



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 14, 2020

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. New and Experienced Principals

In honour of October being National Principals' Month, Scott Sieben, President of the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association and Principal of Mount Boucherie Secondary School, introduced the following who spoke on their experiences and joys of being a Principal:

Michelle Relova, Principal of Ellison Elementary School

Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal of École KLO Middle School

Derek Lea, Principal of Okanagan Mission Secondary School

2. Bus Driver and Traffic Safety Officer

With School Bus Safety Awareness Week coming up the week of October 19 to 23, 2020, Central Okanagan Public Schools bus driver, Don Heathcote, spoke of his 30-year career as a bus driver and his experiences over the years. Dan Glasscock, the District's new Traffic Safety Officer, also spoke of his role and school bus safety. The Traffic Safety Officer position is a joint venture between the City of Kelowna, the Central Okanagan Regional District and Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Declaration:

1. National Principals' Month - October

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of October as '*Principal and Vice-Principal Month*' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. School Bus Safety Awareness Week – October 19 - 23, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October 19 to 23, 2020 as '*School Bus Safety Awareness Week*'.

Staff Presentation:

1. Okanagan Language Teaching – Every Child Matters

Presenters: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent

Tyler Ernst, Okanagan Language Teacher

Tyler Ernst, Okanagan Language Teacher, shared his passion for the Okanagan Language. The Board of Education and others present learned how to pronounce əts haʔ stim iʔ scəcmalaʔ (utch ha [short a] steem ee st-ech-mala) which means Every Child Matters.

Action Items:

1. **2020-2021 Senior Management Team Workplan**

The Board of Education approved the 2020-2021 Senior Management Team Workplan. The Workplan outlines the specific projects that have been identified for the senior management of the Central Okanagan Public Schools for the upcoming school year.

2. **Long-Term Facility Plan Steering Committee**

The Board of Education agreed to rescind Public Board Meeting Motions 19P-016 and 19P-017, as carried on February 13, 2019, due to a Trustee representative no longer required to participate on the Long-Term Facility Plan Steering Committee.

The Board of Education granted approval for staff to move forward with the review of the Long-Term Facility Plan in the 2020-2021 school year.

3. **Congratulations Letter to Wilfred and Pamela Barnes – 2020 Okanagan College Honorary Fellows**

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter of congratulations to Westbank First Nation Elders, Grouse and Pamela Barnes, for receiving Okanagan College's highest honour as Honorary Fellows. Grouse and Pamela Barnes are "*Indigenous educators and knowledge keepers from Westbank First Nation. They are highly dedicated to preserving Syilx language, knowledge and culture*", as quoted in the Okanagan College News. Additionally, the District is highly appreciative of their long-standing involvement in Indigenizing curriculum, as well as supporting the development of past Enhancement Agreements and the most recent Equity in Action Agreement.

4. **COTA Request – Board Motions Regarding Foundation Skills Assessment Testing for the 2020-2021 School Year**

The Ministry of Education recently announced that the grades 4 and 7 Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) administration has been postponed. The administration of the Assessment will now take place from January 18, 2021 to February 26, 2021.

The Board of Education deferred the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association request to the November 18, 2020 Education and Student Services Committee for further discussion on the intent and purpose of the Foundation Skills Assessment Testing.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
2. General Statement – September 30, 2020
3. COVID-19 – Communication with Interior Health (Draft)

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reviewed the school communication process with Interior Health in the event of a positive COVID-19 case at a Central Okanagan Public Schools' site or school.

Items Requiring Special Mention:

The Board of Education Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported on the following:

1. This evening six youth from across Central Okanagan Public Schools took to the stage for the third annual TEDxYouth@DoyleAve. This year's talks included topics on resilience, youth censorship, veganism, self-identity, being your own advocate, and youth empowerment. The talks were presented in front of a limited audience of family and friends at the Innovation Centre on Doyle Avenue.

2. Teachers and staff from throughout the Central Okanagan will be participating in the **Teacher Professional Day** being held virtually on Friday, October 23, 2020. The theme this year is Creating a Culture of Inclusion in the School System.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
6:00 pm (via Zoom for the public)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 21, 2020
4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee (via Zoom for the public)
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee (via Zoom for the public)

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