



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, October 23, 2019

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1. Shannon Lake Elementary School – The Harvest

In attendance:

Barrie MacLeod, Principal, Shannon Lake Elementary School

Mary Berg, Vice-Principal, Shannon Lake Elementary School

Teachers:

Cyndy Sawatzky

Patti Malone

Students:

Alexa Shalley

Aavie Donoghue

Oliver Meyers

Chloe Martin

The Harvest Program started at Shannon Lake Elementary School in 2014. The current program has students in grade 3 planting vegetables such as potatoes, carrots, squash, zucchini and tomatoes in their own school garden in the Spring. In the Fall, the next grade 3 class takes part in the harvesting of the vegetables. The students prepare soups and baking from the results of the harvest and/or sell produce to local restaurants. Throughout the project, the students are engaged in the three core competencies of Communication, Thinking and Personal and Social.

2. Okanagan Mission Secondary School

In attendance:

Nina Ferguson, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Jasmine Lemon, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Doug Tam, Teacher

On the Friday, October 11th Administrative Implementation Day, the staff of Okanagan Mission Secondary School held a day of learning. The learning intentions for the day included:

- To introduce the lens of the Four Food Chiefs
- To deepen their understanding of the 'WHY' for Truth and Reconciliation
- To explore OKM's story through perspective taking

Hanna Hartwick, a grade 11 student and award winning published writer, provided a student voice by presenting "Whole". Teacher Doug Tam expressed how the teachings/stories expressed by Elders Grouse and Pamela Barnes throughout the morning have affected his teaching practice.

Introduction

1. The Board of Education welcomed and congratulated the following newly appointed Central Okanagan School Business Officials (COSBO) members:
Kafi Wahidunnabi, Project Manager
Trisha Kasawski, Human Resources Manager

Action Items

1. **New Policy 438 – Provision of Menstrual Products to Students**
The Board of Education approved new Policy 438 - Provision of Menstrual Products to Students.
2. **Amendments to Policy 351 – Respectful Workplace and Regulations 351R – Respectful Workplace (Regulations)**
The Board of Education approved the housekeeping amendments to Policy 351 – Respectful Workplace and Regulations 351R – Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*) with the exception of the amendment to item 3.5 of the Regulations which is to be brought back to the Board of Education for further discussion.
3. **Amendments to Policy 470 – Transportation Services Management**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 470 – Transportation Services Management.
4. **Amendments to Policy 455 – Discipline**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 455 – Discipline.
5. **Proposal to Support the Canadian Under-age Substance Abuse Prevention (CUSP) Trial and Preventure Program Student Survey**
The Board of Education approved Grade 10 student's participation in the Canadian Under-age Substance Abuse Prevention (CUSP) Trial and Preventure Program Student Survey.
6. **Amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**
The Board of Education approved amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020
2. General Statement – October 9, 2019
3. Trustee Attendance at Municipal Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 11th.
Lake Country – Trustee Geistlinger
Peachland – Trustee Baxter
West Kelowna – Trustee Desrosiers
Rutland – Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Bowman
Kelowna – Trustee Fraser and Trustee Tiede

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Trustees and the Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at events throughout the District including the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) Mingler, the Central Schools Programs & Services annual Back to School Barbeque, Art Unveiling at Raymer Elementary and the Peachland Elementary Pyjama/Drop Everything and Read Day.

2. Chairperson Baxter also mentioned her attendance at the BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting last Thursday (October 17th), as well as the Ministry of Education Partner Liaison Meeting with the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and the Secretary-Treasurer on Friday, October 18th.
3. **Transportation Review Community Meetings** will be held at:
 - Canyon Falls Middle School – December 3 (6:00PM-7:30PM)
 - George Elliot Secondary School – December 5 (6:00PM-7:30PM)
 - Mount Boucherie Secondary School – December 9 (6:00PM-7:30PM)
 - Rutland Secondary School - December 10 (6:00PM-7:30PM)
 - École Dr. Knox Middle School - December 12 (6:00PM-7:30PM)
4. Central Okanagan Public Schools is proud to be participating in the **National 25th Anniversary of Take Our Kids to Work Day** on Wednesday, November 6th. This grade nine career experiential learning opportunity has brought our schools, families and communities together to give our students school-to-work connections. This career development opportunity has helped many students understand the importance of planning a career path, to better understand their parents and to experience what a workplace is like.
5. Teachers and staff from throughout the Central Okanagan will be participating in the **Teacher Professional Day** being held this Friday. The Central Okanagan Teachers' Association will be hosting their October Pro-D Conference at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.
6. The Central Family of Schools will be hosting their **Community Forum** on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 from 6 to 7 pm at Ecole Dr. Knox Middle School.

Next Public Board Meeting

Board Annual General Meeting and
Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2019
6:00 pm
School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
4:00 pm General Affairs Committee - **Cancelled**
6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee
School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

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