



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education: Trustee L. Tiede, Chair
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee V. Johnson

Absent: Trustee L. Guderyan

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

Partner Groups Nathen Elliott, COPVPA Executive
Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Em Monsale and Grace Sweet, DSC Representatives
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*joined meeting at 6:34 pm*)
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:32 pm*)

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.

AGENDA

Move: Item 4 "Inside 23" after Item 5 "Recognition"

Add: Information Item 14.4 "2024/2025 Budget Survey Questions – DRAFT"

Change: "Financial Update–December 31, 2023" from Action Item 13.3 to Information Item 14.5

Main 24P-003

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of January 24, 2024 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - January 10, 2024

Main 24P-004

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 10, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

RECOGNITION

2023 Provincial Volleyball Champions

The Board of Education congratulated coach Tony Sodaro, Assistant Coach Darren Semeniuk, and the members of the École Kelowna Secondary School AAA Senior Boys Volleyball team, their parents and volunteers, on their achievement as the 2023 Provincial Volleyball Champions.

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Take a Hike

In attendance:

Nathen Elliott, Principal, Central Programs and Services

Josh Hettinga, Take a Hike Teacher

Sebastien Wingfield, Take a Hike Mental Health Clinician

The Take a Hike program is open to all students within Central Okanagan Public Schools and is based out of the George Pringle gym on the Westside. The primary focus is to support grade eight and nine students who are struggling to find success in their home schools. The Take a Hike program has a powerful approach that focuses on mental health, academics, relationships, community and land-based learning.

6:32 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting by zoom.

6:34 pm: The CUPE President joined the meeting.

DECLARATIONS

Human Rights Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February, 2024 as Human Rights Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Inclusive Education Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February, 2024 as Inclusive Education Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Black Excellence Day

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that Black Excellence Day was celebrated on January 15, 2024.

The Board Chair also acknowledged that January 24, 2024 is International Day of Education.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser extended appreciation to the Operations team for their hard work on the watermain repair at Anne McClymont Elementary school. Trustee Fraser has heard from many parents in the community that their children are thriving with the alternate arrangements for students while repairs are underway.

ACTION ITEMS

2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

Main 24P-005

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 in the amount of \$356,027,816.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 24P-006

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 in the amount of \$356,027,816.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 24P-007

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 in the amount of \$356,027,816.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 24P-008

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 in the amount of \$356,027,816 on the 24th day of January, 2024.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function - Policy 160 - Finance and Audit Committee

Main 24P-009

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 160 - Finance and Audit Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 24, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Proposal for Substantive Change - Pre-Lifeguarding Academy (École Okanagan Mission Secondary School)

Main 24P-010

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change - Pre-Lifeguarding Academy (École Okanagan Mission Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 24, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

ABSTAINED: Trustee Johnson

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – January 10, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

2024/2025 Budget Survey Questions – DRAFT

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Update–December 31, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Broughton provided information on the District's Multi-Year Financial Plan, a draft of which was presented at the January 17, 2024 Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

Trustee Geistlinger attended the January 8, 2024 COPAC meeting.

Trustee Desrosiers and Trustee Fraser attended the Indigenous Education Council meeting on January 23, 2024 and received more information on the new Bill 40 Legislation.

Trustee Tiede attended the District Early Years Partnership Committee and was encouraged by the work the community is engaged in.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received: 2024-01-17 Email from R. Russo regarding school name change

Sent: None

Main 24P-011

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the January 24, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

The CUPE President queried why the January 9, 2024 letter from CUPE to the Board of Education was not listed in Board Correspondence. The Board Chair advised that their letter was received incamera.

The CUPE President also advised that they had sent a letter to Castanet requesting a correction to a January 22, 2024 article where it was inaccurately reported that custodial salaries had been increased.

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Deputy Superintendent spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including the École Okanagan Mission Secondary Triple Threat Theatre Company presentation of SpongeBob SquarePants Musical, various basketball games and tournaments, and the Indigenous Visual Art Presentations of Learning at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. Also mentioned was the School District Staff Volleyball League which is currently underway. Several trustees also participated in the BCSTA Financial Management Webinar.
- The public budget presentation explaining how the District's budget is established will take place online at the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm by Zoom. The zoom link can be obtained from the COPAC President (copac.president@sd23.bc.ca). All those interested in learning more about School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2024/2025 budget and how to provide input, are encouraged to participate in this information meeting.
- The Primary Winter Gathering, for all grade 3 Indigenous students throughout the District, is being held this week. Students will learn about their Indigenous culture, connect in community and celebrate who they are.
- The 49th Annual Western Canada Basketball Tournament takes place at École Kelowna Secondary School January 31 - February 3, 2024. This tournament is one of the premier basketball competitions for high school athletes in Canada.
- The Enrollment Application for the 2024/2025 school year for Kindergarten and new students begins at 7:00 am on January 29, 2024 to Friday, March 15, 2024.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

January 25, 2024

(Virtual)

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch - Resolution Committee Special Meeting

January 29, 2024

7:00 pm by Zoom

Partner Liaison Meeting

February 9, 2024

Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport

Provincial Council

February 24, 2024

(Virtual)

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

March 1-2, 2024

Vernon, BC

Annual General Meeting

April 18-21, 2024

Westin Bayshore

Vancouver, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/Westbank First Nation Meeting

- January 29, 2024

Joint Board/MLA Meeting

- February 6, 2024

Joint Board/COPAC Meeting

- February 22, 2024

Joint Board/City of West Kelowna Meeting

- March 8, 2024

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 6:00 pm

- Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday February 7, 2024

- Policy Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesday February 21, 2024

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO