



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, April 14, 2021**
By Zoom

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. **Volunteers**

Presenter: Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent

Members of the District Public Education Awareness Committee discussed creating information on volunteering in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Justin Schneider, Communications Advisor, created a new rack card "*How to become a Volunteer*" to serve as both an advertisement and introduction to volunteering in schools. This rack card was created with input from the Board of Education and the education partner groups, including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, District Student Council, Canadian Union of Public Employees (Support Staff), Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals', Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, along with the Retired Teachers Association. The rack card shows some of the many creative ways in which school community members can support students. The intent of the card is to welcome and thank people for considering volunteering and provide them with a simple guide to first steps. The brochure will appear on front office desks and bulletin boards, as well as online. Central Okanagan Public Schools looks forward to once again welcoming our volunteers into schools.

Recognition:

1. **Jordyn and Kyla Bear, Grade 12 Students, George Elliot Secondary School Recipients of NCAA Division 1 Hockey Scholarships**

Participating by Zoom: Darryl Smith, Vice-Principal, George Elliot Secondary School

The Board of Education congratulated Jordyn Bear and Kyla Bear, Grade 12 students at George Elliot Secondary School, for recently being accepted to play hockey with the NCAA's Rochester Institute of Technology Tigers in New York, USA. Jordyn and Kyla grew up on the Ochapowace First Nation, near Yorkton, Saskatchewan. With hopes of playing hockey at a higher level, they moved to BC and are a part of the RINK Academy in Kelowna.

Declaration:

1. **National Volunteer Week – April 18-24, 2021**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of April 18 – 24, 2021 as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers, present and future, in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The National Volunteer Week theme for 2021 is "*The Value of One, The Power of Many*". As stated on the National Volunteer Week website, this theme 'reflects on the awe-inspiring acts of kindness by millions of individuals AND the magic that happens when we work together towards a common purpose'.

2. National Day of Mourning – April 28, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 28, 2021 as a Day of Mourning in the Central Okanagan Public Schools and observes a moment of silence to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties.

The flags at the Operations Department and the School Board Office will be flying at half-mast on the 28th in honour and memory of those workers.

Action Items:

1. New Policy 616 – Child Care

As a result of recent amendments to the School Act and the issuance of a new Child Care Ministerial Order, the Board of Education approved new Policy 616 – Child Care.

2. Amendments to Regulations 351R – Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*)

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Regulations 351R – Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*).

3. Amendments to Policies Regarding Board Operation

The amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation, Policy 140 – School Board Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, and Policy 715 – Consultation with Partners in Education, were approved by the Board of Education.

4. Amendments to Policy 367 – Employee Wellness and Policy 175 – Executive Staff Management Committee

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 367 – Employee Wellness and Policy 175 – Executive Staff Management Committee.

5. Amendments to Policy 650 – Public Use of School Facilities and Amendments to Regulations 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (*Regulations*)

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 650 – Public Use of School Facilities and amendments to Regulations 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (*Regulations*).

6. Property Bylaw No. 154 – FortisBC Inc. Statutory Right-of-Way on Dilworth No. 1 Site

The Board of Education gave first, second, third readings, adopted and granted approval for the registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of FortisBC on Lot G, Section 28, Township 26, ODYD, Plan 31716 known as Dilworth Site No. 1.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

- On Tuesday, April 6th a complex under construction across from North Glenmore Elementary School was consumed by fire. North Glenmore Elementary School remained open at all times and had a few challenges due to the smoke and ventilation. As a result of the fire, the roads in the area were closed for a week due to the structural integrity of a crane on the site. The crane has since been removed and the roads in and around the school are now open.

2. Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

- The Board Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Education, stated they are in full support of all staff in the Central Okanagan Public Schools to receive their vaccinations as soon as possible. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated he hoped to receive notification soon about the prioritization of school staff for the vaccine.
- There has been a rise in exposures in schools and the School District is working closely with Interior Health to monitor the increasing numbers.

- The Superintendent of Schools/CEO encouraged everyone to follow the medical advice of Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Ministry of Health to bring down the number of exposures in our community and schools.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
2. General Statement – March 10, 2021
3. Board Standing Committees – Updated Trustee Representatives
Due to the passing of Trustee Rolli Cacchioni, Trustee Bowman will become a Committee Member on the Planning and Facilities Committee and Trustee Desrosiers will become a Committee Member of the Finance and Audit Committee.
4. Public Town Hall Meeting – Strategic Plan
Tuesday, May 4, 2021
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Via Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/67139343998>
5. By-Election Timelines
Due to the vacancy of a Kelowna area school trustee (as a result of the passing of Trustee Rolli Cacchioni) the following timelines for the upcoming by-election have been set:
 - Candidate nomination packages available – April 16, 2021
(Packages will be available on Central Okanagan Public Schools and City of Kelowna websites and available at the School Board Office.)
 - Candidate Information Session – April 27, 2021, 5:00 pm (prior registration is required)
 - Nomination period open – May 11, 2021 9:00 am
 - Nomination period ends – May 21, 2021 4:00 pm
 - Declaration of candidates – May 21, 2021
 - Deadline for challenge of nominations – May 25, 2021
 - Deadline for withdrawal of candidates – May 28, 2021
 - Campaign period begins – May 29, 2021
 - Advance voting days – June 16, 2021 and June 23, 2021
 - General voting day – June 26, 2021
 - Declaration of official results – June 30, 2021 (latest)

The election will occur at the following locations and times:

Advanced voting days:

- Wednesday June 16, 2021 at Hollywood Road Education Centre (1040 Hollywood Road S), 8 am to 8 pm.
- Wednesday June 23, 2021 at Hollywood Road Education Centre (1040 Hollywood Road S), 8 am to 8 pm.

General voting day:

- Saturday June 26, 2021, 8 am to 8 pm
 - Rutland Senior Secondary (705 Rutland Rd N)
 - Okanagan Mission Secondary (4544 Gordon Dr)
 - École Kelowna Senior Secondary (1079 Raymer Ave)
 - École Dr. Knox Middle School (121 Drysdale Blvd)

The City of Kelowna is requesting a Ministerial Order to allow for mail ballot voting.

Advocacy

1. Rutland Middle School Advocacy Video

A video has been prepared to advocate for the building of a new Rutland Middle School. Starting tomorrow, the Central Okanagan Public Schools Board of Education will be commencing a social media campaign and spreading the message to the community. As of Thursday morning, a banner will be added to the

School District website for all advocacy messages. The Rutland Middle School video will be posted to enable members of the public to share the information throughout the community.

2. The Board of Education is encouraged to use the #TogetherWeBuild hashtag.

3. **Priority Project Information Sheets**

The Board of Education reviewed the one-page priority sheets for:

- an addition to Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
- an addition to École Dr. Knox Middle School
- the replacement of École Glenmore Elementary School
- a new Glenmore Secondary School
- a new elementary school in Wilden
- the replacement of Rutland Middle School
- a new Westside Secondary School

The priority information sheets contain pertinent information including the background of the project, opportunities and the project plan. The information sheets will be posted on the School District website under Advocacy.

Items of Special Mention

1. **Education Week – April 12 to 16, 2021**

The Ministry of Education has declared April 12th to 16th as Education Week.

2. **Flags at Half Mast – Prince Philip**

Flags are currently being flown at half-mast due to the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh and will continue until sunset on the day of his funeral (Saturday, April 17th). Flags in Central Okanagan Public Schools will be raised on Monday morning, April 19, 2021.

3. **Flags at Half Mast – Anniversary of Opioid Overdose Crisis in BC**

Today, the Ministry is also acknowledging, by flying flags at half mast, the five-year anniversary of the Opioid Overdose Crisis in BC being declared a Public Health Emergency and in memory of all the British Columbians whose lives have been lost due to this crisis.

4. **Dr. Rick Oliver** is participating in his last Board Meeting due to his upcoming retirement. On behalf of the Board of Education, the Board Chairperson expressed their appreciation to Dr. Oliver for his service to the students of Central Okanagan Public School over the years, and wished him a happy retirement.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

6:00 pm (via Zoom)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

4:00 pm

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

6:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

For comments, please contact:

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