



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, May 22, 2024**

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. **Indigenous Mentorship: Sharing Stories of Our Ways with the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED)**

In attendance: Jesse Bruce, Director of Instruction – Indigenous Education
Christie Russell, District Vice-Principal – Indigenous Education
Nathen Elliot, Principal, Central Programs and Services
Simone Gauthier, Lead Advocate
Tyna Smith, Indigenous Student Advocate

Central Okanagan Public Schools' Indigenous Education Department and the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED) have collaborated to share promising practices and cultural teachings for the past six years. During Spring Break of 2024, Nathan Elliott (Principal, Central Programs and Services), Simone Gauthier (Lead Advocate), Christie Russell (District Vice-Principal - Indigenous Education), and Tyna Smith (Indigenous Student Advocate) journeyed to the 5th Annual First Nation Education Conference in Yukon to present at the pre-conference and learn from the people and the land of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. The team from Central Okanagan Public Schools were graciously hosted by Melanie Bennett, YFNED Executive Director, and team, and were deeply honoured to engage in reciprocal learning in the Yukon. Central Okanagan Public Schools staff engaged in learning around the theme of mentorship within Indigenous communities and schools, with the intent of fostering holistic educational environments.

2. **Canadian Commission for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CCUNESCO Schools) National Executive Members from Mount Boucherie Secondary School**

In attendance from Mount Boucherie Secondary School (MBSS):

Scott Sieben, Principal
Derek Smith, Teacher
Delaney Neukomm, Grade 11
Anaka Fuller, Grade 11
Jayden Stead, Grade 11
Misha Pikola, Grade 11

In 2023 MBSS joined the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) School Network which includes over 12,000 schools in 182 countries, including 100 schools from Canada. As a Canadian UNESCO school, the students engage in student-led initiatives, and school-wide events that serve four thematic action areas: UNESCO's mission and the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, Global Citizenship Education, Education for Sustainable Development and Climate Action, and Indigenous Education and Reconciliation. One of the goals of the MBSS Sustainability Plan is to give back to the environment. This includes a composting project that allows the school community to connect with the land and learn more about composting and the positives of it, as well as planter boxes to grow fruits, vegetables and flowers.

The four students presenting were selected to be a part of the 25-member, Canadian Commission UNESCO National Youth Council and therefore had the opportunity to attend the CCUNESCO National Conference in Toronto.

Recognition

- 1. Delaney Neukomm, Chair of the Mount Boucherie Secondary School Walk for Mental Health**
The Board of Education recognized Delaney Neukomm, Grade 11 student at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, for organizing the student-led Mount Boucherie Secondary School Walk for Mental Health, which was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. After raising \$6,400 last year, the Walk exceeded their fundraising goal by raising over \$13,806 this year with the proceeds to Foundry Kelowna.

Declarations

- 1. National Accessibility Week – May 26 to June 1, 2024**
The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 26 to June 1, 2024 as National Accessibility Week.
- 2. Pride Month**
The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June 2024 as Pride Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Presentations:

- 1. Kelowna Integrated Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit**
Presenters:
Cpl. James Jenkins
Cst. Jason Tymofichuk
The Mission of Kelowna ICE is dedicated to reducing the sexual exploitation of children. This includes the continued effort to identify and rescue children being offended against, and to identify, pursue and disrupt online offenders who possess and traffic in Child Sexual Abuse material. Kelowna ICE investigates online offences involving child victims, including child pornography offences, online luring, sextortion, and physical offences such as sexual interference, sexual assault, and child luring. The presentation made to the Board of Education is similar to the presentation by Crown Counsel and the RCMP to Law classes in all five of the Central Okanagan Public Schools secondary schools.

Action Items

- 1. 2025/2026 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission**
The Board of Education approved the Capital Plan Resolutions for the 2025/2026 Capital Plan.
- 2. Capital Play Bylaw No. 2024/2025 – CPSD23-01**
The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-01.
- 3. Community Rental Program Review – 2024/2025**
The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 650 – Public Use of School Facilities and Regulations 650R – Public Use of School Facilities, effective July 1, 2024. The Board of Education set the community rental rates, effective July 1, 2024, and approved the amendments to Appendix 650A – Public Use of School Facilities – Schedule of Rental Fees. The amendments include a new community rental classification. The three classifications, effective July 1st, will consist of: Community & Educational Partners (previously non profit), Youth and Adult Athletics (new) and Commercial (previously for profit).

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024
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3. General Statement – May 8, 2024
4. Sustainability Initiatives for the 2023/2024 School Year
5. 2023/2024 Transportation Services Update

Items of Special Mention

Trustees, the Assistant Superintendent of Westside Schools, and the COPAC President spoke of the following:

1. Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the following:
 - Central Programs & Services Annual Spring Community Barbecue
 - École George Elliot Secondary School Capstone presentations
 - Board of Education annual meeting with the District of Lake Country
 - École Okanagan Mission Secondary School's presentation of A Midsummer Night's Dream
 - School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation at Chute Lake Elementary School
2. Best wishes were conveyed to all Central Okanagan Public School students participating in the Okanagan Valley Track and Field Championships being held in Kamloops.
3. Nicola Baker, President of the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC), expressed appreciation to Troy White (District Principal of Learning Technology Services), Tobias Blaskovits (District STEAM/Learning Technology Consultant), and their team, for organizing the SumoBot Competition held this morning at UBC Okanagan.
4. As declared by the Board of Education, June is Pride Month. Part of the celebrations include the annual Pride Festival being held on Saturday, June 8th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in City Park where Central Okanagan Public Schools will be hosting a booth. Partner groups COTA and CUPE will also be hosting their own booths.
5. Upcoming school/district events to note include:
 - Art Starts Performance – Cirque de la foret at Peachland Elementary School on May 30, 2024 at 6:00 pm
 - Mount Boucherie Secondary School dancers performing at the Rotary Centre for the Arts on June 1, 2024

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 26, 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, June 5, 2024

~~4:00 pm General Affairs Committee (Cancelled)~~

~~6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee (Cancelled)~~

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

4:00 pm Finance and Audit Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services

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