



# 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 22, 2023**

---

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

### 1. Powderhounds Friday Adaptive Ski School

In attendance:

Randy Horne, Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education

Cori Christensen, Inclusive Education Consultant

Gail Williamson, Director of Powderhounds Adaptive Snowsports, Kelowna and District – People in Motion

The Powderhound's Friday Adaptive Ski School at Big White Ski Resort offers unique skiing, sit skiing and snowboarding opportunities for students in Central Okanagan Public Schools with physical, cognitive, and sensory challenges. Powderhounds has certified volunteer instructors who are trained to use adaptive ski equipment and provide adapted ski instruction. Inclusive Education Services staff facilitate the Powderhounds Friday Adaptive Ski School Program. A student's multi-disciplinary team may include the following: Physical Therapist, Resource Teacher, Vision Resource Teacher, and Hearing Resource Teacher. After students have participated in their *single* lesson in the Powderhounds Friday Adaptive Ski School Program, families can pursue skiing for their child by registering with People In Motion in conjunction with the Powderhounds Adaptive Snow Sports Program. Whether the students are Upright Skiers, Sit Skiers, or Snowboarders, the team of Powderhounds volunteers is prepared to "see the ability" and adapt to the student's needs. The Powderhounds Friday Adaptive Ski School Program runs from January through March.

### Action Items:

#### 1. 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw (Updated)

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of \$321,910,831.

#### 2. Equitable Access to Washrooms

The Board of Education directed the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to ensure all schools provide equitable access to washrooms for all students and staff while respecting their privacy and dignity.

#### 3. Three-Year Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2023/2024 through 2025-2026

The Board of Education approved the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2023/2024 through 2025/2026, and agreed to write a letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to advocate for additional funding for the Annual Facility Grant.

#### 4. Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function – Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee

The Board of Education affirmed Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023
2. General Statement – February 8, 2023

#### Items of Special Mention

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

- Attendance at various Harmony Day events and assemblies, the RCMP/WFN vs Constable Neil Bruce Middle School basketball teams, the École KSS and Mount Boucherie Secondary School concerts, the First Lego League "Superpowered" Regional Qualifying Tournament and the Springvalley Elementary School Community Student Learning Conversation.
- The annual **Boys and Girls Club Okanagan Pink Shirt Day Breakfast** returned to in-person and was held this morning at the Laurel Packerhouse. Trustees, senior staff, and students heard from retired NHL player, Aaron Volpatti, who shared his story of perseverance.
- Students and staff throughout the District celebrated the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Harmony Day** on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion. Guest speaker, Ian Tyson, spoke to an audience of over 1800 grade five students, emphasizing the importance of being grateful, kind and caring to others and building resilience to keep going no matter what obstacles come their way. Recyclable Harmony Day bags were designed by a class of artists at École Kelowna Secondary School and were distributed throughout the District.
- On Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA) and CUPE Local 3523 held their **professional development days**. The theme of COTA's six-District Professional Development Conference was "Converting to What Counts" and included a math symposium. CUPE members engaged in a variety of timely and responsive learning options that promote equity and inclusion. The Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA) also participated in professional learning sessions, focusing on learning priorities within the District's Strategic Plan. Recognition to the organizers of all the events was expressed.
- The **2023-2024 Budget Survey** is now open to the community for input. Visit the School District website for the link to share your thoughts on the preliminary budget process. The due date for the survey is March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm

#### Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
4:00 pm Policy Committee  
6:00 pm Planning and Facilities 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

---

The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.

Please check the School District website ([www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)) for all Board and Committee Meeting dates and times.