



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, February 23, 2022**
By Zoom

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1. Gateway Program

Participating by Zoom:

Staff: Randy Horne, Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education
Nathen Elliott, Acting Principal, Central School Programs & Services
Rob Law, Teacher, Central School Programs & Services

Central School Programs & Services, in partnership with Okanagan College, continues to support its students through the **Gateway Program**. The Gateway Program, which includes a ten-week trade sampler at Okanagan College, ensures the necessary supports are in place to provide the opportunity for all participants to successfully graduate, transition to college, or apprenticeships, and pursue a sustainable career in the trade sector.

Action Items:

1. Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2022/2023 through 2027/2028

The Board of Education approved the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2022/2023 through 2027/2028. The Board of Education further agreed to advocate for additional funding for the Annual Facility Grant.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022
2. General Statement – February 9, 2022
3. The Universal Need for Universal Wellness through Universal Washrooms Presentation
4. Suspension Summary Report: 2015-2016 to 2020-2021

Items of Special Mention

The Board Chair and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Due to the COVID-19/Omicron pandemic, the annual **BGC Okanagan Pink Shirt Day Breakfast**, which has previously been attended by senior and school staff, was once again reimagined to a Pink Shirt Day Breakfast in a Box Virtual Kick-Off with the theme "Lift Each Other Up". The Central Okanagan Board of Education was a sponsor of the event.
- Students and staff throughout the District celebrated the **15th Annual Harmony Day** with a little innovation and a lot of heart on Wednesday, February 16th. Thank you to everyone throughout the District involved in the Harmony Day activities and a special thank you to Leigh-Ann Yanow, Harmony Day Chair, as well all of the other members of the Harmony Day Committee.

- On Friday, February 18th, the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 3523 held their **professional development days**. The theme of COTA's Pro-D Okanagan Zonal Virtual Conference was "Supporting Diversity". Through the efforts of Barb Huva, COTA Pro-D Chair, and the zonal Pro-D Day Chairs, various guest speakers and presenters were enjoyed by teachers and support staff. Thank you to the CUPE Pro-D Co-organizers Luke Campbell and Graham Johnson.
- **Okanagan Mission Secondary School** held their **Grad Variety Show and silent auction** at the Kelowna Community Theatre last night. The event is the main fundraiser for their grad and dry grad events. The entertainment was provided by all students and included music, dance, a thrifted fashion show, skits, game shows, audience participation, humor and some very touching moments.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm
In person at the School Board Office

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 2, 2022
4:00 pm Policy Committee – **Cancelled**
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee – **Cancelled**

Notice of Motion (for March 9, 2022 Public Board Meeting)

Trustee Chantelle Desrosiers:

THAT: The Board of Education advocate to the Ministry of Education for special purpose funding for the creation of universal washrooms in existing schools;

AND THAT: The Board of Education work with their partner groups to support an advocacy plan for funding of universal washrooms.

For comments, please contact:

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