



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, June 26, 2024**

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. **Canada Reconciled: A Youthful Vision of Hope for the Future**

In attendance from Black Mountain Elementary School

Janet Slaney, Principal

Keely Flannigan, Teacher-Librarian

Students:

Teegen Burroughs, Grade 5

Cade Flower, Grade 5

Twenty-seven grade 5 students at Black Mountain Elementary School wrote and submitted a book titled "A Guide to What We wish Every Canadian Knew" for the Imagine a Canada Project of the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation. Out of hundreds of applications from across the country, these students' words were selected to be recognized and honoured at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Teegan and Cade travelled to Winnipeg to receive the award on behalf of their classmates in their learning community.

2. **Celebration of Teacher Growth Plan Success: Infusing Indigenous Content into the Classroom**

In attendance from North Glenmore Elementary School

Sue Stevenson, Principal

Staci Palahniuk, Grade 1 teacher

As part of the Teacher Professional Growth Plan process, two primary teachers at North Glenmore Elementary presented their 2-year growth plan focusing on Indigenizing the curriculum using literature to Principal Stevenson. The ideas behind the presentation were shared with local Author Adrienne Gear who writes books to support helping improve teaching practice in schools. Adrienne was so impressed with the powerful connections these teachers used, she added a chapter in her latest book "Powerful Thinking" that highlights the work of Staci Palahniuk and Carolyn Bassett-Smith (both grade 1 teachers at North Glenmore Elementary) in the final chapter of her book.

Recognition

1. **iGen Winners**

The Board of Education congratulated the following students on their placements at the 30th Annual iGen Challenge Finale which took place on Tuesday, June 11th at the Innovation Centre. In total, 200 high school entrepreneurial teams competed, and the top 8 made their live pitches to judges.

1st place: Seraphic Stationary
Tanev Goel, Griffin Hendry, Yuvraj Dosanj
Rutland Senior Secondary School

2nd place: Pro Performance
Ty Bunn, Caisen Dodd
Mount Boucherie Secondary School

3rd place: iTutorFriends
Brayden Jarrard
École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Best Market Research
Amiga
Zoe Wiens and Lauren Munro
École George Elliot Secondary School

In attendance:

Tyler Jensen, teacher and iGen Lead, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
Tanev Goel, Griffin Hendry, Yuvraj Dosanj – 1st place: Seraphic Stationary
Brayden Jarrard, 3rd place: iTutorFriends

Staff Presentations

1. Superintendent of Schools/CEO Year in Review

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an overview of the 2023/2024 school year identifying student achievements, special events, and business involving the Board of Education. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO Year in Review is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Publications.

2. Superintendent of Schools/CEO Report on Student Achievement 2024

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a PowerPoint presentation on student achievements 2024. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO Report on Student Achievement 2024 is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Publications.

Action Items

1. Approval of School Community Student Learning Plans for the 2024/2025 School Year

The Board of Education approved the School Community Student Learning Plans for the 2024/2025 School Year. School Plans are accessible by parents and the community by visiting the individual school website.

2. 2024/2025 Annual Budget Bylaw

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 in the amount of \$374,795,441.

3. Multi-Year Financial Plan (2024/2025 – 2026/2027)

The Board of Education approved the Multi-Year Financial Plan (2024/2025 – 2026/2027).

4. Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/2025 – CPSD23-03

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025 – CPSD23-03.

5. Public Education Awareness Committee Name Change to "Public Education Appreciation Committee"

The Board of Education approved the name change of the Public Education Awareness Committee to Public Education Appreciation Committee.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues:
 - A recent RCMP incident occurred when an individual who was being pursued by the RCMP was arrested after approaching a school bus with students from Mar Jok Elementary School.
 - This afternoon several roads in the vicinity of École Casorso Elementary School were closed due to a medical emergency. Parents were notified by email of the situation and asked to make alternate arrangements.
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024
3. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2024/2025
4. General Statement – June 12, 2024
5. 2023/2024 Estimated Accumulated Operating Surplus

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:
 - Graduation Ceremonies
 - Indigenous Graduation Traditional Blanketing Ceremonies
 - Tour of the new construction at École Dr. Knox Middle School
 - Presentations of Learning
2. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO was a speaker at the ARUCC & PCCAT National Conference: Charting the Way Forward Exploring New Pathways to Success. The discussion was on the the approach the District takes to transitioning students to Post Secondary using Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, Capstone, Industry Certification, Indigenous Academies and Land-Based Learning Programs.

Next Public Board Meeting/Board Standing Committee Meetings

The Board Chair made the following statement:

The Board of Education has approved a new schedule for future Board and Committee meetings that will place greater focus on committee work and the larger discussions that happen at the committee level. This new Board and Committee meeting schedule will begin September 2024 and more information will be formally communicated out to all of our partner groups and the general public.

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/CFO, 250-860-8888