



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, December 14, 2022**

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Celebrating Multiculturalism

In attendance:

Violeta Malfair, Director of Instruction – Settlement Services and International Education

Hugh Alexander, Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School

Julie Loveridge-Marks, International Ed/ELL Coordinator, Rutland Senior Secondary School

Rutland Senior Secondary School Students:

Hakem Elesmer, Grade 10 (moved to Canada in 2018)

Shahed Al Yaseen Al Khani, Grade 11 (moved to Canada in 2021)

Mehak Parihar, Grade 12, District Student Council Co-President

Francisco Paco Guarjardo, Grade 11, International student from Mexico

Mika Hruby, Grade 12, International student from Germany

Jean Muraille, Grade 12, International student from Belgium

Lappawat Mahawong, Grade 10, International Graduating student from Thailand

The presenters shared with the Board of Education how they have been celebrating the diversity of cultures in their school community, and how they have been building stronger relationships with their students and families.

2. Student Reporters for Together We Learn

In attendance:

Justin Schneider, Communications Advisor

Ava Cudmore, Grade 10 Journalism Student, École Kelowna Secondary School

For the latest issue of Together We Learn, the Journalism class at École Kelowna Secondary School contributed several stories to increase student voice in the publication and provide published journalism experience for the students. The students followed up on assigned stories to find angles, conduct interviews, and contribute final products including photos and videos. One of the highlights was a story on an École KSS Work Experience Program for students with diversabilities, which featured interviews and a standup by student reporter Ethan Jensen-Page. The published article and script was co-written with Ava Cudmore.

Link to story page (and video): <https://issuu.com/blackpress/docs/i20221208132136995/4>

Link to YouTube video: https://youtu.be/n7f_ASHaRqQ

The Winter 2022 edition of Together We Learn has been published and is posted on the School District website. This edition features the above-mentioned reporting from École KSS Journalism students, numeracy learning from all ages, and so much more.

Action Items:

1. **2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Budget Timeline and Budget Development Principles**

The Board of Education approved the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Budget Timeline.

2. **Enrollment Application Dates for 2023/2024 School Year**

The Board of Education approved the initial enrollment application dates for the 2023/2024 school year be set as January 30, 2023 at 7:00 am through to March 17, 2023. The closing date of enrollment applications, in order to apply the Board's enrollment application priorities as established in Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), was set as August 31, 2023.

3. **Jordan's Principle Resolutions to Release Funding**

Jordan's Principle ensures all Indigenous children living in Canada can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them, and continues to work closely with Provinces, Territories, Indigenous partners and service organizations to accomplish this goal. The available funding assists with a wide range of health, social, and educational needs for Indigenous students. Since 2016, the government has committed \$2.36 billion toward meeting the needs of Indigenous children through Jordan's Principle.

The Board of Education approved the allocation and direct deposit of funding from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) at 1040 Hollywood Road S, Kelowna, British Columbia, V1X 4N2, through banking services at:

Royal Bank of Canada
510 Bernard Avenue
Kelowna, BC V1Y 4N9

The Board of Education further approved Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, to sign the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Master Funding Agreement and amendments on behalf of The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

4. **K-12 French Immersion in Lake Country**

The Board of Education agreed to establish a French Immersion program at George Elliot Secondary School effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

5. **Property Bylaw No. 158 – Fortis BC Statutory Right-of-Way on Anne McClymont Primary School Site**

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and granted approval for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC on Parcel A (DD 136162F and Plan B6398) of Lot 2 District Lot 167 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan 2703, Except Plan EPP49185, known as Anne McClymont Primary School.

6. **Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the District Indigenous Education Council**

The Board of Education appointed Trustee Desrosiers and Trustee Fraser as the trustee representatives, and Trustee Tiede as the alternate, to the District Indigenous Education Council.

7. **Appointment of Board Representatives to District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies**

The Board of Education appointed the following trustee representatives to District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies:

District Early Years Partnership Committee
Representative: Trustee Geistlinger
Alternate: Trustee Guderyan

Public Education Awareness Committee
- Trustee representation will be on a rotating schedule.

District Health Promoting Schools Committee
Representative: Trustee Guderyan
Alternate: Trustee Broughton

District Human Rights Committee
Representative: Trustee Johnson
Alternate: Trustee Fraser

District Safe Schools Community Network
- Trustee representation will be on a rotating schedule.

West Kelowna Traffic Safety Committee
Representatives: Trustee Desrosiers
Trustee Guderyan

8. Appointment of Alternate to BCSTA Provincial Council

The Board of Education appointed Trustee Geistlinger as the alternate representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council.

9. Appointment of Alternate to BCPSEA Representative Council

The Board of Education appointed Trustee Johnson as the alternate representative to the BCPSEA Representative Council.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023
2. General Statement – November 23, 2022
3. Statement of Financial Information for June 30, 2022 (Draft)

Items Requiring Special Mention

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

- The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 6 Year Graduation Rates for All Students, Indigenous Students and Students with Designations. It is a time to celebrate as the following are the highest 6 Year Graduation Rates ever within the Central Okanagan Public Schools:

All Students	96%
Indigenous Students	86%
Students with Designations:	79%
- Trustees spoke of their attendance at various school events, including concerts, breakfasts, luncheons and the Webber Road Winter Carnival Reopening.
- District Student Council Co-President, Zack Johnson, will be participating in the British Columbia Youth Parliament at the end of December.
- Due to technical difficulties, the last two Board Meetings have been unable to be broadcast. It is the intention to recommence broadcasting starting with the January 11, 2023 Board Meeting.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

4:00 pm Policy Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (Cancelled)

For comments, please contact:

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Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer, 250-860-8888

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