



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, May 8, 2019**

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Mount Boucherie Secondary School/Hudson Road Elementary School – Indigenous Awareness Day

In attendance:

Joanne DeGuevara, District Principal for Aboriginal Education

Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Kyla Winacott, Teacher, Academy of Indigenous Studies

Students:

Ty Collie

Skylah Charleyboy

Hudson Road Elementary School

Violeta Malfair, Principal

Jennifer Adamson, Teacher

Simone Gauthier, Aboriginal Advocate

Students:

Piper Dunford

Wyatt Jones

Max Zumbo

Isabel Helbig

The Mount Boucherie Secondary/Hudson Road Elementary Indigenous Awareness Day was held at Hudson Road Elementary on Friday, April 12th. A school-wide assembly started the day and stations consisting of stick games, learning about local plants and rocks, storytelling, pictographs, drumming and singing were provided for students to experience. The students in attendance at the Board Meeting spoke of their involvement and experiences during the Indigenous Awareness Day.

Affirmation:

Mental Health Week – May 6-12, 2019

The Central Okanagan Board of Education affirmed the week of May 6-12 as 'Mental Health Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Staff Presentation:

Educating Students on Vaping

Presenter:

Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent

District staff have raised concerns on the prevalence of students using vapour devices to inhale a variety of vapour products. The presentation by the Assistant Superintendent, collaboratively prepared between the Assistant Superintendent and teachers, provided information on what a vaping device is, the vaping liquid and how it works. No tobacco or vapour products are to be used on school property, public

buildings and workplaces. It is illegal to sell or possess products if under the age of 19 years in British Columbia. Vaping is also prohibited in a vehicle with a child under the age of 16. The key points for parents are:

- Start conversations and educate children and teens on the dangers and risks of vaping
- Educate youth that e-cigarettes may contain nicotine, which is a highly addictive substance and can affect brain development
- Learn as much as you can about vapour products so you know what they look like
- Be a positive role model

This presentation is made to students in the Central Okanagan to educate them on the affects of vaping. A letter on vaping will be sent home from the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to all parents/guardians.

Action Items:

1. **Central Okanagan Public Schools 2019-2020 Aboriginal Program Preliminary Budget – Draft**
The Board of Education approved staff's proposed 2019/2020 Aboriginal Education Program Preliminary Budget.
2. **Portable Annex at George Elliot Secondary School**
The Board of Education directed staff to initiate an Expression of Interest process to consider future options for the portable annex, as identified in the Memorandum presented to the Board, or other options that may come forward.
3. **H.S. Grenda Middle School Property Disposal for Road Upgrade**
The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted Property Bylaw No. 147, for the Land Dedication to the District of Lake Country on Lot A, Plan KAP48997, District Lot 118, ODYD.
4. **Enhancement Agreement – Dr. Knox Middle School GaGa Ball Court**
The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Dr. Knox Middle School for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court.
5. **Enhancement Agreement – Oyama Traditional School GaGa Ball Court**
The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Oyama Traditional School for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court.
6. **Annual Capital Plan Submission – Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CPSD23-01**
The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted, Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CPSD23-01.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2018/2019 and 2019/2020
2. General Statement – April 24, 2019
3. Financial Update – March 31, 2019

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Trustees and the Superintendent reported on the following:

- The **Central Okanagan Family Hub** is hosting a fundraiser and Open House on Friday May 10th from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Special announcements will be held at 11:00 am. The public is invited to check out the Hub and see why it is so important for the community.

- On May 7, 2019, ten grade 6 and 7 students participated in the finals of the **Rotary/District Speech Competition** which was held at Creekside Theatre in Lake Country. Congratulations to all students who presented at the school, regional and District level. Also thank you to the Organizing Committee of Russ Bischoff, Vice-Principal at Rutland Senior Secondary and Jarret Atkins, Vice-Principal at Davison Road Elementary.
- The District Student Council will be hosting their annual **Dodgeball Tournament** featuring student teams from each secondary school. This event will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 4:00 pm at Kelowna Secondary School. The tournament will raise funds for the Central Okanagan Family Hub.
- Trustees spoke of their attendance at various events including the Day of Mourning Ceremony, the Okanagan Regional Heritage Fair, Career Fair at Okanagan Mission Secondary School and various school productions.

Next Public Board Meeting

Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

6:00 pm

School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

School Board Office, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

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