



BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Tiede

Absent: Trustee N. Bowman

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
David Tether, CUPE President
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC Co-President

No Representatives were present from either the District Student Council or COPVPA.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

AGENDA

Add: Material for scheduled Staff Presentation Item 7.1 - Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2019 School Opening Report - Part 1

Main 19P-117

MOVED By Trustee Tiede

SECONDED By Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Agenda for the September 11, 2019 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 26, 2019

Main 19P-118

MOVED By Trustee Fraser

SECONDED By Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 26, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Student Perspectives

In attendance:

École Kelowna Secondary School

Troy White, Principal

Students:

Tyson Embree, Grade 12

Megan Lindsay, Grade 12

École Dorothea Walker Elementary School

Raelyn Larmet, Vice-Principal

Students:

Charlie Rootes, Kindergarten

Margaux Momer, Kindergarten

The students spoke of their excitement of the first few days of school.

INTRODUCTION

Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

The Board of Education welcomed Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, Ryan Stierman, to Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

David Grabavac: Mr. Grabavac expressed his support of the YMCA potentially leasing the portable annex at George Elliot Secondary School.

The following individuals expressed concerns and asked questions about the information provided by senior staff regarding Information Items 11.5 - Transportation Services Department Update and 11.6 Transportation Update - Communication and Status:

- Susan French
- William Walls
- Anita Johal
- Nadine Langevin
- Kerri Robertson
- Mary Lapointe
- Tatiana Smith
- Cheryl Olson

Don Nettleton - CEO, Okanagan Regional Library: Mr. Nettleton requested that the Board consider amending the recommendation for Action Item 9.2 Portable Annex at George Elliot Secondary School to include inviting the Okanagan Regional Library to have further discussions with staff regarding the future use of the portable annex at George Elliot Secondary School.

7:17 pm: The meeting recessed

7:25 pm: The meeting reconvened

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2019 School Opening Report - Part 1

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 2019 School Opening Report Part 1. This Report covers the time period of July 1 through September 6, 2019 and provides an update regarding the first four days of the school year. Once all of the adjustments are made, it is anticipated that the District will experience an overall increase in enrolment over the last year. Detailed enrolment numbers, organized by schools and zones, will be provided in Part 2 of the School Opening Report at the September 25, 2019 Public Board Meeting, as well as following the September 30, 2019 1701 submission to the Ministry of Education. (The School Opening Report – Part 1 is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website.)

Main 19P-119

MOVED By Trustee Fraser

SECONDED By Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2019 School Opening Report - Part 1.

CARRIED

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

There were no Trustees queries/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Formation of the Canyon Falls Middle School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Main 19P-119

MOVED By Trustee Fraser

SECONDED By Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the application from the Canyon Falls Middle School parents for the establishment of the Canyon Falls Middle School Parent Advisory Council in accordance with Section 8 of the *BC School Act*.

CARRIED

Portable Annex at George Elliot Secondary School

Main 19P-120

MOVED By Trustee Fraser

SECONDED By Trustee Cacchioni

THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to invite the YMCA to have further discussions with staff regarding the future use of the portable annex at George Elliot Secondary School.

AMENDMENT 19P-121

MOVED By Trustee Tiede

SECONDED By Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to invite the YMCA and Okanagan Regional Library to have further discussions with staff regarding the future use of the portable annex at George Elliot Secondary School.

Opposed: Trustee Cacchioni

CARRIED

MOVED By Trustee Tiede
SECONDED By Trustee Geistlinger

MAIN MOTION 19P-120 AS AMENDED BY 19P-121

THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to invite the YMCA and Okanagan Regional Library to have further discussions with staff regarding the future use of the portable annex at George Elliot Secondary School.

Opposed: Trustee Cacchioni

CARRIED

City of West Kelowna Cannabis Store Approval

Trustee Cacchioni stated that the Coordinating Committee reviewed the Planning and Facilities Committee's recommendation and decided to refer this item to the Safe Schools Committee to get more information and data before the Board decides how to move forward.

Main 19P-122

MOVED By Trustee Cacchioni
SECONDED By Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education refer the August 21, 2019 Planning and Facilities Committee recommendations regarding Cannabis Outlets to the Safe Schools Committee;

AND THAT: The Safe Schools Committee review the status of Drug Free Zones around schools.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Cadre Simpson: Ms. Simpson requested details regarding the Planning and Facilities Committee.

Charlotte Collingwood: Ms. Collingwood queried what parents can do locally to change the Board Policy regarding transportation.

Susan Bauhart - COTA President: Ms. Bauhart commented on the potential changes to the funding formula and stated that the per pupil funding is well below the national average.

Marie Howell – RMS PAC President: Ms. Howell stated that there are families that didn't know they needed to register for busing or that they needed bus passes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that there were no emergent issues.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – June 26, 2019

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement - July 3, 2019

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Transportation Services Department Update

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the Transportation Services Department Update provided at the August 21, 2019 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting apologized for the break down in communicating a number of changes to the transportation program. He reported that there were over 2,000 late applicants.

The Transportation Department is working on providing busing to eligible riders who did apply late (after July 31, 2019).

Transportation Update - Communication and Status

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO updated the status of the District's transportation program. Currently, over 5,000 riders are using Central Okanagan Public Schools buses. The remaining courtesy riders have been notified that they are on a wait list. Arranging transportation for the remaining approximately 300 eligible riders who applied after the deadline is the department's next priority.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that for Phase II of the Transportation Task Force, the District will provide opportunities for the public to be heard and will be providing a survey this Fall. The survey will be reviewed by the Transportation Task Force and a summary of the results and solutions will be shared at coffee house consultations. There will be multiple opportunities for public input with the goal to have sustainable transportation system for the community.

Trustee Attendance at COPAC Meetings - September 2019 to June 2020

The information was reviewed.

City of Kelowna Request for Letter of Support Re Parks and Recreation Cost Charge

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that since the preparation of the Memorandum attached to the Agenda, City of Kelowna staff are recommending to City Council that institutions be exempt from the Parks Development Cost Charge. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO shared that City of Kelowna staff has verbally requested a letter of support from the Board.

The Board Chair stated that the Board received this information and will determine if they wish to write a letter of support after the City of Kelowna makes their decision regarding the proposed Parks Development Cost Charge at their September 16, 2019 meeting.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Honourable R. Fleming, June 28, 2019, Re Mental Health Resources

RMS PAC President, July 5, 2019, Re Supportive Housing at McCurdy and Rutland Road

C. Bocskei, July 29, 2019, Re 130 McCurdy Rd. Wet Facility

R. Jackson, August 24, 2019, Re Provincial Government Marijuana in West Kelowna

Letter to Ministries, August 30, 2019, Re Room for Improvement Recommendations

Received:

R. Ovelson, June 25, 2019, Copy of Response to Peter Greer Elementary PAC President Re Lake Country French Immersion

B.C. Teachers' Federation, June 28, 2019, Brief to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

District of Lake Country, July 3, 2019, Support for Expression of Interest for GESS Annex Building

Ministry of Children and Family Development, July 5, 2019, Re Central Okanagan Family Hub

RMS PAC President, July 5, 2019, Re Supportive Housing at McCurdy and Rutland Road

C. Bocskei, July 18, 2019, Re 130 McCurdy Rd. Wet Facility

Honourable Rob Fleming, July 29, 2019, Response to Board's Letter Re Mental Health Resources

Invitation to Board Chair, August 19, 2019, Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education

R. Jackson, August 23, 2019, Provincial Government Marijuana in West Kelowna

Main 19P-123

MOVED By Trustee Tiede

SECONDED By Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: At the September 11, 2019 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Superintendent reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at many events throughout the District including the Operations Annual Staff Appreciation Barbeque held in gratitude of their work over the summer preparing for school opening. A special mention was made regarding the Honouring the Land Ceremony for the new Awasisak Head Start Program at South Rutland Elementary School. This program highlights the District's partnership with the Kelowna Metis.
2. The Superintendent presented to the Canadian Ministers of Education Conference in Victoria in July. The topic was Reimagining Education. The presentation centered on requesting Ministries to create policy that support inter-ministerial cooperation to best meet the complex needs of students and preparing them to become positive contributing global citizens.
3. The Central Okanagan School District has reached out to provide services/resources to School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) in response to the recent fire which destroyed Parkcrest Elementary School

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA Symposium

November 4-5, 2019, Vancouver, BC

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Thompson Okanagan Branch BCSTA Meeting

October 4-5, 2019, Summerland Waterfront Resort & Spa

BCSTA - Meeting of Board Chairs

October 17, 2019, Richmond, BC

BCSTA and Ministry of Education - Joint Liaison Meeting

October 18, 2019, Richmond, BC

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

October 25-26, 2019, Vancouver, BC

BCSTA - Trustee Academy 2019

November 28-30, 2019, Vancouver, BC

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Planning and Facilities Committee

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

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 media representatives in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO