



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 22, 2020 – Held by ZOOM

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1. Messages from the Heart

A video presentation was shared celebrating the great work of Central Okanagan educators and support staff in adapting to online learning. This video is posted on the Continuity of Educational Opportunities website for viewing. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO also shared the students' messages of hope found written on rocks which have been placed throughout the community.

Recognition:

1. Investing in Sustainable, Education and Empowerment Solutions (ISEE) – Sustainable Development Challenge Winners

The Board of Education congratulated the following teams on their placement in the Investing in Sustainable, Education and Empowerment Solutions (ISEE) – Sustainable Development Challenge:

- Team 'education4her' from École Dr. Knox Middle School (Bianca Cole, Isabel Gramiak, Zahara Groenewald and Anna Spraggs) who won the top prize of \$5,000 for the Sustainable Development Challenge donated by Kelowna Rotary. Their project is to set up four women in Lokung, Northern Uganda, with a tailoring business to make and sell sanitary kits and tailoring for others.
- Team 'Hands4Homeless' from École Dr. Knox Middle School (Rachel Callon, Amelie Guignard, Tenny McCarth, Isla MacPherson, Brooklyn Widdess and Jocelyn Stone) for winning third place in the Global Sustainability Challenge. Their \$1,000 winnings are going towards refurbishing a room at Metro, a warming room and café.

Declaration:

1. "National Day of Mourning – April 28, 2020"

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 28, 2020 as a Day of Mourning in the Central Okanagan Public Schools to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties.

2. "Mental Health Week – May 4-10, 2020"

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 4 to 10, 2020 as Mental Health Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. **Trustee Indemnity for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year**

The Board of Education agreed to defer discussions on the Trustee Indemnity for the 2020/2021 Fiscal year to a Public Meeting in September 2020 due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

2. **Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2020/2021 Budget Recommendations**

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer provided a brief PowerPoint outlining the highlights of the budget recommendations. The Board of Education approved the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO Budget Recommendations.

The Preliminary Budget will come to the Board at the June 24, 2020 Public Board Meeting for final approval before submission to the Ministry of Education.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Pandemic Update
Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided updated highlights of the District's response to the four priorities as set out by the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Officer. The memo provided to the Board of Education is posted on the District's website. The Board of Education acknowledged all of the supports being provided to meet the needs of each student in our District.
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020
3. General Statement – April 7, 2020
4. General Statement – April 8, 2020
5. General Statement – April 9, 2020
6. Indigenous Education Graduation
Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Indigenous Education Graduation and Dinner, that was originally scheduled for May 14, 2020, is postponed and will be reimaged in order to adhere to all safety protocols and procedures outlined by British Columbia's Provincial Health Authorities. Discussions will take place with the Indigenous community to determine how to reimagine the celebration and acknowledgement of the achievements of our Indigenous students and the support of their families and communities.

Items Requiring Special Mention:

Trustees reported on the following:

1. **National Volunteer Week April 19th through 25th.**
National Volunteer Week celebrates Canadians who give back to their communities. Here in the Central Okanagan Public Schools, we are blessed with countless volunteers who help to make our schools stronger. These volunteers may be parents or community members who support our students in many ways. As well, many of our employees volunteer their time and expertise in extra-curricular activities that enrich their students' lives. We are very thankful for all of our volunteers! During the current COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers, service clubs, and community members continue to support our schools and students, especially with providing meals to many of our students.
2. Today is **National Administrative Assistants Day**. On behalf of all Administrative Assistants in Central Okanagan Public Schools, a donation was made to the Kelowna Community Food Bank.
3. Trustees expressed their condolences, empathy, care and thoughts to the citizens of the Province of Nova Scotia, on the recent senseless tragedy that occurred this past weekend. The Board of Education will send a letter of sympathy to the corresponding School District.
4. Trustees, along with members of all the partner groups, expressed their appreciation on the contributions of everyone in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting – Via ZOOM
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 6, 2020
4:00 pm Policy Committee (Via ZOOM)
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (Via ZOOM)

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