

# **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 19, 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  
Yvonne Hildebrandt, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: Lori Dawson Bedard, COTA 1st Vice-President  
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC President  
Teri Wishlow, CUPE Vice-President  
Brady Ibbetson, COPVPA Member  
Zijun Meng, District Student Council Representative

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

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### **AGENDA**

February 19, 2020 Committee Agenda - approved as presented.

### **REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Education and Student Services Committee Report - January 8, 2020**

January 8, 2020 Committee Report – Add Public Comments after Action Item 5.3 Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025.

The revised Committee Report will be brought forward to the April 15, 2020 Education and Student Services meeting for approval.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Equine Learning 12**

Hugh Alexander, Principal - Rutland Senior Secondary School, and Angela Kendall, Teacher - Rutland Senior Secondary School, presented a Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) course proposal for Equine Learning 12. Equine Learning 12 is open to students in Grades 10 to 12 and provides learners with the opportunity to develop life skills, employment skills, relationship building skills and communication skills through an experiential approach involving working with horses. This unique course focuses on handling horses from the ground rather than a mounted session and promotes reduced anxiety, emotional empowerment, competence in verbal and nonverbal communication skills, and connection with animals, nature and people. Students will learn about confidence and resilience using a journaling format and will study grooming of horses and first aid in the classroom to prepare for visiting the horses at the farm.

#### **Outcome:**

**The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Equine Learning 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 19, 2020 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.**

### **Proposal for Substantive Change – Equine Learning Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School)**

Hugh Alexander, Principal - Rutland Senior Secondary School, Angela Kendall, Teacher - Rutland Senior Secondary School, and Mary Anderson, Equine Learning Facilitator, presented a proposal for an Equine Learning Academy at Rutland Senior Secondary School. This Academy proposal supports the development of increased skills of empathy, resilience, and confidence and enables students to follow a passion and pursue learning while developing healthy lifestyle habits for life. Courses in the Academy will include Equine Learning 12, Resiliency 11 and Independent Directed Studies (IDS) 12 – Equine Learning, which empowers students to extend their knowledge by developing personal goals for learning associated with the Equine course.

#### **Outcome:**

**The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change - Equine Learning Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 19, 2020 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.**

### **Proposal for Substantive Change – Golf Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School)**

Russ Bischoff, Vice-Principal - Rutland Senior Secondary School, and Alex Reid, Teacher - Rutland Senior Secondary School, presented a proposal for a Golf Academy at Rutland Senior Secondary School. Students in the Golf Academy will have the opportunity to progress in both skill development and knowledge of the golf game, its rules, etiquette and how golf contributes to a healthy lifestyle. Participants in the Golf Academy will have teaching and training both on and off school campus and professional instructors that strategically instruct to the individual student's skill level. Students will benefit by accessing golf instruction, developing skills for a life-long sport, enhancing their physical and emotional well-being, and gaining connections to potential employment opportunities within the field.

### **Outcome:**

**The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change - Golf Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 19, 2020 Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.**

*7:12 pm – Meeting Recessed*

*7:14 pm – Meeting Reconvened*

## **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Academies Offered in the Central Okanagan Public Schools**

The Deputy Superintendent reviewed the list of academies offered in the Central Okanagan Public Schools as of January 2020. The list will be updated to include enrolment numbers, approximate costs and instructor information and will be reviewed at a future Education and Student Services Committee meeting.

## **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

### **1. Equity in Action Agreement Signing Ceremony:**

Thursday, February 20, 2020, 4:00 pm at Sensisysten House of Learning

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

### ***Public Board Meeting Action Items***

- Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Equine Learning 12
- Proposal for Substantive Change – Equine Learning Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School)
- Proposal for Substantive Change – Golf Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School)

## ITEMS FOR FUTURE EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- *Academies Offered in the Central Okanagan Public Schools*
- *Ministry of Education Special Funding for Children in Care*

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

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 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](mailto:Terry.Beaudry@sd23.bc.ca)

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Norah Bowman, Chairperson