



"Together We Learn"

Central Okanagan
Public Schools (No. 23)

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, April 12, 2017

Presentation: "Inside 23"

1. El Salvador – Habitat for Humanity

In attendance:

Deborah Nicholson, Teacher, Springvalley Middle, Trip Leader
Laurie Sinclair, Teacher, South Rutland Elementary
Kennedy Crawford, Student, Mount Boucherie Secondary
Anika Connor, Student, Mount Boucherie Secondary
Keneisha Charles, Student, Rutland Senior Secondary
Devin Friesen, Student, Rutland Senior Secondary
Joan Cossentine, Leader - Habitat for Humanity
Robert Dickeson, Leader - Habitat for Humanity

Unable to attend:

Jane Newall, Student, Mount Boucherie Secondary
Amy Keller, Student, Mount Boucherie Secondary

Over spring break, 6 students and two teachers participated in 'Habitat for Humanity' in the village of Guarjila, El Salvador. The students, who were excellent ambassadors for Canada and the Central Okanagan Public Schools, embraced the culture, the lifestyle and the people. Students played many soccer games and a softball game using some of the sports equipment they took with them. Five days were spent building a house working alongside Salvatore, the mason, Manuel, the owner, and his father, demonstrating unwavering determination to get as much built in those five days as possible.

Presentation:

1. *Our Children Are Watching: Engaging Our Community in Positive Civics*

Presenters:

Jane Nordquist, Teacher, Rose Valley Elementary School
Sarah Shakespeare, Vice-President, COPAC

The presentation emphasized the importance of teaching our students democracy, citizenship, and the value of civic duties such as engaging in elections. The presenters requested that the Board of Education create a representative committee of all partner groups to support the following:

1. To endorse more mindful civics
2. To focus more attention on the civics being taught in our schools
3. To collaborate with UBCO for a Civic Inquiry Project

The Board of Education agreed to forward this request to the Coordinating Committee.

Recognition:

1. KSS Boys Provincial Curling Champions – Brought home the Gold!

In attendance:

Coach:	Justin Nillson, University student
Third:	Ewan Murray
Second:	Ramsay Murray
Lead	Bryan Cresswell
Teacher Sponsor/Coach	Lorne Buna

Unable to attend due to work commitments was Logan Miron, skip for the team.

The Board of Education congratulated the students and coach on winning the Provincial Curling Championships which were held in Smithers on March 3rd and 4th.

Introduction:

Gregg Weavers, District Health and Safety Supervisor

The Board of Education welcomed Gregg Weavers, as the new District Health and Safety Supervisor.

Action Items:

1. Amendments to Policies and Regulations

Deletion of Policy 176 – Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Employment Matters

The Board of Education approved the following:

1. Amendments to Policy 175 – Executive Staff Management Committee
2. Amendments to Policy 210 – Superintendent of Schools Role Description
3. Amendments to Policy 215 – Superintendent of Schools Evaluation
4. Amendments to Policy 241 – District-Level Senior Administrative Staff: Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent and Directors: Evaluation of Performance
5. Amendments to Regulation 241R – District-Level Senior Administrative Staff: Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent and Directors: Evaluation of Performance (Regulations)
6. Deletion of Policy 176 – Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Employment Matters

2. Annual Capital Plan Submission – Capital Bylaw No. 17/18-CP-SD23-01

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted Capital Bylaw No. 17/18-CP-SD23-01 – Capital Plan 2017/2018.

3. Tabling of Board of Education Motion 17P-033 – Board of Education Public Meeting – February 22, 2017

The Board of Education approved the following:

THAT: The Board of Education table Motion 17P-033 *"THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education outlining the budget pressures and space challenges that may result from the 2002 restored Collective Agreement language and request assurances that the Ministry will provide adequate, sustainable and predictable funding in order to continue to educate students in a safe and inspirational learning environment in Central Okanagan Public Schools."* until such time as the funding from the Ministry of Education has been received and allocated and a determination has been made by the District as to whether adequate funding has been received.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Month End Enrollment – March 31, 2017
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017
3. General Statement

Items of Special Mention:

- The Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBBS) Allocation Week took place on April 4th through April 7th, 2017. This marks the time of year when the Central Okanagan's generous donors allocate more than \$450,000 to grade 12 graduates intending on enrolling in post-secondary programs next year.
- The recent Years of Service Recognition and New Employee Welcome Annual Event recognized new employees and those with 10, 20, 30, and 40 years of service.
- Kelowna Secondary School is hosting the 'We for She' Conference to shape workplaces for the future.
- The Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, and the Central Okanagan Retired Teachers' Association are hosting an All Candidates Forum on April 25, 2017 at the Kelowna Community Theatre. The focus will be on seniors' issues and education. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the forum starting at 7:00 p.m.
- The Community Action Toward Children's Health (CATCH), and the Canadian Federation of University Women are hosting an All Candidates Forum on April 27th at the Hollywood Road Education Services (HRES). The focus will be on poverty and early childhood education. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the forum starting at 7:00 p.m.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
4:00 pm Finance and Legal Committee
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

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Public Board Meetings are held at the School Board Office on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month commencing at 6:00 pm, with the exception of July and August, and March (third Wednesday only) and December (second Wednesday only).

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