



"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, September 13, 2017

Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

1. Imbedding Kindness in Practice

Glenrosa Elementary School

In attendance: Donna Stathers, Principal

Circle of Friends – A Multi-Grade Structure (K-6)

In attendance: Jayden Barrow, grade 6 student
Georgia Strinholm, grade 5 student
Leanne Baxter, Teacher
Brian Manders, Teacher

Principal Stathers spoke of a multi-age structure that involves building a sense of community through the 'circle of friends' program. School-wide friend groupings include approximately 15 K-6 students working on 'acts of kindness'. Both student presenters talked about the program enabling them to connect with students from other classes and to build a sense of community throughout the entire school. The intermediate students also spoke of how much they enjoy the opportunities to be role models and leaders of this program. Teachers, Mr. Manders and Ms. Baxter, spoke of how applied designed skills and technology and the core/curriculum competencies are embedded, in an authentic way, in the learning to build confident, positive learners.

Mount Boucherie Secondary School

In attendance: Raquel Steen, Principal
Brad Kuhn, Vice-Principal

Principal Steen and Vice-Principal Kuhn spoke of MBSS students' Acts of Kindness, including door greeters opening doors for students during Mental Health Week, acts of kindness from school teams, etc. MBSS staff have been focusing on an inquiry process for the past two years to deepen school spirit and a positive school culture. This year, MBSS is focusing on the theme, "Make Your Mark", encouraging students to leave a positive print on society. MBSS is also piloting a program called, 'Character Strong' to build strong, contributing character in our students.

2. Video: BCAA School Safety Patrol Program

In attendance: Dave Gibson, Traffic Safety Officer

Dave Cavezza, District Health & Safety Manager

This summer Dave Gibson, Traffic Safety Officer, was invited by BCAA to oversee the production of a school safety patrol video. BCAA invited Mr. Gibson to provide technical oversight to ensure traffic safety content for the video was accurate. Mr. Gibson's expertise in traffic safety is becoming recognized provincially. This training video will be sent out to all registered schools in the province for training.

Recognition:

1. Jennifer Kirkey, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The Board of Education recognized Jennifer Kirkey as the Recipient of the BC Association of Mathematics Teachers Ivan L. Johnson Memorial Award and Outstanding Secondary Teacher Award.

Presentation:

1. School Opening Report Part 1

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the Central Okanagan Public Schools, presented the School Opening Report Part 1. This Report covers the time period of September 5 through 8, 2017 and provides an update regarding the first four days of the school year. Admin Council and schools in the District reported a smooth and orderly opening this year. To date, the majority of schools appear to be at projection. Once all of the adjustments are made, it is anticipated that the District will experience an overall increase in enrolment over last year. Detailed enrolment numbers, organized by schools and zones, will be provided in Part 2 of the School Opening Report at the September 27th Public Board Meeting, as well as following the September 30th 1701 submission to the Ministry of Education.

(The School Opening Report – Part 1 is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website.)

The Board of Education and the Superintendent commended all staff for their efforts.

Action Items:

1. City of West Kelowna School Trustee Representation

The Board of Education agreed to request more clarity from the City of West Kelowna regarding their request for 'a more equitable allocation of trustee seats'.

2. The McCreary Centre Society 2018 BC Adolescent Health Survey

The Board of Education approved the Central Okanagan Public Schools participating in the 2018 B.C. Adolescent Health Survey conducted by the McCreary Centre Society.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Naloxone - Update

A total of 12 Central Okanagan Public School staff members, representing each secondary school, one middle school, Central School Programs, the Health Promoting Schools Coordinators

and one District staff, engaged with Interior Health for Naloxone training. The training included information on overdose prevention, recognition and response. Kits for the retracting type of administration of Naloxone have been purchased and will be on site at each of our secondary schools this week.

2. Trustee Attendance – COPAC Meetings September 2017 to June 2018
The first COPAC Meeting of the 2017/2018 school year is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017 at Hollywood Road Education Services commencing at 7:00 pm.
3. Kelowna Art Gallery Year-End Report 2016/2017
4. The Office of the Ombudsperson – Quarterly Report April 1 to June 30, 2017
5. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary Information
6. June 2017 Month End Enrolment
7. General Statements for June 28, 2017 and August 2, 2017

Items of Special Mention:

- The Superintendent/CEO praised all involved in 'Friday night football', highlighting the exceptional sportsmanship displayed by our senior secondary students.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

4:00 pm	Finance and Legal Committee
6:00 pm	Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

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