



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, January 11, 2023

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Learning Technology Services Supporting Equity

In attendance:

Troy White, District Principal of Learning Technology Services
Dave Swystun, Manager Learning Technology Services
Sharon Cairney, Digital Training and Application Coordinator for Software Support
Grant Hughes, Field Services Coordinator
Tobias Blaskovits, Teacher Technology Consultant
Tess Perry, Teacher Technology Consultant

The presentation highlighted and celebrated the Technology Learning Services staff in its support of student equity and excellence in learning.

Introductions:

1. The Board of Education welcomed the following to their new positions:

Vince Hunter, Principal, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
Bobbi Hunter, Principal, École Glenrosa Middle School
Johanne Martinez, Program Delivery Manager, Welcome Centre
Scott Kocil, Homestay Coordinator, International Education
Kirsten Nugent, Business Process Manager
Jason Groetchen, Maintenance Manager, Operations

Recognition:

1. The Board of Education recognized the following volleyball teams for their achievements at the Provincial Volleyball Championships:

École Okanagan Mission Secondary School Senior Girls Volleyball Team - Provincial Champions
In attendance: Vince Hunter, Principal
Coaches: Rob Steciuk and Paul Berisoff
Players: Shea Berisoff, Anna Von Krosigk, Brooke Tombs, Jersey Graves, Kylie Taylor, Mahala Umeris and Tasha Valeriote

Mount Boucherie Secondary School Senior Girls Volleyball Team - Silver Medalists
In attendance: Scott Sieben, Principal
Coaches: Shauna King and Jason Elder
Players: Marija Josipovic, Sarah Henriksen and Hannah Gray

Declaration:

1. Family Literacy Week – January 22-29, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of January 22 to 29, 2023 as Family Literacy Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items:

1. Modification of Public Agenda: Removal of 2nd Public Question/Comment Period

The decision of the Board of Education is to have the second Public Question/Comment Period remain on future Public Board Meeting Agendas.

2. Modification of Public Agenda: Addition of Trustees Queries/Comments

The Board of Education approved the addition of Trustees Queries/Comments to future Public Board Meeting Agendas.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023
2. General Statement – December 14, 2022

Items Requiring Special Mention

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

1. Gratitude was expressed to everyone in the **Operations Department** for their hard work over the Winter Break dealing with the weather-related incidents at a few of our facilities.
2. The Indigenous Education's **Primary Winter Gathering** is being held from January 10-13th. It is an opportunity for all grade three Indigenous students to experience Indigenous cultures. During the gathering they will learn about the different styles of dancing, get a chance to drum, play with loose parts (with a focus on natural elements), and hear the retelling of The Four Food Chiefs. The students will also get an opportunity to try on regalia and dance to the drumming from local drummer group " Birch Creek". It is an opportunity to make new friends, learn more about Indigenous culture, and to just have fun! Gratitude was expressed to the Deputy Superintendent and Indigenous Education Department for providing this experience for our grade three Indigenous students.
3. Online **registration** for Kindergarten and new students opens at **7:00 am on Monday, January 30, 2023**. Further information on the registration process can be found on the District website (www.sd23.bc.ca).
4. Central Okanagan Public Schools is hosting a **French Immersion Kindergarten Informational Session** for families interested in learning more about the French Immersion Kindergarten Program. The session will be held by Zoom on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00 pm. The link to join the session is located on the School District website under News – French Immersion Kindergarten Info.
5. **Basketball Season** is underway. Three Central Okanagan Public School teams are ranked in the top 10 in the Province. A couple of tournaments are being held this month at our local secondary schools. This weekend is the 1st annual Westside Classic Basketball Tournament, hosted by Mount Boucherie Secondary School. The first weekend of February will be the return of the Western Canada Basketball Tournament hosted by École KSS. Check with your local middle or secondary school and enjoy seeing our students excel in athletics.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

For comments, please contact:

Lee-Ann Tiede, Chair of the Board of Education, 250-258-3556

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO, 250-470-3256

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