



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 28, 2024**

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

Celebrating Inclusive Education Month through Learning!

In attendance:

Michelle Kaupp, District Principal – Inclusive Education

Cori Christensen, Inclusive Education Consultant

Sebastien Gould, Grade 6 Student at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Lisa Gould, Parent

Inclusive Education staff assisted in organizing the February 16, 2024 CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) Professional Development Day with keynote speaker, Myles Himmelreich. In his presentation, Myles spoke on *FASD Myth Busting 101 and *FASD Whole Body Research. CUPE and COTA (Central Okanagan Teachers' Association) staff gained valuable knowledge about FASD, the strengths and challenges associated with exposure to alcohol in the womb, and a better understanding of FASD-Informed Teaching.

*Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Introduction

Samantha Bauer, Human Resources Advisor

The Board of Education welcomed Samantha Bauer, Human Resources Advisor, to Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Declaration

At the February 14, 2024 Public Board meeting, the Board of Education declared today, Wednesday, February 28th, as Bullying Awareness (Pink Shirt Day).

Action Items

- 1. 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.
- 2. Three Year Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan 2024/2025 – 2026/2027**
The Board of Education approved the Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2024/2025 through 2026/2027.
- 3. Deletion of Policy 505 – Learning Assistance, Regulations 505R – Learning Assistance, Appendix 505A – Learning Assistance (Appendix A) and Appendix 505A – Learning Assistance (Appendix B)**
The Board of Education approved the removal of Policy 505 – Learning Assistance, Regulations 505R – Learning Assistance, Appendix 505A – Learning Assistance (Appendix A) and Appendix 505A – Learning Assistance (Appendix B).

Assistance (Appendix B) from the Policy Manual, with the understanding that this documentation will be residing in the Human Resources posting process which is guided by the Ministry of Education and Child Care's "Special Education Services: A Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines".

4. Amendments to Policy 161 – Accumulated Operating Surplus

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 161 – Accumulated Operating Surplus.

5. Amendments to Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

6. Amendments to Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024
2. General Statement – February 14, 2024

Items of Special Mention

Trustees and the Assistant Superintendents spoke of the following.

1. Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the annual Board Meeting with Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, the Webber Road School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation and KSS Night Owl Theatre presentation of Shakespeare in Love.
2. Today is Pink Shirt/Bullying Awareness Day. Pink Shirt Day is an annual event against bullying. Pink Shirt Day was started in 2007 in Canada. The annual Boys and Girls Club Okanagan Pink Shirt Day Breakfast was held this morning at the Laurel Packinghouse. Trustees, senior staff, and students heard from renowned international speaker Trisha Miltimore who shared insights on building positive relationships, living with less stress and more enjoyment using the tools of kindness, community and gratitude.
3. On Friday, February 16th, the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 3523 held their professional development days. Over 500 CUPE employees participated in 33 sessions facilitated by our District's managers and consultants. The Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA), partnering with the North Okanagan-Shuswap, Oliver, Okanagan Skaha, and Vernon School Districts, hosted a ZONAL conference at Rutland Senior Secondary School with a record-breaking 949 educators in attendance! Also, Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (COPVPA) and Senior Admin co-hosted a 2nd Annual Learning Symposium – a day of professional learning focused on leading our school and student learning priorities. Over 100 Principals, Vice-Principals, and senior staff came together to explore emerging research in leadership practices, and collaborative teamwork in leading learning.
4. This past weekend, École Glenrosa Middle School and Constable Neil Bruce Middle School welcomed staff and 103 grade nine students from Haruhigaoka Junior High School. The friendship between Central Okanagan Public Schools and Haruhigaoka is the longest international school partnership in our District's history, spanning over thirty years. Trustees attended welcome assemblies at École Glenrosa Middle School and Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, and a welcome luncheon was held on Friday, February 23rd with administration from Haruhigaoka Junior High School, Trustees and Senior Staff.
5. Proud for Prom is holding their annual Boutique Day for grade 12 graduates on Saturday, March 2nd at Quigley Elementary School. Proud for Prom is a 100% volunteer community-based organization whose mission is to empower graduating high school students to be proud of their achievements and celebrate their success through participation at graduation prom night. Proud for Prom ensures that every student has the opportunity to experience their high school prom, regardless of their financial situation.
6. Former District Student Council Co-President, Mehak Parihar, who is now a first-year engineering student at UBCO, was the regional recipient of national BGC Canada Youth of the Year. Mehak was awarded this honour for her exceptional leadership, dedication to service and remarkable achievements within her community.

7. The BC High School Curling Championships are being held this weekend at the Kelowna Curling Club. The KSS team will be looking for their first title on home ice.
8. The second annual RCMP/Constable Neil Bruce Middle School charity basketball game will be held on February 29th at 4:00 pm at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School. West Kelowna Indigenous Police Service unit and RCMP, as well as Westbank First Nation council and community members, will be playing against Constable Neil Bruce Middle grade 8 basketball players.
The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) is excited to announce that they have arranged for two engaging live virtual events with The White Hatter, focusing on crucial topics related to our digital era.

Event 1: Internet Safety and Digital Literacy for Parents and Caregivers

- Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

- Start Time: 6:30 PM

Event 2: Youth Online Aggression, Cyberbullying, Threats, and Violence

- Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

- Start Time: 6:30 PM

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

6:00 pm

All Public Board Meetings take place in the Main Board Room at 1040 Hollywood Road South unless otherwise noted.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

4:00 pm General Affairs Committee **Cancelled**

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee **Cancelled**

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee

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