



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, April 24, 2024**

Recognition of National Day of Mourning – April 28, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education observed a moment of silence to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties.

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Forestry Program

In attendance from Rutland Senior Secondary School:

Adam Miller, Acting Vice-Principal
Marshall Corbett, Forestry Teacher
Students:

Jayden Shkrabuik, Grade 11
Nova Kidder, Grade 11

The Rutland Senior Secondary School Forestry Program has been running for at least the last 34 years. This authentic learning program allows students to build life skills while learning about many different forestry related careers. The program is based at Rutland Senior Secondary School where there is a shop/classroom along with a compound where a sawmill is stored and ran. The wood from the sawmill is available for any student enrolled in woodworking classes in the District. This Dual Credit Program is unique in that it allows students to explore an industry without committing to a specific career. There are students that have gone on to university learning alongside students who are on an evergreen pathway. The unique methods of delivery (the forest being the main teacher, for example) allow the program to be tailored to meet the needs of a diverse range of students.

On Thursday, April 11, 2024 Grade 3 students from École Glenmore Elementary School joined the Grade 11 Forestry Class from Rutland Senior Secondary School to plant trees and explore the forest. Tree planting occurred in a recently burned area, 8 km up the Blue Grouse Forestry Service Road due to the McDougall Creek Wildfire. Students started with a safety presentation, learned why they were planting the trees, how to do it, and then went out planting before they used the field study for other math, science, and social emotional learning.

Recognitions

1. Caleb Trudeau, Grade 9, École George Elliot Secondary School

The Board of Education recognized Caleb Trudeau for his 1st place finish at the recent Canadian National Wrestling Championships (48kg Freestyle and 48kg Greco-Roman divisions).

2. Max Sabey, Grade 8, Rutland Middle School

The Board of Education recognized Max Sabey for receiving gold and silver medals at the recent Canadian National Wrestling Championships.

3. Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent, UBC Alumni Builder Award

The Board of Education expressed congratulations to Deputy Superintendent, Terry-Lee Beaudry, on receiving the UBC Alumni Builder Award. This award recognizes her dedication to students, her many contributions to transforming education, and her work with UBC and the Okanagan School of Education (OSE). The District News Release can be found [here](#).

Declarations

1. TTOC Appreciation Week – May 6 to 10, 2024

The Board of Education declared May 6 to 10, 2024 as TTOC Appreciation Week and recognizes all Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – May 5, 2024

The Board of Education declared Sunday, May 5, 2024 as a Day of Awareness in Central Okanagan Public Schools, of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Action Items

1. Amendment to Policy 135 – School Board Operation

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation as follows:

- 8.1.2 The Public Question/Comment Period shall be scheduled near the beginning of the meeting to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any action, information and advocacy items on the agenda.

2. Amendment to Policy 125 – Trustee Code of Ethics

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 125 – Trustee Code of Ethics. The Ministry of Education and Child Care has requested that all Boards of Education update their code of conduct for school trustees and related policies and procedures to align with the Provincial School Trustees Code of Conduct Criteria Guidelines released in June 2023. Board approved, updated school trustee codes are to be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by April 30, 2024.

3. Trustee Indemnity for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year

The Board of Education set the Trustee indemnity for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 3.7%, thereby setting the stipend at: Trustee - \$24,941, Vice-Chair - \$26,341 and Chair - \$28,469.

4. Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2024/2025 Budget Recommendations Report

The Board of Education approved the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2024/2025 Budget Recommendations.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024
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3. Okanagan Indian Band Flag Displayed with Westbank First Nation Flag
 - The Okanagan Indian Band Flag will be installed in the Main Board Room at the School Board Office alongside the Westbank First Nation Flag.
4. Westbank First Nation Council Resolution – Schools of Choice (Bill 40)
 - The Province of British Columbia's School Amendment Act (2023) includes new First Nation Schools of Choice provisions that set out a process for First Nations to choose which school First Nation students, who live on-reserve, self-governing First Nation lands, or Treaty lands, will attend. Westbank First Nation

has designated Chief Tomat Elementary School, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School and Mount Boucherie Secondary School as Schools of Choice for the 2024/2025 school year.

5. Board Evaluation
 - The Board Evaluation will occur once every two months – four times a year.
6. General Statement – April 10, 2024

Items of Special Mention

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

1. Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the following:
 - a. BCSTA AGM meeting held last week in Vancouver, BC
 - b. Windscares Band Festival (formerly Kiwanis Music Festival)
 - c. Building project at North Glenmore Elementary School
 - d. School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation at École Dr. Knox Middle School
 - e. Delivery of the Volunteer stickers to schools in honor of Volunteer Week
 - f. Living Museum at Canyon Falls Middle School
 - g. Participation in selection of Medicine Wheel Award recipients
 - h. Lion King performance at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
2. Upcoming events:
 - a. Mount Boucherie Secondary School Theatre performance of Puffs: The Play on Wednesday, May 1 through Friday, May 3, 2024.
 - b. Mount Boucherie Secondary School Walk for Mental Health on May 8, 2024.
3. After a student vote, students excitedly took to Rutland Senior Secondary's PA system last week to announce the school's new team name: Rutland Thunder. Students led the process of the latest name change for the school and will now go on to select a logo. Rutland will keep its familiar blue and gold colours and continue to focus on their identity as a diverse school at the heart of a proud community.
4. Today is National Administrative Assistants Day, recognizing the contributions of our administrative assistants and library assistants who provide outstanding support to students, staff, parents, and community members. Thank you to our exceptional team of District and site-based Admin Professionals and our library assistants!
5. The Okanagan Wildfire Responders Gratitude Event is being held this Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Memorial Park in West Kelowna from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. to honour the commendable efforts of the people who selflessly assisted during the McDougall Creek Wildfire last August. Several Central Okanagan Public School will have several representatives participating in the Walk of Heroes. This is a family-oriented event with a Walk of Heroes, live music, entertaining performances, and a barbeque.
6. The 49th Annual Civic and Community Awards is taking place this evening at the Laurel Packinghouse. Congratulations to all students and teams who are finalists.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 22, 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, May 1, 2024

~~4:00 pm~~ Policy Committee (Cancelled)

4:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (please note new time)

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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