the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association at Rutland Senior and Rutland Middle Schools and organized by Joe Jamison, COTA Pro-D Chairperson and the Professional Development Day Planning Committee, along with representatives from our neighbouring School Districts.
6. **Harmony Day – February 19, 2020**
Various school events were held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in honour of Harmony Day.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
6:00 pm
Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

4:00 pm General Affairs Committee **CANCELLED**
4:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee **(Please note new start time of meeting.)**
Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

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