



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 6:00 pm
School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee A. Geistlinger (*by telephone*)
Trustee V. Johnson
Trustee L. Tiede

Absent: Trustee L. Guderyan

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Jon Rever, Acting Deputy Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: COPAC: Nicola Baker, President and Jeannette Watson, Vice-President
COPVPA: Kyla Babcock, COPVPA Executive
CUPE: George York, Vice-President (*by Zoom, joined meeting 6:40 pm*)
There were no representatives from COTA or District Student Council

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

National Day of Mourning - April 28, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education observed a moment of silence to honour workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties. On April 28, 2025 Flags will be lowered to half-mast to honour those workers.

AGENDA

Amendment: switch 5.1 (Inside 23) with 6.1 (Introductions)

Main 24P-029

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of April 23, 2025 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED**

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - March 12, 2025

Main 25P-030

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 23, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

ABSTAINED: Trustee Geistlinger

INTRODUCTIONS

Staff in a New Role

The Board of Education congratulated the following staff members in their new roles:

- Allison Goreas, Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education
- Quincy Kelly, District Principal – Inclusive Education
- Lisa Wilson, Principal – Peachland Elementary School
- Christey Hughes, Principal – École Dorothea Walker Elementary School

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

The Courage to be Curious

In attendance: Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction: Learning & Innovation
Kevin Dent, Learning & Innovation Team (Numeracy)
Jennifer Davis, Learning & Innovation Team (Numeracy)
Bonnie Jennings, Teacher, École Hudson Road Elementary School
Chantal Sibbald, Teacher, École Hudson Road Elementary School

Inspired by the Learning & Innovation Team, the presentation showcased the journey of two teachers at École Hudson Road Elementary School to develop authentic numeracy opportunities in their students' daily lives.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:41 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:45 pm.

DECLARATIONS

National Volunteer Week: April 27 - May 3, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of April 27 through to May 3, 2025 as 'National Volunteer Week' and recognized all volunteers in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

TTOC Appreciation Week: May 5 - 9, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of May 5 through to May 9, 2025 as 'TTOC Appreciation Week' and recognized all Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – May 5, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 5, 2025 as a Day of Awareness in Central Okanagan Public Schools, of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Desrosiers recognized volunteer week and expressed her appreciation to the COPAC representatives present at the meeting, who consistently volunteer their time and work with the Board on many committees and attend all board meetings.

Trustee Broughton advised that Thursday, April 24, 2025 was " Prevention of Violence Against Women Day" and encouraged everyone to wear purple, to recognize the day.

Trustee Geistlinger acknowledged all TTOCs in the District and shared her respect for the many teachers who walk into classrooms and adapt to diverse learning environments with professionalism and enthusiasm.

ACTION ITEMS

Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/2026-CPSD23-01

Main 25P-031

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD23-01.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 25P-032

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD23-01.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 25P-033

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD23-01 at the April 23, 2025 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 25P-034

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD23-01.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Feasibility Study Report - Portable and Bus Storage Site Locations

Main 25P-035

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approves the Quigley Elementary School site for the establishment of the new portable classroom staging and bus compound.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

ABSTAINED: Trustee Johnson

École George Elliot Secondary School – Rotary Club of Lake Country: Plaque for Donation to Library Learning Commons

Main 25P-036

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

Trustees discussed the length of time that the plaque would be displayed in the Library Learning Commons. As Section 4, item 4.8 of District Policy 735 *Advertising and Sponsorship in Schools* does not address this, the Policy has been referred to the Policy Committee for further discussion.

THAT: The Board of Education approve the installation of a small, discreet, non-profit donor plaque at the front of the Library Learning Commons at École George Elliot Secondary School recognizing the financial contribution from The Rotary Club of Lake Country.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2025/2026

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - March 12, 2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – March 13, 2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - March 17, 2025

The Board reviewed the information.

2025/2026 Public Budget Survey Results

The Board reviewed the information. Trustee Tiede confirmed that some of the responses had been removed and provided to Trustees at their incamera meeting.

ADVOCACY

The Board Chair advised that there would be much discussion regarding advocacy at the BCSTA AGM.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2025-03-13 Email from M. Wood re: Directions schools are heading
- 2025-04-04 Email from COTA President S. Bauhart re: SD23 Budget Update
- 2025-04-13 Email response from S. Bauhart re: SD23 Budget Unknowns
- 2025-04-15 Letter from Canadian Parents for French (BC & Yukon Branch)
- 2025-04-16 Email from S. Bauhart (COTA) re: A very transparent approach, if this is as it has been reported.

Sent:

- 2025-03-17 Email from Trustee Geistlinger responding to M. Wood email re: Directions schools are heading
- 2025-03-17 Letter to CUPE regarding AGM Elections
- 2025-04-09 Email response from Trustee Tiede to S. Bauhart re: SD23 Budget Unknowns

Main 25P-037

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: At the April 23, 2025 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 25P-038

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to Carole Gordon, offering congratulations on her election as President of the BCTF.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair, Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO, spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including School Community Learning Plan Conversations at Mar Jok Elementary, Springvalley Middle and École Okanagan Mission Secondary Schools, the Intermediate Spring Concert at Mar Jok Elementary, the Opening Ceremony for the Art in Action: Interwoven at the Kelowna Art Gallery, and the presentation of "Puffs" hosted by the École George Elliot Secondary School Theatre.
- In honour of Education Week, April 21-25, 2025, the Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care, made the following comments:

"As we mark Education Week from April 21-25, we take this opportunity to celebrate the hard work and achievements of students throughout British Columbia. This week also recognizes the dedication of the teachers, support staff, school administrators and trustees who make our education system one of the best in the world. Our government is committed to ensuring our students succeed and

thrive in their education, and continues to invest in initiatives that support students, families and educators."

- During spring break, teams from all over British Columbia took over Kelowna schools, bringing thousands to the city for the annual Junior All Native Basketball Tournament. This year included 65 teams in the 17U division, 45 teams in 13U, and nine teams in the co-ed 10U playing round robin.
- The Kelowna Art Gallery is hosting Art in Action: Interwoven from April 5 - June 15, 2025. Young artists in grades 9-12 from across Central Okanagan Public Schools have come together to participate in the 39th annual Art in Action student exhibition. This year's exhibition invited students to explore and celebrate the power of togetherness through artistic expression. The artwork reflects the interconnectedness of humanity, showing how our differences, cultures, and stories weave together to form a rich tapestry of collective identity. Through their varied approaches, these student artists demonstrate how art can bridge divides, foster empathy, and inspire change, making this exhibition a powerful testament to the importance of art in building stronger, more inclusive communities.
- Mount Boucherie Secondary School is excited to announce the third annual Walk for Mental Health, to be held on May 8, 2025. The Walk for Mental Health is a fundraiser for Foundry Kelowna and youth mental health support. Participants can look forward to a 5km walk through the community with activities on the MBSS field including games, food trucks, inflatables, Foundry Bus tours, community vendors, and more. The community is encouraged to attend.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA AGM

April 24-26, 2025

Westin Bayshore

Vancouver, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH OUTSIDE GROUPS

Meeting with Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care

Thursday, May 15, 2025

4:00-5:00 pm (Teams)

Joint Board/City of Kelowna meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2025
City Hall – 1435 Water Street

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Planning Committee
- Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 4:00 pm

General Affairs Committee
- Wednesday, May 7 2025, at 4:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee
- Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO