



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 6:00 pm  
Via Zoom**

- Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson  
Trustee N. Bowman  
Trustee R. Cacchioni (*left at 9:30 pm*)  
Trustee C. Desrosiers  
Trustee J. Fraser  
Trustee A. Geistlinger  
Trustee L. Tiede
- Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO  
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Rick Oliver, Assistant Superintendent  
Rhonda Ovelson, Assistant Superintendent  
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)  
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
- Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*left at 9:30 pm*)  
David Tether, CUPE President  
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC President  
Derek Lea, COPVPA Contract Advisory Chair (*left at 9:30 pm*)  
Grace Mallette, DSC - Grade 11 at RSS  
Mehak Parihar, DSC - Grade 10 at RSS

**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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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

**AGENDA**

*Add: New Action Item 10.6 Property Bylaw No. 153 - Fortis BC Inc. Statutory Right-of-Way on Operations  
Facility Site*

Main 21P-001

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of January 13, 2021 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - December 9, 2020**

Main 21P-002

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of December 9, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"**

### **Virtual Musical Greetings for B.C. Seniors**

This past December, Okanagan Mission Secondary Jazz 12 students brightened the season for seniors living in care homes thanks to their talented playing and the video editing skills of their teacher.

Megan Frederick, Music Director at OKM Secondary, stated that the project gave her students a performance goal to work towards, taught them about the importance of giving back and supporting our senior population, and hopefully brought joy to everyone at long-term care facilities.

For the video, family members of residents provided pictures and video messages for their loved ones. Students recorded individual performance tracks on their instruments at home to the song Silver Bells.

A portion of the video prepared for the residents of Glenmore Lodge was shown. To view the full video, as well as the videos prepared for the Spring Valley Care Home and Stuart Lake Hospital, visit the YouTube Channel of Megan Frederick.

## **DECLARATIONS**

### **Family Literacy Week - January 24-31, 2021**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of January 24-31, 2021 as Family Literacy Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Family Literacy week is celebrated in Kelowna during the week of Family Literacy Day. Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in this initiative.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **École Dorothea Walker Elementary Parent Community - French Immersion at OKM**

Presenter: Jennifer Huber, Parent

Ms. Huber presented on behalf of 117 French Immersion parents from both École Dorothea Walker Elementary and École KLO Middle schools who signed a letter setting out their concerns with the recommendation to create a French Immersion Program at Okanagan Mission Secondary School.

The Board Chair thanked Ms. Huber for her presentation.

### **École KLO Middle School PAC - Concerns with Proposed Changes to French Immersion at KSS/KLO/OKM**

Presenter: Dr. Jodi Morris, Parent

Dr. Morris also presented on behalf of the 117 French Immersion parents from both École Dorothea Walker Elementary and École KLO Middle schools who signed a letter setting out their concerns with the recommendation to create a French Immersion Program at Okanagan Mission Secondary School. Dr. Morris also presented a student petition signed by 125 students that want the entire French cohort at École KLO Middle School to go to École Kelowna Secondary School.

The Board Chair thanked Dr. Morris for her presentation.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

The following individuals submitted concerns, suggestions and questions regarding the capacity plan for École Kelowna Secondary School:

- Janna Bentley
- Shannan Schimmelmann
- Tobi Johnston
- Maya Peever
- Teresa and Marco Litrico
- Tracy Hansford
- Aundrea Novakoski
- Emerson Novakoski
- Murray Shirley
- Darlene Atkinson
- Kyla Van Eck
- Michelle MacFarlane
- Michelle Kershaw
- Steve Kershaw

The Board Chair outlined the questions/comments submitted regarding the capacity plan for École Kelowna Secondary School. Senior staff responded to questions.

**Deannie Zahara:** Ms. Zahara requested a status update regarding busing for elementary field studies for the 2020-2021 school year. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that under Stage 2 of BC's Restart Plan, the District is extremely limited on the availability of buses for field studies.

#### **TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS**

There were no queries/comments from Trustees.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Capacity Plan for École Kelowna Secondary School**

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO provided a brief presentation regarding the capacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School, outlining the reasons for the review, consultation results, and consideration analysis.

Senior staff members responded to questions from Trustees.

Main 21P-003

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni

**THAT: The Board of Education cap the number of International students at École Kelowna Secondary School for the 2021-22 school year to a maximum of 65.**

**AND THAT: The Board of Education annually review the cap on International students by mid-October for as long as the capacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School persist.**

*8:07 pm: Trustee Cacchioni left the meeting.*

*8:10 pm: Trustee Cacchioni rejoined the meeting.*

Amendment 21P-004

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**To add the word 'FTE' after 65.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Baxter and Trustee Geistlinger

Amendment 21P-005

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**To strike out 'for the 2021-22 school year'.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Baxter

**MAIN 21P-003 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS 21P-004 AND 21P-005**

**THAT: The Board of Education cap the number of International students at École Kelowna Secondary School to a maximum of 65 FTE;**

**AND THAT: The Board of Education annually review the cap on International students by mid-October for as long as the capacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School persist.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Baxter**

Main 21P-006

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education establish a secondary French Immersion program at Okanagan Mission Secondary School to begin in September of 2022.**

*9:19 pm: Trustee Bowman left the meeting.*

*9:21 pm: Trustee Bowman rejoined the meeting.*

Amendment 21P-007

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**To defer the motion to June 2021.**

**DEFEATED**

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Bowman, Trustee Desrosiers, Trustee Cacchioni, and Trustee Tiede

**The question was called on Main 21P-006.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Fraser, and Trustee Geistlinger**

Main 21P-008

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: A French Immersion catchment for Okanagan Mission Secondary School is established with the same boundaries as the English catchment for Okanagan Mission Secondary School.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Fraser**

9:30 pm: Trustee Cacchioni left the meeting.

9:30 pm: The COPVPA rep, Derek Lea, and the COTA President left the meeting.

**Enhancement Agreement - École Dorothea Walker Elementary School Playground**

Main 21P-009

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the École Dorothea Walker Elementary School PAC for the purchase and installation of a playground, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 13, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

Main 21P-010

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve a \$50,000.00 loan be provided to the École Dorothea Walker Elementary School PAC to assist with the purchase and installation of a playground, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 13, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Enhancement Agreement - École Casorso Elementary School GaGa Ball Court**

Main 21P-011

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with École Casorso Elementary School for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 13, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Establishment of H.S. Grenda Middle School Catchment Boundary**

Main 21P-012

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the establishment of a middle school catchment boundary for H.S. Grenda Middle School, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 13, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Dissolving of the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee**

Main 21P-013

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education dissolve the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee;**

**AND THAT: Board Policy 165 - Human Resources and Staff Services Committee be deleted.**

**CARRIED**

**Property Bylaw No. 153 - Fortis BC Inc. Statutory Right-of-Way on Operations Facility Site**

Main 21P-014

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 153 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way), for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC Inc. on Lot 1, Plan 25844, DL 143, known as Operations Facility.**

**CARRIED**

Main 21P-015

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 153 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted;**

**AND THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), grant approval for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC Inc. on Lot 1, Plan 25844, DL 143, known as Operations Facility.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

The following individuals submitted questions/comments regarding the capacity plan for École Kelowna Secondary School:

- Darlene Atkinson
- Jocelyne Landry
- Maya Peever
- Jennifer Huber

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO responded to the queries.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that due to a wind storm coming through the Okanagan area on Tuesday evening, many households were without power for parts of the day. At Davidson Road Elementary School, once it was determined that the power would not be restored during the day, steps were taken for students to be picked up by their parents with a small number transported to George Elliot Secondary School. Power has since been restored to Davidson Road Elementary.

### **Superintendent's COVID-19 Update**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools, including a significant number of exposures prior to the Winter break. Since the return to school in January, there was one exposure last week and four so far this week. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO encouraged everyone to follow the directions of the Public Health Officer.

### **Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – December 9, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Video Surveillance - Annual Report to the Board**

The Board reviewed the information.

## **BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

There were no Board/District Committee queries/comments or reports.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Sent:

Minister of Education, December 17, 2020, Foundation Skills Assessment and Fraser Institute

Minister of Education, December 17, 2020, Congratulations and Invitation to Visit

Received:

S. Lamb, December 10, 2020, Letter of Support - French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School

N. Petkovic, December 11, 2020, Concerned KLO Parent

Season's Greetings from Okanagan College, December 11, 2020

G. Jennens, December 13, 2020, Mandatory Masks in School District No. 23

J. Morris, December 14, 2020, Proposal to Establish a French Immersion Program at OKM

M. Pastinelli, December 14, 2020, French Immersion at OKM



Ministry of Education, December 14, 2020, Response to Board's Letter Re Additional Funds for Minor Capital Funding - Playground Equipment Funding  
M. Hoffman, December 15, 2020, French Immersion at OKM  
T. Sebulsky, December 15, 2020, KSS Over Crowding and French Immersion at OKM  
B. Burgess, December 16, 2020, KLO FI students moving to OKM  
E. Novakoski, December 15, 2020, KLO FI students moving to OKM  
M. Presiznuik, December 15, 2020, KLO FI students moving to OKM  
T. Yawarsky, December 15, 2020, KLO FI students moving to OKM  
M. MacFarlane, December 20, 2020, Board Action on French Immersion and KSS Capacity Concerns  
B. Burgess, December 21, 2020, KLO FI students moving to OKM  
J. Landry, December 21, 2020, KLO FI students moving to OKM  
M. Zeng, December 21, 2020, KLO FI students moving to OKM  
S. Litrico, December 22, 2020, KLO FI students moving to OKM  
T. Litrico, December 22, 2020, Proposed OKM FI Program  
A. Pastinelli, January 3, 2021, KLO Grade 9 students to OKM  
P. Pearson, January 3, 2021, Return to School  
C. Goldie, January 4, 2021, OKM FI Proposal Fears  
M. Boake, January 4, 2021, The Wearing of Masks  
M. Peever, January 4, 2021, Proposed Changes to FI Program at OKM  
D. Atkinson, January 5, 2021, Potential French Immersion Program at OKM  
B. Sieben, January 6, 2021, Potential French Immersion Program at OKM  
Various DWE and KLO Parents, January 6, 2021, Potential French Immersion Program at OKM  
A. Novakoski, January 7, 2021, Questions regarding FI Students and Proposed OKM FI Program  
D. Atkinson, January 7, 2021, Potential French Immersion Program at OKM  
F. Atkinson, January 7, 2021, Potential French Immersion Program at OKM

Main 21P-016

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: At the January 13, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

#### **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Trustees reported on the following:

1. Families interested in the **French Immersion Program for Kindergarten** learners are invited to attend one of the upcoming virtual open houses. Please visit the Central Okanagan Public Schools website for further details.

2. The Ministry of Education recently announced the change in dates for the writing of the **Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)**. The FSA will be administered to all grade 4 and 7 students between February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
3. The Board of Education met virtually with the District of Peachland Mayor and Council on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 to discuss matters of mutual interest.

## **BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **BCPSEA AGM**

January 28, 2021 - Virtual

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSTA Provincial Council**

February 20, 2021

### **BCSTA AGM**

April 15-17, 2021

## **BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

### **Joint Board/MLA Meeting**

Friday, January 22, 2021

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion.

## **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

There were no items for a future agenda.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the media.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:44 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO