



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

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, February 24, 2016

Presentations:

1. "Inside 23"

a. Mikayla Spence, Central Schools Graduate, Student Author

Mikayla is a recent graduate of Central School Programs and Services. She is the author of *"The Prince S"*, a children's book written about a Prince who longed to be a Princess, and the acceptance of all the townspeople in his village.

b. Presentations of Learning through Independent Projects - Rutland Elementary School

In attendance: James Minkus, Principal, Rutland Elementary
Jessica Anjos, Vice-Principal, Rutland Elementary
Laurie Sinclair, Learning Assistance Teacher, Rutland Elementary
Heather Baptie, District Literacy Coordinator
Erin Burton, Classroom teacher, Rutland Elementary
Katana Schroeder, Grade 3 Student, Rutland Elementary

The students of Rutland Elementary participated in a project that was designed around the idea of answering a question in an area of interest. The four topics chosen were: diamonds, rainforests, Robert Bateman and volcanoes. Each student was to research their topic, using many forms of media, and once their information was edited and prioritized the students were introduced to various forms of presentation platforms. Katana Schroeder shared her Independent Project, highlighting her ability to think critically, creatively, and answer her own inquiry question.

The Board of Education recognized that today was "Pink Shirt Day" in the Central Okanagan School District and community.

Action Items:

1. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Yoga & Wellness 12

The Board of Education approved the BAA Course Proposal for Yoga & Wellness 12 at Kelowna Secondary School.

The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.

Board Meetings are held at the School Board Office on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except the fourth Wednesday in March and December, or the months of July and August.

2. Board Policies, Regulations, Appendix and Form

The Board of Education approved the amendments to, affirmed and rescinded several Policies, Regulations, Appendix and Forms.

3. Letters of Support

The Board of Education agreed to send a letter of support for the Bike Right Provincial Youth Cycling Framework, as well as a letter of support to the Regional District of Central Okanagan and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for the installation of a streetlight at the school bus stop at the corner of Udell Road and Westside Road.

Items Requiring Special Mention:

1. The French Immersion Task Force Committee meeting will be held on March 10th, 2016 (time to be confirmed) at the Kelowna Secondary School Library.
2. The Central Okanagan School District will co-host the Grade 9 Girls Provincial Basketball Tournament (February 25th - February 27th) and the Grade 9 Boys Provincial Basketball Tournament (March 3rd - March 5th).
3. The Teacher Librarians' Local Specialist Association will be hosting Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd during the first week of March. These authors will speak to over 5,000 of our students throughout the week.
4. Students and staff from our Central Okanagan School District's sister school, Haruhigaoka Middle School (Kasugai, Japan) will be visiting Kelowna from February 25th – February 29th. Parents and students from Glenrosa Middle School and Constable Neil Bruce Middle School will be hosting the Japanese school group. This will mark the 20th anniversary of the friendship between the Central Okanagan School District and Haruhigaoka Middle School.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting:

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

March 2, 2016
4:30 pm Human Resources and Staff Services Committee (Cancelled)
6:00 pm General Affairs Committee

For comments, please contact:
Moyra Baxter, Chairperson of the Board of Education, 250-767-6153
Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO, 250-470-3256
Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, 250-860-8888

The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.
Board Meetings are held at the School Board Office on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except the fourth Wednesday in March and December, or the months of July and August.