

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 6:00 pm
School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee N. Bowman, Chairperson
Trustee C. Desrosiers, Committee Member
Trustee A. Geistlinger, Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter, Board Chairperson

Staff: Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: Lori Dawson Bedard, COTA 1st Vice-President
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC President (*arrived at 6:09 pm*)
Teri Wishlow, CUPE Vice-President
Brady Ibbetson, COPVPA Member

There were no representatives from the District Student Council.

**The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held
on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

AGENDA

January 8, 2020 Committee Agenda - approved as presented.

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Education and Student Services Committee Report - November 6, 2019

November 6, 2019 Committee Report - received as distributed.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Proposal for Substantive Change - Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Canyon Falls Middle School)

Ryan Ward, Vice-Principal - Canyon Falls Middle School, shared that the Board previously approved the transfer of the grade 7/8 Okanagan Mission Secondary School Hockey Canada Skills Academy to Canyon Falls for the Fall of 2019 with the following two caveats:

- Once the Canyon Falls Middle School Parent Advisory Council has been established and approved by the Board of Education, the Principal of Canyon Falls Middle School seek confirmation from the Parent Advisory Council as to the Proposal for Substantive Change – Grade 7 and Grade 8 Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Canyon Falls Middle School);
- The Canyon Falls Middle School Principal bring the final Proposal for Substantive Change – Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Canyon Falls Middle School) to the Education and Student Services Committee in the fall of 2019.

6:09 pm: The COPAC Co-President joined the meeting.

Mr. Ward, on behalf of Mr. Laird, Principal of Canyon Falls Middle School, presented the final Proposal for Substantive Change - Hockey Canada Skills Academy at Canyon Falls Middle School.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change - Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Canyon Falls Middle School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 8, 2020 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

Proposal to Conduct the Canadian Index for Adolescent Health Upstream Project Survey as Developed by the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (CoH) at York University

Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent, reminded the Committee that the proposal to conduct the Canadian Index for Adolescent Health Upstream Project Survey was previously presented at the June 5, 2019 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting and the Committee requested additional information. Ms. Kintzinger introduced Sarah Mackinnon, Centre Director - Okanagan Boys and Girls Club, Jamie Lloyd-Smith, Project Coordinator – A Way Home Kelowna, and Dr. Kyleen Myrah, Co-Chair - Journey Home Task Force.

Ms. Sarah Mackinnon and Dr. Kyleen Myrah presented the Canadian Index for Adolescent Health Upstream Project Survey, developed by the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (CoH) at York University. The survey focuses on students' feelings on friends, family, teachers, and school to identify youth who are at-risk of homelessness. The only identifier on the survey is a school determined student number that school staffs can use to assist students who are determined vulnerable. Students can opt out of the survey at any time.

The Deputy Superintendent of Schools stated that, upon Board approval to distribute the survey (with parent approval) to two schools, the Upstream Project (through the Okanagan Boys and Girls Club) will collaborate with District staff to finalize an instruction sheet to accompany the study as well as a parent letter and opt-out form.

Outcome:

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve Grade 8 participation from two middle schools in the Canadian Index for Adolescent Health Upstream Project Survey, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 8, 2020 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025

The Deputy Superintendent of Schools and the District Principal of Indigenous Education presented the final draft of the Equity in Action Agreement for Truth & Reconciliation 2020-2025. The Agreement was co-developed over the past two years by the District's Equity Scan Committee, which consisted of Trustees, senior staff, principals/vice-principals, teachers, Indigenous Student Advocates, Indigenous parents, and community members. The Agreement has the following four areas of focus: Policy and Governance, Learning Environment (School Culture), Learning Profiles, and Pedagogical Core. The belief statements and commitments for all four areas of focus were outlined.

The Committee recommended a few edits and requested that the revised draft be forwarded to the Indigenous Education Council for a final review prior to being sent to the Board of Education for approval. The Committee also discussed whether or not the use of the word 'spirit' was an appropriate word to use in the Agreement.

Outcome:

The Committee received the Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025 final draft and recommended that it be forwarded to the Indigenous Education Council for a final review before it is sent to the Board of Education for approval.

Public Query/Comment

Jennifer Rowe: Ms. Rowe stated that, when providing Indigenous teachings to students, it should be a priority to indicate that it is a belief system not truth.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Advance Placement (AP) Programs in Central Okanagan Public Schools

Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent, outlined the District's 2019-2020 enrollment numbers for Advanced Placement (AP) courses and provided an example on how an AP course is displayed on an official transcript. Secondary students who engage in a program of study and complete their Advanced Placement course at their high school can earn four credits for each course. This opportunity enables students to transition to a second-year post-secondary course as well as provides a greater sense of readiness for post-secondary course work.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

Public Board Meeting Action Item - January 15, 2020

- *Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025*

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items

- *Proposal for Substantive Change - Hockey Canada Skills Academy (Canyon Falls Middle School)*
- *Proposal to Conduct the Canadian Index for Adolescent Health Upstream Project Survey as Developed by the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (CoH) at York University*

ITEMS FOR FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 19, 2020

- Proposals for Substantive Change

April 15, 2020

- Proposals for Board Authority/Authorized Courses
- Report on the K-12 Assessment Plan

May 20, 2020

- Draft Program Review Cycle and Meeting Schedule 2020/2021
Deputy Superintendent (T. Beaudry)

June 17, 2020

- Enhancing Student Learning Framework
Superintendent of Schools/CEO (K. Kaardal)

REVIEW LEGEND

Level One Review

- District-wide surveys involving all stakeholders
- Focus Groups
- Interviews with key staff and clients

Level Two Review

- Surveys to a representative sample group of stakeholders
- Optional Focus Groups and personnel interviews as appropriate

Level Three Review

Limited or no surveying and/or interviews to gather informal feedback

FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 19, 2020, April 15, 2020, May 20, 2020, June 17, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Questions - Please Contact:

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Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools at 250-470-3225 or Terry.Beaudry@sd23.bc.ca

Norah Bowman, Chairperson