



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 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
David Tether, CUPE President
Jared Birkeland, COPVPA Elementary Representative
Vivian Evans, COPAC Vice-President
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.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

AGENDA

Main 21P-017

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of January 27, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - January 13, 2021

Main 21P-018

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 13, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Female ITA Trades Sampler and ITA Trades Discover Programs

Participating by Zoom:

Bob Boback, Dual Credit Coordinator

Trisha Churcher, Grade 6 teacher, Watson Road Elementary School

Claus Gerlach, Female Trades Sampler Teacher

The unique learning partnership between Mrs. Churcher's grade 6 class at Watson Road Elementary School and the Female ITA Trades Sampler program was highlighted. The students at Watson Road Elementary School learned about some of the construction trades as career options through a series of hands on activities and projects.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introductions of New Vice-Principals and COSBO Member

The Board of Education welcomed the following to their new positions in Central Okanagan Public Schools:

Jodi Everett, Vice-Principal at Springvalley Elementary School

Jamie McEvoy, Vice-Principal at Rutland Elementary School

Michelle Johnson Banser, Vice-Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Laura Fleming, Health and Safety Manager – Workplace Injury Management

DECLARATION

Human Rights Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February 2021 as Human Rights Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools. This includes Black History Month, Inclusive Education Month, Random Acts of Kindness Day and Week, Harmony Day, World Day of Social Justice and Anti-Bullying/Pink Shirt Day.

Canadian Home and School Federation National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of February 8-12, 2021, as the Canadian Home and School Federation National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF) is a national organization representing provincial parent associations, and is the only organization linking provincial parent groups across Canada on issues of common national interest in public education. The Canadian Home and School Federation initiated the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (TSAW) in 1988. The purpose of this week is to encourage parents and the wider community to recognize the personal and professional contributions that our teachers and school staff make to children and their education.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Tiede stated that parents have been asking for confirmation and further information regarding the recent Board decision on the École Kelowna Secondary School capacity issues. Specifically, details on French Immersion students moving to Okanagan Mission Secondary School and queried if the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO would be best to respond to these types of inquiries.

The Board Chair confirmed that Mr. Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, is the best person to contact regarding the recent Board decisions on the École Kelowna Secondary School capacity issues. Further information can also be found on the District's website under Board of Education-Meeting Info as well as the Long Term Facilities Plan Review website:
<https://sites.google.com/learn.sd23.bc.ca/sd23-ltfp-review/home>.

Trustee Geistlinger stated that some parents have also contacted her to say that the Board did not thoroughly discuss Board Policy 420 - Admission of International Education Students during their January 13, 2021 debate.

The Board Chair stated that the Board did in fact discuss the topic of International student admissions and the commitments the District already has in place for International students at École Kelowna Secondary School. The Board also agreed to review International students annually in the Fall.

ACTION ITEMS

Amendments to Regulations 437R - Managing Students with Diabetes (Regulations)

Main 21P-019

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Regulations 437R – Managing Students with Diabetes (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the January 27, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 410 - Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over Age 16 Years

Main 21P-020

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 410 – Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over Age 16 Years, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the January 27, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 405 - Student Placement and Regulations 405R - Student Placement (Regulations)

Main 21P-021

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda and as further amended at the January 27, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policies - Distributed Learning to Online Learning

Main 21P-022

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 480 – Secondary Student Transitions and Graduation, amendments to Policy 612 – Prohibiting Access to Schools (Section 177 of the School Act) and amendments to Appendix 542B –

Memorandum of Understanding for Educational Programs with External Partnerships (Appendix), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the January 27, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 315 - Job Sharing and Regulations 315R - Job Sharing (Regulations)

Main 21P-023

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 315 – Job Sharing and Regulations 315R – Job Sharing (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the January 27, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Affirmation of Policy 155 - Planning and Facilities Committee

Main 21P-024

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 155 - Planning and Facilities Committee, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the January 27, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - Ellison Elementary School Outdoor Classroom

Main 21P-025

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Ellison Elementary School for the creation of an Outdoor Classroom, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 27, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Establishment of H.S. Grenda Middle School French Immersion Catchment Boundary

Main 21P-026

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the establishment of a middle school French Immersion catchment boundary for H.S. Grenda Middle School, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 27, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that he had no emergent issues 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, including a reminder of the vaccine schedule which has been released. The schedule is posted on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website. The Superintendent also mentioned that the District has had three days without an exposure and the downward trend has continued since winter break.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – January 13, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Updated Forms

The Board reviewed the following updated forms:

F436.1 Request for Administration of Medication at School Form

F436.2 Medical Alert Planning Form

F436.3 Managing Students with Medical Alert Photo ID Form

F436.4 Medical Alert and Diabetes Documents

F436.9 Medical Alert and Anaphylaxis Documents and Seizure Action Plan Documents

Long Term Facilities Plan Considerations Townhall Meetings

The Board reviewed the following schedule for the upcoming Townhall Meetings regarding the Long Term Facilities Plan Considerations:

Rutland Family of Schools - February 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

Central Family of Schools - February 11, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

Westside Family of Schools - February 16, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

Mission/Lake Country Family of Schools - February 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

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

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

I. Arsenault and A. Bertrand, December 23, 2021, Proposed Implementation of French Immersion Program at OKM

M. Leader, January 11, 2021, French Immersion at OKM-KSS

Various DWE and KLO Parents, January 13, 2021, Potential French Immersion Program at OKM - update

G. Jennens, January 15, 2021, Mandatory Masks in District No. 23

Main 21P-027

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: At the January 27, 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. Trustee Desrosiers will be representing the Board of Education at the **BC Public School Employers' Association Annual General Meeting** which is taking place by Zoom on Thursday, January 28, 2021.
2. The **Central Okanagan Teacher Librarian Association (COTLA)** are hosting "Love Your School Library Week" from February 8-14, 2021. The school library is the hub for Learners, Thinkers, Innovators, Collaborators and Contributors. Students were encouraged to visit their library, check out a book, thank a teacher-librarian or write a support letter.

3. **Quigley Elementary School** Teacher Librarian, Sarah Murdoch Black, secured \$6,250 dollars in new books at a 30% discount for Quigley Elementary students from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation. The grant is part of Indigo Love of Reading's COVID-19 Community Response Fund.
4. **2021-2022 Budget Presentation**
The public presentation explaining how the District's budget is established will take place at the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm by Zoom (the Zoom link is on the District webpage). All those interested in learning more about the School District 2021-2022 budget and how to provide input were encouraged to participate in this information meeting.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA AGM

January 28, 2021 via Zoom.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council

February 20, 2021 via Zoom

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

February 26-27, 2021 via Zoom

BCSTA AGM

April 15-17, 2021 - Virtual

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Board Standing Committee Meetings

General Affairs Committee Meeting - **CANCELLED**

~~Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom~~

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Geistlinger:

THAT: The Board of Education respond to Dr. Devra Davis's email (dated November 26, 2020 from 'Environmental Health Trust') with an invitation for their organization to meet with our Board to present their advice for how Central Okanagan Public Schools can reduce and mitigate the risks of radiation exposure in our schools.

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 7:14 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO