



*"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, October 11, 2017

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## Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23"

### 1. Springvalley Middle School – Orange Shirt Project

In attendance: Rod Baruta, Principal  
Thomas Gruenenwald, Vice-Principal  
Stephanie Kenequonash, Aboriginal Advocate  
Kathy Thibeault, Aboriginal Advocate

Mr. Baruta shared how Springvalley Middle School is incorporating the First Peoples' Principles of Learning within the redesigned curriculum, enriching the school culture and everyone's understanding of Aboriginal worldviews and perspectives. Mr. Gruenenwald described Springvalley Middle School's staff involvement in the Blanket Exercise, reflecting the past history of Canada. Aboriginal Student Advocates, Stephanie Kenequonash and Kathy Thibeault, spoke of the weeklong learning to deepen the students' understanding and commitment to Orange Shirt Day, recognizing the past history of residential schools.

### 2. Springvalley Elementary School – Kindness Counts at SVE

In attendance: Sue Stevenson, Principal  
Dave Johnson, Vice-Principal  
Kristi Fortuin, Grade 1/2 teacher  
Drew Hamilton, Grade 1/2 teacher

Mrs. Stevenson spoke of Springvalley Elementary School's school-wide focus on kindness, inspired by the Superintendent of Schools/CEO Kevin Kaardal's challenge to 'spread kindness' throughout our schools. Mr. Johnson described how the entire school is engaged in learning about kindness. Teachers, Kristi Fortuin and Drew Hamilton, spoke of creating language to 'name kindness' as well as implementing compliment circles to share 'acts of kindness'. Examples of kindness are posted in the classrooms and hallways, serving as an infectious motivator for students to demonstrate even more kindness.

## Action Items:

### 1. Amendments to Policy and Regulations 645 – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 645 – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and Regulations 645R – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV).

## **2. 2016-2017 Senior Management Team Workplan – Progress Report**

The Board of Education received the 2016-2017 Senior Management Team Workplan – Progress Report.

## **3. 2017-2018 Senior Management Team Workplan**

The Board of Education approved the 2017-2018 Senior Management Team Workplan.

### **Information Items:**

#### **The Board of Education reviewed the following:**

1. French Immersion Survey Update  
The French Immersion Survey has been delayed for one month in order to determine the enrolment growth on the Westside. The results of the Westside Facility Review will impact the questions being asked. It is anticipated that the survey will be sent out to parents in January 2018.
2. Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Kelowna – Trustee Gorman and Trustee Tiede  
Lake Country – Trustee Butler  
Peachland – Trustee Baxter  
Rutland – Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Mossman  
West Kelowna – Trustee Fraser
3. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary Information
4. General Statement – September 27, 2017

### **Items of Special Mention:**

- **Community Welcome Back Barbeque at Central Schools and Programs**  
The staff and students at Central Schools and Programs were commended for hosting a community barbeque last week, bringing community together to recognize the importance of partnerships in support of our youth.
- **Implementation Day at KSS**  
The staff and administration at KSS were commended for hosting Dr. Lynn Lyons, an expert on managing child and youth anxiety, at the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Implementation Day. Middle and secondary school teams from around the District participated in the learning sessions.
- **Kindness at George Elliot Secondary School (GESS)**  
Today's News Release, describing the Kindness Ambassadors at George Elliott Secondary School (GESS), was highlighted. GESS appeared to have an unusual number of injured students today, but fortunately most of them were only dressing up to create awareness of mental health. Students sported walking casts, wrist wraps, crutches, neck braces, and even some Hollywood-quality bruises in support of their school's Visible Injury day, which highlighted both the invisibility and prevalence of mental illness in youth.
- **Citizenship Week**  
Citizenship Week is being celebrated across Canada from October 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- **Name of the new Middle School**  
The name of the new middle school is scheduled for discussion at the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Planning and Facilities Committee meeting (6:00 p.m.).
- **New Middle School in the Mission**  
Parents and the community are invited to view the preliminary designs for the new middle school in the Mission. The Town hall meeting is scheduled for:  
Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
(6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)  
Okanagan Mission Secondary School Multi-Purpose Room

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- **Take our Kids to Work Day**

Central Okanagan Public Schools is proud to be participating in the **National 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Take our Kids to Work Day**. This grade nine career experiential learning opportunity has brought our schools, families, and communities together to give our students school-to-work connections. This career development opportunity has helped many students understand the importance of planning a career path, to better understand their parents'/caregivers' source of employment, and to experience what a workplace is like.

#### **Next Public Board Meeting**

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 – **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 – 6:00 pm

#### **Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates**

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

4:00 pm                      Finance and Legal Committee

6:00 pm                      Planning and Facilities Committee

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