



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, November 22, 2023**

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23":

Remembrance Day – Tri-Lingual Recognition – École Glenrosa Elementary School

In attendance:

Laurie Fraser, Principal, École Glenrosa Elementary School

Gwen Plitt, Music Teacher, École Glenrosa Elementary School

While teaching at South Rutland Elementary School, music teacher Gwen Plitt wrote a song inspired by the words of newcomer Syrian students talking about having the "freedom to go outside and play." Six years later, students across the District continue to perform "Thank You" at Remembrance Day ceremonies. This year, Ms. Plitt's students at École Glenrosa Elementary added ASL to this special vocal performance.

Introductions:

1. Jennifer Adamson – Principal, Chief Tomat Elementary School

The Board of Education congratulated Jennifer Adamson on her new position as Principal of Chief Tomat Elementary School

2. Ankita Sharma – Business Process Manager

The Board of Education welcomed Ankita Sharma to Central Okanagan Public Schools to the position of Business Process Manager.

Action Items:

1. Appointment of Board Standing Committee Trustee Representatives

The Board of Education appointed the Board Representatives to the following Board Standing Committees:

General Affairs Committee – Committee of the Whole

Chair: Trustee Fraser (Vice-Chair)

Senior Staff Member: Superintendent of Schools/CEO – Kevin Kaardal

Coordinating Committee

Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Senior Staff Members: Superintendent of Schools/CEO – Kevin Kaardal
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Delta Carmichael

Education and Student Services Committee

Chair: Trustee Guderyan

Members: Trustee Geistlinger and Trustee Johnson

Senior Staff Member: Deputy Superintendent of Schools – Terry-Lee Beaudry

Finance and Audit Committee

Chair: Trustee Broughton

Members: Trustee Guderyan and Trustee Johnson

Senior Staff Members: Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Delta Carmichael
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer – Kate Cumming

Planning and Facilities Committee

Chair: Trustee Fraser

Members: Trustee Desrosiers and Trustee Broughton

Senior Staff Member: Director of Operations – Rob Drew

Policy Committee

Chair: Trustee Geistlinger

Members: Trustee Fraser and Trustee Desrosiers

Senior Staff Member: Superintendent of Schools/CEO – Kevin Kaardal

2. Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the Indigenous Education Council

The Board of Education appointed the following Trustee representatives to the Indigenous Education Council:

Representative: Trustee Desrosiers

Representative: Trustee Fraser

Alternate: Trustee Guderyan

Senior Staff Member: Deputy Superintendent of Schools - Terry-Lee Beaudry

3. Appointment of Trustee Representatives to District Committees

The Board of Education appointed the Trustee representatives to the following District Committees:

District Early Years Partnership Committee

Representative: Trustee Tiede

Alternate: Trustee Guderyan

Senior Staff Member: Assistant Superintendent – Jamie Robinson

District Health Promoting Schools Committee

Representative: Trustee Guderyan

Alternate: Trustee Broughton

Senior Staff Member: Director of Instruction: Feeding Futures – Rhonda Ovelson

District Human Rights Committee

Representative: Trustee Johnson

Alternate: Trustee Desrosiers

Senior Staff Member: Assistant Superintendent – Raquel Steen

Public Education Awareness Committee

Representatives: Rotating: Trustee Desrosiers, Trustee Fraser, Trustee Guderyan and Trustee Tiede

Senior Staff Member: Deputy Superintendent of Schools - Terry-Lee Beaudry

District Safe Schools Community Network

Representatives: Rotating: Trustee Desrosiers, Trustee Geistlinger and Trustee Guderyan

Senior Staff Member: District Principal: Learning Support Services and Safer Communities – Sherri Roche

4. Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function: Policy 146 – General Affairs Committee

The Board of Education affirmed Policy 146 – General Affairs Committee.

5. Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

The Board of Education accepted the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

6. Public Education Awareness Committee – Amended Terms of Reference

The Board of Education approved the amended Public Education Awareness Committee's Terms of Reference.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024
2. General Statement – November 8, 2023
3. Board Policy and Regulations 632 – *School Reconfigurations*
4. Board Policy and Regulations 631 – *School Closures/Consolidation*
5. District Student Council Representatives – 2023/2024

Items of Special Mention

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including school communities respectful and moving Remembrance Day Ceremonies, attendance at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies held in Peachland, West Kelowna, Kelowna, Rutland and Lake Country, the Lake Country Native Association 26th Annual Winter Family Gathering Traditional Pow Wow, and various sporting events.
- On Thursday, November 16th, the Honourable Grace Lore, Minister of State for Child Care, and honoured guests, celebrated the opening of hundreds of new childcare spaces in the Central Okanagan. The ceremony was held at the BGCO Childcare Facility at Anne McClymont Elementary School.
- On Friday, November 17th schools in the District celebrated the diversity of our community during **Harmony Day** celebrations.
- At The **BCSSA Fall Conference**, held last week, two presentations were made by representatives of Central Okanagan Public Schools. The first presentation was: "*Fostering Equity and Inclusion Through Shane Safir's Equity Transformation Cycle*". The team, including Jamie Robinson, Assistant Superintendent, presented the work going on in the Mission and Lake Country Family of Schools. The focus on creating pedagogies of agency and inclusion for students was particularly powerful. The second presentation, which included Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent, told the story to date of our partnerships and the progress made on the Social Studies Humanities and Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Grant with UBC-O School of Education – Co-Curricular Making: Honouring Indigenous Connections to the Land, Culture and Relational Self. This work is changing the educational experiences for staff and students and serves as one of the powerful examples of our District's journey towards Truth and Reconciliation.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:00 pm

All Public Board Meetings take place in the Main Board Room at 1040 Hollywood Road South unless otherwise noted.

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

Please check the School District website (www.sd23.bc.ca) for all Board and Committee Meeting dates and times.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

4:00 pm General Affairs Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

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