



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee R. Cacchioni
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
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Simone Gauthier, CUPE Indigenous Shop Stewart
Deannie Zahara, COPAC Representative
Jeremy Sanbrooks, COPVPA Member-at-Large
Grace Mallette, DSC - Grade 11 at Rutland Senior Secondary

**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

Add: Additional Material for Agenda Item 14 Board Correspondence.

Main 20P-194

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of December 9, 2020 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - November 25, 2020

Add: 'Opposed: Trustee Geistlinger' to Amendment 20P-186

Main 20P-195

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of November 25, 2020 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Oyama Traditional School ArtStarts Grant

Participating by Zoom:

Luke Campbell, Principal, Oyama Traditional School

Alison Beaumont, Lake Country Art Gallery Community Engagement Coordinator

Pippa Dean-Veerman, Lake Country Art Gallery Community Engagement Coordinator

Eddie Beaumont, Student, Oyama Traditional School

In 2020 students from Oyama Traditional School, artist Alison Beaumont and grade 3 teacher Pippa Dean-Veerman (now retired) worked on a community project with the Lake Country Art Gallery. This culminated with students presenting their work at the Lake Country Public Art Gallery in January 2020. Based on the success of the project, Alison Beaumont searched for sources that would continue to support this work and help finance the supplies needed to execute the next project.

Art Starts is a Vancouver based non-profit that supports artists to be part of school-based projects that bring artists to classrooms across the Province. Funding is available in the form of Grants between \$3,500 and \$10,000, and up to 70% of the project costs. A Grant was received in the amount of \$6,000 for their "Giving Voice" project.

Giving Voice will be the 2021 community exhibition title at the Lake Country Art Gallery next April. This project seeks to explore the concept of voice and the many ways in which it can be expressed through artist practices. Recognizing the connection to land and the possibility that giving voice can both be human and non-human, there will be an opportunity for a knowledge keeper or Elder to share Indigenous ways of knowing and expressing voice. The artists will provide experiences that support students as they navigate the ideation process, providing technical instruction to realize their works.

INTRODUCTION

Shaun Grundle, Learning Technology Department Assistant Manager - IT Project Management

The Board of Education introduced Shaun Grundle, and congratulated him on his assignment as the Learning Technology Department Assistant Manager - IT Project Management.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

There were no Trustees queries/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

2020-2021 Budget Timeline

Main 20P-196

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Budget Timeline as presented at the December 9, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Proposal for Substantive Change - Academy of Indigenous Studies (GESS)

Main 20P-197

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Indigenous Studies (George Elliot Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the December 9, 2020 Public Board of Education Meeting.

CARRIED

Proposal for Substantive Change - Academy of Art and Design (GESS)

Main 20P-198

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change – Academy of Art and Design (George Elliot Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the December 9, 2020 Public Board of Education Meeting.

CARRIED

Foundation Skills Assessment Results

Main 20P-199

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the Fraser Institute's misuse of Foundation Skills Assessment results and request that the Ministry of Education only post the results internally to Districts;

AND THAT: The Board of Education undertake a media campaign before the Foundation Skills Assessment results are posted.

CARRIED

Enrollment Application Dates for 2021-2022 School Year

Main 20P-200

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The initial enrollment application dates for the 2021/2022 school year be set as February 1, 2021 through to March 12, 2021;

AND THAT: The closing date of enrollment applications, in order to apply the Board's enrollment application priorities as established in Regulation 405R – *Student Placement (Regulations)*, be set as September 2, 2021.

CARRIED

New Minister of Education: Honourable Jennifer Whiteside - Mandate Letter

Main 20P-201

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to new Minister of Education, Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, congratulating her on her appointment and inviting her to visit Central Okanagan Public Schools.

CARRIED

French Immersion Programming at H.S. Grenda Middle School

Main 20P-202

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve a shuttle bus run from H.S. Grenda Middle School to École Dr. Knox Middle School for French Immersion students for the 2021-22 school year.

The Chairperson called for a vote to accept a Substitute Motion.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Fraser, and Trustee Tiede

Substitute Motion 20P-203

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education establish a French Immersion program at H.S. Grenda Middle School effective at the start of the 2021-22 school year.

Amendment 20P-204 to Substitute Motion 20P-203

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

To add 'subject to the recruitment of a French Immersion Teacher by April 15, 2021'.

NO SECONDER

NO DEBATE

MAIN MOTION 20P-202 AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUE MOTION 20P-203

THAT: The Board of Education establish a French Immersion program at H.S. Grenda Middle School effective the start of the 2021-22 school year.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Cacchioni

Capacity Plan for École Kelowna Secondary School

Main 20P-205

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education establish a secondary French Immersion program at Okanagan Mission Secondary School.

7:10 pm: The COTA President left the meeting.

Main 20P-206

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education defer the motion to establish a secondary French Immersion program at Okanagan Mission Secondary School to the Public Board Meeting on January 13, 2021.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Bowman, and Trustee Geistlinger

7:15 pm: The COTA President rejoined the meeting.

Main 20P-207

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education defer the motion for a French Immersion catchment for Okanagan Mission Secondary School to be established with the same boundaries as the English catchment for Okanagan Mission Secondary School to the Public Board Meeting on January 13, 2021.

CARRIED

7:55 pm: The COPVPA Representative left the meeting.

Main 20P-208

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education restricts International students at École Kelowna Secondary School to a maximum number to be determined by the Board of Education.

7:59 pm: The COPVPA Representative rejoined the meeting.

Main 20P-209

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education defer the motion to restrict International students at École Kelowna Secondary School to a maximum number to be determined by the Board of Education to the Public Board Meeting on January 13, 2021.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Bowman, Trustee Desrosiers, and Trustee Geistlinger

Trustees were requested to send the Secretary-Treasurer their specific questions relating to the Capacity Plan for École Kelowna Secondary School, prior to the January 13, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

Meeting Recess

8:12 pm: The meeting recessed.

8:19 pm: The meeting reconvened.

8:20 pm: The CUPE representative rejoined the meeting.

8:22 pm: The COPVPA representative rejoined the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Aubin Dorion queried if a French Immersion teacher can't be hired for the 2021-22 school year at H.S. Grenda Middle School, could students continue to École Dr. Knox Middle with the possibility of French Immersion starting in Lake Country the following school year.

The Board Chair and Superintendent stated that further review may be required once staffing is completed. A delay for a year is possible.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that he had no emergent items to report.

Superintendent's COVID- 19 Update

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Thirty Central Okanagan Public School sites have reported at least one exposure. Interior Health has expressed their approval with the safety protocols in the schools. The District will continue to collaborate with Interior Health.

There was clarification from Dr. Bonnie Henry that there is no intention to extend the winter break, with all provincial partners involved in the decision.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – November 25, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

Statement of Financial Information for June 30, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

It was reported that at the recent Health Promoting Schools Committee meeting there was a presentation on 'Coping in Uncertain Times' with a reminder to be kind to one another. It was also reported that the breakfast program backpacks will be extra full over the next couple of weeks.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Outgoing MLA Thomson, November 20, 2020, Thank-You for Your Service to the Community
Local Area MLAs, November 20, 2020, Congratulations on Election/Re-election and Invite to
Meet with the Board

Capital Management Branch, November 26, 2020, Additional Funding for Playground
Equipment Program

Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership, November 26, 2020, Trustee Representation
November 2020 - November 2021

Indigenous Education Council, November 26, 2020, Trustee Representation November 2020 -
November 2021

Daily Courier, November 27, 2020, Letter Re: November 26, 2020 Article 'One-quarter of
Kelowna elementary students...'

Received:

M. Wort, October 24, 2020, National Anthem and Acknowledging Indigenous Territory

D. Grabavac, November 12, 2020, French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School

M. van Roechoudt, November 20, 2020, French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School

J. Bobowski, November 21, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School

J. Eikenaar, November 21, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School

J. Rowe, November 21, 2020, French Immersion in Lake Country - Student Video

S. Gordon, November 21, 2020, South Kelowna Catchment Area

B. Colero, November 22, 2020, Support for French Immersion in Lake Country

D. Lamb, November 22, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School

J. Block, November 22, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School

S. Block, November 22, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School

C. Caleb, November 23, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School

C. Lamb, November 23, 2020, Support for Lake Country French Immersion

C. Simpson, November 23, 2020, Copy of email sent to Premier, Health Minister, and Education
Minister, Masks in Public Schools

D.B., November 23, 2020, Copy of Castanet Article - Nov. 23 Letter It is About Time

L. Smith, November 23, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School

K. Lawrence, November 24, 2020, French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School

M. Tuidi, November 24, 2020, COVID-19 and Children Transmissions

S. Medynski, November 24, 2020, Support for French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School

Ms. Turik's Grade 5/6 French Immersion Class, November 25, 2020, Support for French Immersion at
H.S. Grenda Middle School

D. Zinz, November 25, 2020, French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School

Environmental Health Trust, November 26, 2020, Wi-Fi and Cell Phones

A. Cutt, November 30, 2020, Safety Issues

C. Cullen, November 30, 2020, Masks in Our Schools

P. Ahl, November 30, 2020, Support for French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School
J. O'Donaghey, December 1, 2020, Concern with Current Situation in BC Schools
D.B., December 1, 2020, Quick COVID-19 Tests
C. Broughton, December 3, 2020, Outing of LGBTQ+ Students
G. Jennens, December 3, 2020, Mandatory Masks in School District 23
R. Hazen, December 3, 2020, Support of offering French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School
A. Misfeldt, December 4, 2020, Support of offering French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School
M. Sierhuis, December 4, 2020, Support of offering French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School
S. Rottacker, December 4, 2020, Support of offering French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School
J. Jewels, December 5, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School
D. Lamb, December 7, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School
D. Wombold, December 7, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School
J. Goode, December 7, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School
S. Bender-Bell, December 7, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School
S. Lawton, December 7, 2020, Support for French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School
C. Harper, December 8, 2020, In favor of French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School
D. Wylie, December 9, 2020, French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School
M. and E. Vader, December 9, 2020, French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School
M. Lawton, December 9, 2020, Please Put French in the New H.S. Grenda Middle School

Main 20P-210

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: At the December 9, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

There were no items requiring special mention.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA AGM

January 28, 2021 - Virtual

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Trustee Academy: November 27-28, 2020 - Report

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO attended the BCSTA Trustee Academy via Zoom on November 27-28, 2020.

BCSTA Provincial Council

February 20, 2021

BCSTA AGM

April 17, 2021

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/District Student Council Meeting

December 14, 2020

Joint Board/District of Peachland

January 12, 2021

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

January 13, 2021: Capacity Plan for École Kelowna Secondary School

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO