



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 10, 2024**

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. **Relay for Life – École Okanagan Mission Secondary School**

Date: June 6, 2024

In attendance from École Okanagan Mission Secondary School:

Graham Johnson, Vice-Principal

Nicole Fedkiw, Teacher

Students:

Ayla Hiller

Sarah Kovacs

Adam Wasti

Relay for Life is a global movement of individuals who want to make a real impact in the lives of those affected by cancer. An event that began simply by running and walking around a university track to raise money for cancer awareness, has evolved and is now active in over 30 countries across the globe. In the past three years of running Relay for Life, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School has raised over \$100,000 to support cancer research and initiatives searching for a cure to end this disease. With an outpouring of support from the Mission community, parents, staff and students have utilized their networks to raise donations toward this impactful initiative. This year École Okanagan Mission Secondary School will be expanding the event to include Mount Boucherie Secondary School and Rutland Senior Secondary School along with some sponsors in the community to extend the initiative. It will be a day that represents resilience and perseverance within our school and local communities. Relay for Life is an opportunity for our local community to come together to support the 1 in 2 Canadians who will be diagnosed with cancer in our lifetime. This year's event is scheduled for June 6, 2024 at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School.

Recognition

1. **California Association of Directors of Activities – Honorary Lifetime Member Award Al Hopgood, Springvalley Middle School**

The California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA) recently announced that Al Hopgood, a teacher at Springvalley Middle School, has been awarded the CADA Honorary Lifetime Member Award. The criteria for this award is a person outside of the membership who goes above and beyond in making sure that CADA's programs continue to prosper and succeed in accomplishing the organization's goals. The Board of Education congratulated Al Hopgood for receiving this distinguished award.

Declaration

1. National Volunteer Week – April 21 – 27, 2024

The Board of Education declared April 21 to 27, 2024 as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. National Day of Mourning – April 28, 2024

The Board of Education declared April 28, 2024 as a Day of Mourning in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Flags will be lowered to half-mast to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties.

A Day of Mourning commemoration ceremony will be taking place at the Operations Department on Dease Road, on Friday, April 26th at 11:00 am.

Action Items

1. Support of Transit for Teens Campaign

The Board of Education agreed to write letters in support of the Transit for Teens Campaign to extend BC's Get on Board Program up to age 18.

Information Items

Superintendent's Emergent Issues:

- On the afternoon of Wednesday, April 10th, after school was dismissed, a small fire occurred in a waste basket in a washroom at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2024/2025
3. General Statement – March 13, 2024

Items of Special Mention

Trustees and the Superintendent spoke of the following.

1. The Art in Action: Inspiring Awe student exhibition is currently taking place at the Kelowna Art Gallery through to May 5, 2024. The Exhibition reception was held on Friday, April 5th. *"Students were encouraged to convey their visions of amazement by reflecting on the world and considering the impact of inspiration on artistic expression. This theme underscores the potency of art in eliciting awe, fostering creativity, and inspiring others". (Kelowna Art Gallery)*
2. In February, Grade 5 students at Black Mountain Elementary School participated in the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's (NCTR) "Imagine a Canada" 2023-2024 Program. The Program invites Canadian youth to envision a Canada reconciled. The grade 5 classes' submission was an understanding of what they know of Canada's history, their role in reconciliation, and their hope of what they will learn from the submission to the NCTR. Their project was selected and two grade 5 students from Black Mountain Elementary School will represent their class, and British Columbia, in Winnipeg, Manitoba next month to share their project and talk about Reconciliation at the NCTR.
3. École George Elliot Secondary School grade 9 student, Caleb Trudeau, finished first at the Canadian National Wrestling Championships for both the 48kg freestyle and for the 48kg Greco-Roman divisions. Also, Max Sabey, a grade 8 student at Rutland Middle School came home with a gold and silver medal. Congratulations to Caleb and Max.
4. The 2024 Windscares Concert Band Festival will be held April 22-25, 2024 at Creekside Theatre in Lake Country. This year 31 bands will participate over the course of four days, including 19 groups from ten Central Okanagan Public Schools. These bands feature students from grades 7 to 12. Bands from Kamloops, Vernon and Vancouver, BC, and Calgary and Brooks, Alberta, will also be participating.

5. Is your bike spring ready? Whether you are a rail trailer or a mountain maverick, the team of WHEELS is ready to assist you with all your tune-up and adjustment needs. WHEELS Transition to Employment Program & Services is a Central Okanagan Public Schools community-based, employment training program for students in secondary school and beyond. In collaboration with Community Living BC, participants of the program are provided with the opportunity to develop customer service skills in "real time" and to develop the essential skills employers seek. WHEELS is located at #1 – 2235 Leckie Road, Kelowna, BC.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 8, 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, April 17, 2024

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

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

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

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