



# 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, September 14, 2022

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## Announcement:

On September 13, 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced that Monday, September 19, 2022 would be a holiday for federal government employees to mourn Queen Elizabeth II on the day of her state funeral. Subsequently, the Ministry of Education and Child Care informed Superintendents that B.C. would follow the lead of the federal government and join with other provinces in observing the national day of mourning to commemorate the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Therefore, all Central Okanagan Public Schools, Learning Centers, operations and business buildings will be closed on Monday, September 19, 2022.

## Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23":

### 1. Operations Department

In attendance:

Rob Drew, Director of Operations  
Josh Currie, Assistant Director of Operations  
Kafi Wahidunnabi, Project Manager

A presentation was made to the Board of Education on the reopening of Webber Road Elementary School on the Westside. Highlighted were the scope of work, opportunities, and challenges and successes. The Board of Education and senior staff expressed appreciation to all staff (senior management, COTA and CUPE) on the successful reopening of Webber Road Elementary School.

## Introductions

The Board of Education congratulated the following staff on their new positions and welcomed those who are new to the District:

- Rob Drew, Director of Operations
- Brenda Kirsch, Acting District Principal of Early Learning and Child Care
- Troy White, District Principal of Learning Technology Services
- Jessica Anjos, Principal, Helen Gorman Elementary School
- Kimberley Grimwood, Principal, Quigley Elementary School
- Steven Labrie, Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School (*not in attendance*)
- Sarah Watson, Principal, Canyon Falls Middle School (*not in attendance*)
- Kevin Auclair, Vice-Principal, École Dr. Knox Middle School
- Brett Beaudry, Vice-Principal, École Glenmore Elementary School
- Rani Gandham, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Laura Wiemken, Vice-Principal, École K.L.O. Middle School (*not in attendance*)
- Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant to Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

## Recognition

### **Megan Frederick, Music Director, Okanagan Mission Secondary School**

The Board of Education recognized Megan Frederick, Music Director at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, for her extraordinary leadership in coordinating the musical tribute and fundraiser for Ukraine held at Prospera Place on June 26, 2022. Over \$12,000 was raised through the fundraiser.

## Declarations

### **1. Truth and Reconciliation Week: September 26-30, 2022**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared September 26 to 30, 2022 as Truth and Reconciliation Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### **2. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day – September 30, 2022**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared September 30, 2022 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

## Staff Presentations

### **1. Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2022 School Opening Report – Part 1**

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the Central Okanagan Public Schools, presented the 2022 School Opening Report - Part 1. The Superintendent expressed his gratitude for all staffs efforts to support a smooth and welcoming opening to the school year. The Report covers the time period of September 6, 2022 through to September 12, 2022 (unless otherwise noted) and provides an update regarding the first days of the school year. A more accurate count of student enrolment will be provided in Part 2 of the School Opening Report at the September 28th Public Board Meeting, as well as following the September 30<sup>th</sup> 1701 submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. (The School Opening Report – Part 1 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website – [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca).) The Board of Education received the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2022 School Opening Report - Part 1.

### **2. Second Annual Equity in Action Report for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025**

Presenters: Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent

April Strickland, District Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education

Jasmine Lemon, Acting District Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education

A presentation was provided to the Board of Education outlining the contents of the Second Annual Equity in Action Report for Truth and Reconciliation. The Report reflects the shared responsibility and progress towards equitable opportunities for the District's 3,062 Indigenous K-12 learners. The Board of Education received the Second Annual Equity in Action Report for Truth and Reconciliation.

## Action Items:

### **1. Formation of the Webber Road Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

The Board of Education approved the application from the Webber Road Elementary School parents for the establishment of the Webber Road Elementary School Parent Advisory Council in accordance with Section 8 of the BC School Act.

### **2. Formation of the École Bellevue Creek Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

The Board of Education approved the application from the École Bellevue Creek Elementary School parents for the establishment of the École Bellevue Creek Elementary School Parent Advisory Council in accordance with Section 8 of the BC School Act.

### 3. **George Pringle Secondary School**

The Board of Education approved the renovated/reconstructed Westside secondary school return to the name George Pringle Secondary School.

### 4. **Portables**

Regarding the purchase and placement of portables on School District sites, the Board of Education agreed to remind the Minister of Education and Child Care that the burden on the District's operating budget is unacceptable and cannot be sustained.

### **Information Items:**

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Student and Family Affordability Fund
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023
3. General Statement – June 22, 2022
4. General Statement – August 11, 2022
5. District Student Council Meetings – 2022/2023
6. Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council Meetings – 2022/2023

### **Items of Special Mention**

The Board Chair and Trustees spoke of the following:

- Appreciation to all staff on the smooth opening of schools.
- The following are finalists from Central Okanagan Public Schools in the Premier's Award for Excellence in Education:

Outstanding New Teacher

- Rupinder Aujla, teacher, Ellison Elementary School
- Rob Bennett, teacher, École Kelowna Secondary School
- Carmen McDowell, teacher, Rutland Middle School

Outstanding Support – School Community

- Nicole Rishaug, student success team advocate, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The award winners will be announced at a ceremony at Government House in Victoria on October 14, 2022.

### **Next Public Board Meeting**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee (Cancelled)

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