



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10, 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 L. Guderyan
Trustee V. Johnson

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 Scott Sieben, COPVPA President
Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*joined meeting at 6:21 pm*)
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:31 pm*)
There were no representatives from District Student Council.

**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 6:04 pm.

AGENDA

Main 24P-001

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

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

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - December 13, 2023

Main 24P-002

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of December 13, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

RECOGNITION

2023 Provincial Volleyball Champions

The Board of Education congratulated coach, Shauna King, and the members of the École Kelowna Secondary School AAAA Senior Girls Volleyball team, their parents and volunteers, on their achievement as the 2023 Provincial Volleyball Champions.

For the first time in tournament history, the Senior Girls and Senior Boys Volleyball Provincial Champions were from the same school, in the same year. The École Kelowna Secondary School AAA Senior Boys Volleyball Team will be recognized by the Board of Education at a future Board Meeting.

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

United Nations Climate Summit COP28

In attendance:

Erin Work, Grade 12, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
Jamie Robinson, Assistant Superintendent
Graham Johnson, Vice-Principal, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
Kelly Hanson, Teacher, Instructional Leadership Team
Kristi Langlois, Teacher, Instructional Leadership Team

The District's work with The College Board of Canada and the Centre for Global Education resulted in the opportunity for one student from the AP Land Based Inquiry course at École George Elliot Secondary School and École Okanagan Mission Secondary School being selected to attend the United Nations Climate Summit COP 28, a Student Leadership Summit held concurrently with the United Nations Climate Change Conference, in Dubai, UAE. Grade 12 student, Erin Work, from École Okanagan Mission Secondary School, was selected and able to attend events in the Blue Zone, with government leaders from around the world. Erin was the only Canadian afforded this privilege. Teacher Kristi Langlois, from the Instructional Leadership Team, attended along with Erin and participated in events in the Green Zone. Erin spoke of her passion for climate change education, sustainability and social justice, and her plan to raise awareness of climate change and sustainability in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Connecting Science to the Real World - BC Wildlife Magazine

In attendance:

Craig Arsenault, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Scott Sieben, Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Craig Arsenault spoke on making connections through science and everyday activities through his Science for Citizens course at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. Science for Citizens allows an educator to present real-world science in relatable, practical ways. Collaboration with projects takes place with the Indigenous Education Department. An example of a project is tanning hides donated from local area hunters. Craig was recently featured in an article in the BC Wildlife Federation Magazine and on CBC.

DECLARATION

Family Literacy Week - January 21-28, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of January 21-28, 2024 as Family Literacy Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser expressed appreciation to the Operations Department for their tireless efforts with the flood at École George Elliot Secondary School over the winter break.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that classes at École George Elliot Secondary School were back on schedule following a two-day closure due to a flood on the premises.

Appreciation was expressed to all administrators and staff who supported families in a variety of ways over the winter break.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – December 13, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including concerts, breakfasts and luncheons.
- A reminder that the Enrollment Application for the 2024/2025 school year will begin at 7:00 am on January 29, 2024 through to Friday, March 15, 2024. Further information on the process is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website: www.sd23.bc.ca.
- Information meetings will be held by all Principals of elementary schools that offer French Immersion Programs on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 via Zoom from 6:00–7:00 pm. Interested parents/caregivers can check the Central Okanagan Public Schools website for details: www.sd23.bc.ca.
- Trustee Fraser reminded other members of the Board of Education of the BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Resolution Committee Meeting taking place on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm by Zoom.

- The Winter edition of Together We Learn with the theme of "Wonder" was published just prior to the winter break. An expression of thanks was extended to the École Kelowna Secondary School Journalism 10, 11 and 12 classes for their preparation of the articles for this edition.
- The Mount Boucherie Secondary School Indigenous Visual Art Presentations of Learning will be taking place on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

January 25, 2024

(Virtual)

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

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/City of Kelowna Meeting

- January 15, 2024

Joint Board/MP Meeting

- January 17, 2024 - MP Tracy Gray

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, January 24, 2024, at 6:00 pm

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

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday January 17, 2024

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

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

Wednesday February 7, 2024

- Policy Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO