



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 6:00 pm
School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S
Kelowna, BC**

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

Absent: Trustee J. Fraser

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

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*arrived at 6:39 pm*)
David Tether, CUPE President (*arrived at 6:39 pm*)
Jill Voros, COPVPA Social Representative
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC Co-President
James Ropotar, DSC Co-President - Grade 12 at OKM Secondary
Zijun Meng, DSC - Grade 12 at OKM Secondary
Sebastian Sharma, DSC - Grade 11 at OKM Secondary
Tristan Voros, DSC - Grade 11 at Kelowna 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 6:05 pm.

AGENDA

***ADD:** Material for scheduled Action Item 8.5 New Policy 437 – Managing Students with Diabetes and New Regulations 437R – Managing Students with Diabetes (Regulations)*

***ADD:** New Action Item 8.9 Okanagan Mission Secondary School (OKM) Band Field Study through Europe*

Replacement Pages 113-116 for Information Item – Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020

Main 20P-035

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of February 26, 2020 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - February 12, 2020

Main 20P-036

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 12, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

KSS Indigenous Academy - Blanketing Exercise

In attendance:

Troy White, Principal, École KSS

Ryan Mansley, Vice-Principal, École KSS

Rob Bennett, Teacher, École KSS

Dawn Dionne, Indigenous Advocate

École KSS Students:

Camille Arellano

Nicole Spletzer

Emmy Carlyle

The students of the Indigenous Leadership and English First Peoples 2019 spoke of the opportunities they have had since the inception of the Indigenous Leadership Program at École KSS last year. These opportunities included visiting a residential school, constructing a teepee,

cutting and curing deer meat, filleting and smoking of salmon, Moosehide Campaign/Awareness and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Campaign.

Meeting Recess (Five Minutes)

6:37 pm: The meeting recessed.

6:39 pm: The COTA President and CUPE President arrived.

6:41 pm: The meeting reconvened.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Charlotte Collingwood: Ms. Collingwood stated that the original recommendations for the transportation eligibility limits were more realistic and requested that the District look at how they determine the distance from home to school when assessing a bus rider's eligibility.

The Board Chair stated that when the Board of Education reviewed the Steering Committee's recommendations they had to look at the budget as well as the feedback received. The Board tried to make recommendations that were suitable for the majority of students.

ACTION ITEMS

Transportation Recommendations from the February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting

Trustee Desrosiers stated that at the February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board discussed the eligibility walk limits and the amount they were willing to allocate to subsidize transportation. As a result, the Board determined that (based on feedback received) the eligibility walk limit for elementary students was the primary concern.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the approved changes to transportation will be communicated to parents via school messenger and there will be a media release as well.

Main 20P-037

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education set the eligibility walk limits as 3.0 km for elementary students, 4.0 km for middle students, and 4.8 km for secondary students.

CARRIED

Main 20P-038

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation fee of \$300 using the no route cap scenario, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment 20P-039

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation fee of \$300 using the route cap scenario, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustees Bowman and Geistlinger

The question was called on MAIN MOTION 20P-038 as amended by 20P-039.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Bowman

Main 20P-040

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni

THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation registration opening date to March 2, 2020 and closing date of May 31, 2020.

CARRIED

Main 20P-041

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approves the amendments to Regulation 425R – Student Fees (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda and makes the following substantive changes to the existing regulation:

Addition of a new criteria to also allow for a subsidy under income thresholds.

CARRIED

Main 20P-042

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approves the rewrite to Regulation 470R – Transportation Services Management (Regulation) Guiding Principles for Transportation in Central Okanagan Public Schools, as attached to the Agenda and makes the following substantive changes to the existing regulation:

Registration deadline set to May 31. Late applications for eligible students will be accommodated if there is an empty seat.

Eligibility for secondary students can be removed if the area they reside in has been deemed to have adequate transit service.

Courtesy seats will not be provided to students that reside less than 2.0 kms from their catchment school.

Courtesy seats will first be provided to elementary and middle school students based on distance. Any remaining seats will be provided to secondary students based on distance.

The practice to remove courtesy riders from a seat during the year to accommodate new eligible riders is discontinued.

An additional fee will be charged for students that require more than one route.

The restriction on bus transfers and bus stop limits is eliminated.

Increase of ride time guideline to 60 minutes.

All outstanding fees must be paid, arranged for payment or subsidized to receive busing service.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement – École KLO Middle School – Modular Farm

Trustee Desrosiers stated that École KLO Middle School received \$250,000 from President Choice Charities for a Modular Farm project. The total cost of the project is \$299,764, the additional fees are related to the installation of the Modular Farm.

Trustee Tiede declared a conflict of interest as she works for the company that provided the \$250,000 grant.

Main 20P-043

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the École KLO Middle School PAC for a Modular Farm, outlined in Appendix B, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve a \$49,764 loan be provided to the KLO Middle School PAC to assist with the fees and installation of a Modular Farm, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Tiede

Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2020/2021 through 2024/2025

Main 20P-044

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2020/2021 through 2024/2025, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 386 - Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication

Main 20P-045

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 386 - Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication, as attached to the Agenda and as amended at the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

New Policy 437 - Managing Students with Diabetes and New Regulations 437R - Managing Students with Diabetes (Regulations)

Main 20P-046

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 437 - Managing Students with Diabetes and new Regulations 437R - Managing Students with Diabetes (*Regulations*) as presented at the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 208 - Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity

Main 20P-047

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 208 - Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Affirmation of Policy 168 - Policy Committee

Main 20P-048

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 168 - Policy Committee, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 706 - District Student Council and Regulations 706R - District Student Council (Regulations)

Main 20P-049

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 706 - District Student Council and Regulations 706R - District Student Council (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Okanagan Mission Secondary School (OKM) Band Field Study through Europe

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that there is an emerging health issue in the world regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. The District receives updates regularly and was recently informed that Italy has sustained rapid spreading of the COVID-19 virus. This is a potential safety issue and for insurance purposes, the Board must determine if the trip should be cancelled.

Bruce McKay, Principal at Okanagan Mission Secondary School (OKM), stated that staff have been monitoring the trip and are concerned for the safety of both students and staff scheduled to go on the Field Study. As Italy is one of the countries that the scheduled School Band Field Study is required to go through, staff are recommending that the Board cancel the OKM Field Study through Europe that is scheduled to take place March 8-21, 2020.

Main 20P-050

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education cancel the Okanagan Mission Secondary School Band Field Study through Europe that was scheduled to take place March 8-21, 2020.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

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

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that District staff are monitoring each Field Study based on travel advisories for the countries they are visiting and may need to bring forward other Field Study cancellations to ensure the safety of students and staff.

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – February 12, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, January 30, 2020, \$10aDay Child Care Plan

M. Edwards, February 8, 2020, 2020-2021 School Bus Fee Increase

R. Volk, February 17, 2020, Copy of Letter to Interior Health Re Complaints at Rutland Middle School

J. Fitzsimons, February 19, 2020, Pot Shop Opening Very Close to Elementary School

Main 20P-051

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: At the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees, the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at events throughout the District including the Westside Learning Forum held at Mount Boucherie Secondary.
2. On Thursday, February 20, 2020, over 200 guests witnessed a historic step forward with the signing of the **Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation Agreement**. This celebration continues the journey to ensure the practice of equity for all learners throughout the school system. Congratulations to Deputy Superintendent, Terry Beaudry, and District Principal of Indigenous Education, Joanne De Guevara, and the Equity Scan Committee members, for their work on achieving this Agreement.
3. The **Pink Shirt Day Breakfast** was held this morning at the Laurel Building and sponsored by Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs. The theme this year is "Lift each other up".
4. **Haruhigaoka Junior High School Student Exchange - Kasugai, Japan** - Students and staff from Central Okanagan Public Schools sister school Haruhigaoka Junior High School arrived today and will be in Kelowna until Monday, March 2, 2020. They will be attending classes with students at Constable Neil Bruce Middle and Glenrosa Middle Schools. Next year will mark the 30th anniversary of this student exchange.
5. On Friday, February 21, 2020, CUPE and COTA members attended professional development opportunities. The CUPE Pro-D was held at École Dr. Knox Middle School and organized by the Employee Wellness Committee and the Social Emotional Learning Team. The Okanagan Zonal Professional Day was hosted by the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association at Rutland Senior and Rutland Middle Schools and organized by Joe Jamison, COTA Pro-D Chairperson and the Professional Development Day Planning Committee, along with representatives from our neighbouring School Districts.
6. **Harmony Day – February 19, 2020** - Various school events were held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in honour of Harmony Day.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Trustee Bowman shared that she attended the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting on February 22, 2020 and provided a verbal report. Trustee Bowman will provide a written report to be included on the March 11, 2020 Public Board Meeting Agenda.

Thompson Okanagan Branch BCSTA Meeting

Friday, March 6, 2020 to Saturday, March 7, 2020
Chase, BC

BCSTA Leadership Series

Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Vernon, BC

BCSTA AGM

April 16-19, 2020
Vancouver, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board of Education and City of West Kelowna Meeting

Friday, February 28, 2020
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

The Board Chair stated that the Joint Board of Education and City of West Kelowna Meeting is open to the public as per the municipal charter.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

General Affairs Committee Meeting - **CANCELLED**
~~Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South~~

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting (**Please note new start time of the meeting.**)
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at **4:00 pm**, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- BCSTA Provincial Council Report

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media representatives at the time of this agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO