



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
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 (*arrived at 6:42 pm*)
Mitch Van Aller, Director of Operations (*left at 8:12 pm*)
David Widdis, Planning Manager (*arrived at 6:38 pm and left at 8:03 pm*)
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
David Tether, CUPE President
Scott Sieben, COPVPA President
Zach Johnson, DSC - Grade 10 at KSS
Mehak Parihar, DSC – Grade 10 at RSS

There was no representative from the COPAC.

**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 6:01 pm.

The Board Chair, on behalf of the Board of Education, expressed condolences to the families, students and staff of the KSS community. Earlier this morning we were made aware of the sudden death of three of our Grade 12 students in a single-vehicle accident. The District's Post-Critical Incident Response Team (PCIRT) was on site to support the students and staff at KSS today. We will continue to have supports in place at the school for as long as needed, through

our dedicated counsellors and staff. The flag at KSS is flying at half-mast in their honour. Our thoughts are with students' families and friends and all affected by this tragic accident.

AGENDA

Remove: Recognition Item 5.1 Renay Willier, Grade 12 Student, Mount Boucherie Secondary School - Recipient of NCAA Division 2 Fastball Scholarship

Main 21P-073

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of May 26, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - May 12, 2021

Amend: To state that Trustee Geistlinger arrived at 6:06 pm due to technical difficulties.

Main 21P-074

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 12, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Hope - Theme for 2021-2022

The theme of Hope for 2021/2022 was revealed by a video featuring Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO and retired Director of Instruction, Norm Bradley.

RECOGNITION

Letter from the Central Okanagan Music Educators' Association

The Board Chair referenced a letter the Board of Education received from Chris Perry, Music Director at Mount Boucherie Secondary School and President of the Central Okanagan Music Educators' Association. Mr. Perry commended and thanked all Principals and Vice-Principals for their outstanding work in supporting and caring for music teachers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Scott Sieben, President of the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, has conveyed the commendations to all Principals and Vice-Principals.

DECLARATION

National AccessAbility Week - May 30 through June 5, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of May 30 through June 5, 2021 as 'AccessAbility Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

"National AccessAbility Week is an opportunity:

- to celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities
- to recognize the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion."

Pride Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June as 'Pride Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Pride Month is celebrated every June in tribute to those involved in the Stonewall Riots that took place on June 28, 1969. As well as being a month-long celebration, Pride Month is also an opportunity to peacefully protest and raise political awareness of current issues facing the community.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Recommendation for New Westside Secondary School Site

Presenter: Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the recommendation coming forth to the Board of Education for a new Westside Secondary School.

6:38 pm: The Planning Manager joined the meeting.

6:42 pm: The Deputy Superintendent of Schools joined the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The following individuals submitted questions, comments, concerns and suggestions regarding the recommendations to repurpose the École George Pringle Elementary School site to a secondary school and the relocation of the existing École George Pringle Elementary School students:

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| • Yasmine Pirani | • Unjali Malhotra |
| • Andrea Scott | • Matthew Scott |
| • Philip Akins | • Owen and Lindsey Barski |
| • Suzanne Boos | • Kim Doyle |
| • Collin Crabbe | • Michael Leamont |
| • Wayne Broughton | • Gerry Marchiafava |
| • Sarah Neukomm | |

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO read out the submissions and the Board Chair responded accordingly.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation for New Westside Secondary School Site

Recommendation from the Incamera Board Meeting - April 28, 2021

Main 21P-075

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: Subject to funding approval by the Ministry of Education that the École George Pringle Elementary School site be repurposed for a new Secondary school.

CARRIED

Main 21P-076

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education relocates the École George Pringle Elementary School English program to the Webber Road Elementary School site effective September 2022.

CARRIED

Main 21P-077

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education conducts a comprehensive community consultation starting in the Fall of 2021 to establish the elementary French Immersion Program site(s) on the Westside for the start of September 2022.

CARRIED

Main 21P-078

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education conducts a comprehensive community consultation starting in the Fall of 2021 to establish new elementary, middle and secondary catchments for the Westside family of schools.

CARRIED

Main 21P-079

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education develops a clear and measurable plan to address the needs of students transitioning from George Pringle Elementary School prior to the relocation.

CARRIED

8:03 pm: The Planning Manger left the meeting.

Amendments to Policy 486 - Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication

Recommendation from the Policy Committee - May 5, 2021

Main 21P-080

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 486 - Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the May 26, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

**Amendments to Policy 645 - Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and
Amendments to Regulations 645R - Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)
(Regulations)**

Recommendation from the Policy Committee - May 5, 2021

Main 21P-081

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 645 - Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and amendments to Regulations 645R - Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the May 26, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - Pearson Road Elementary School GaGa Ball Court

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee - May 5, 2021

Main 21P-082

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Pearson Road Elementary School for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 26, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - Bankhead Elementary School GaGa Ball Court

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee - May 5, 2021

Main 21P-083

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Bankhead Elementary School PAC for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 26, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Preliminary Budget (2021/2022 Fiscal Year)

Staff Recommendation

Main 21P-084

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve staff's proposed 2021/2022 Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 26, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

8:12 pm: The Director of Operations left the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The following individuals submitted questions and/or comments relating to the decision to repurpose the École George Pringle Elementary School site to a secondary school:

- Collin Crabbe
- Andrew Gorman
- Unjali Malholtra
- Owen and Lindsey Barski

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO read out the submissions and the Board Chair responded accordingly.

The COTA President queried about the recent article on Castanet stating that the District received funding for an addition to École Dr. Knox Middle School. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the District has received Provincial approval to submit a Project Definition Report (PDR) relating to a potential addition to École Dr. Knox Middle School. Once the Ministry of Education's Capital Branch receives the PDR, the project can be forwarded to the Province's Treasury for funding approval.

The COTA President requested confirmation that the District received funding to purchase a school site in the Wilden area of Kelowna. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO confirmed that the Province has supported a site acquisition in the Wilden area for a new school site.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO referenced the recent tragedy involving the passing of three grade 12 students and confirmed the supports being provided to the KSS community.

Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided the following COVID-19 Update:

- The Provincial Government recently released the 'B.C.'s Restart – Four Step Plan' to bring a slow and gradual return to normalcy.
- The number of exposures in the Central Okanagan Public Schools' community continue to decrease. Schools in the Rutland area have been impacted by recent exposures and are being monitored in collaboration with Interior Health.
- Registrations for vaccines are now being accepted for students between the ages of 12-18.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – May 12, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Overview of the Services of the Transportation Department

Referred by the Planning and Facilities Committee - May 5, 2021

The Board reviewed the information and the entire Transportation Department and Secretary-Treasurer/CFO were commended for their efforts over the last two years to improve the Transportation Services provided for Central Okanagan Public Schools' students.

COPVPA Executive 2021-2022

The Board of Education congratulated the new executive for the COPVPA for 2021-2022.

COTA Executive 2021-2022

The Board of Education congratulated the new executive for the COTA for 2021-2022.

Ministry of Education Seamless Day Pilot

In attendance: Rhonda Ovelson, Assistant Superintendent

Rhonda Ovelson, Assistant Superintendent, outlined the Ministry of Education's Seamless Day Pilot Program. Senior staff responded to questions.

ADVOCACY

Postcard - Rutland Middle School Replacement

The postcard for the advocacy of the Rutland Middle School replacement was reviewed and feedback was provided.

Postcard - Glenmore Secondary School Project

The postcard for the advocacy of the Glenmore Secondary School project was reviewed and feedback was provided.

Video - Glenmore Secondary School Project

The video for the advocacy of the new Glenmore Secondary School project was shown.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyiMI-Apual>

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Response to R. Olthuis, May 10, 2021, SD73 Catchment Changes

Response to COPVPA, May 11, 2021, Vaccination for School District No. 23 Employees

Response to Central Okanagan Music Educators' Association, May 18, 2021, Support for Music Teachers During COVID-19

Response to K. Brunet, May 20, 2021, Feedback on Draft Long Term Facilities Plan

Received:

R. Olthuis, May 10, 2021, SD73 Catchment Changes

COPVPA, May 11, 2021, Vaccination for School District No. 23 Employees

Central Okanagan Music Educators' Association, May 17, 2021, Support for Music Teachers During COVID-19

K. Brunet, May 20, 2021, Feedback on Draft Long Term Facilities Plan

Main 21P-085

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: At the May 26, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Board Standing Committee Meetings

~~Policy Committee Meeting~~

~~Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom - CANCELLED~~

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

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 questions submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO