



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chair
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee W. Broughton
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
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Kyla Babcock, COPVPA Member-at-Large
Grace Mallette, DSC Co-President - Grade 12 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 22P-001

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of January 12, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - December 15, 2021

Main 22P-002

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of December 15, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Career Programs

Participating by Zoom:

Alan Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent

Bob Boback, Dual Credit Coordinator

As part of the Central Okanagan Public Schools continuous goal to promote Dual Credit Programs to students, parents, staff and community members, a promotional video was created. The promotional video was shown.

Dual Credit Programs and courses allow students the opportunity to earn post-secondary credentials and high school graduation credits at the same time. In nearly all cases, tuition is covered by the School District for qualifying students. Student fees, tools, and supplies are the student's responsibility. These programs generally begin in September or February of their grade 11 or 12 year, depending on the program they wish to pursue.

Commencing in September 2022, a new dual credit program for Early Childhood Education, in partnership with Okanagan College, will be commencing.

RECOGNITION

Megan Frederick, Band Teacher at Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Participating by Zoom:

Jasmine Lemon, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

The Board of Education congratulated Megan Frederick, Band Teacher at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, for receiving the National Certificate of Excellence from the 2021 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence.

École KSS Senior Boys Volleyball Team - Provincial Champions

Participating by Zoom from École Kelowna Secondary School:

Troy White, Principal

Coaches:

Mike Sodaro, Head Coach

Brady Ibbetson, Assistant Coach

Team Members:

Kian Bos	Sebastien Manuel
Aiden Currie	Gavin Margerison
Hudson Farrell	Manuel Olliges
Max Gainey	Walker Sodaro
Sam Jablonski	Maxim Storozhuk
Oaklen Kowal	Tyler Valuck

The Board of Education congratulated the École Kelowna Secondary School Owls Senior Boys AAA Volleyball team, who after being silver medalists five times, were able to win gold on December 11, 2021 at the Provincial Championships held in Richmond. Grade 11 setter Walker Sodaro was named MVP of the tournament with Hudson Farrell and Sam Jablonski named first team all-stars, and teammate Gavin Margerison named to the second team all-stars.

École KSS Senior Girls Volleyball Team - Bronze Medalists at Provincial Championships

Participating by Zoom from École Kelowna Secondary School:

Troy White, Principal

Coaches:

Kelly Hettinga, Head Coach

Jason Friesen, Coach

Samantha Temme, Coach

Team Members:

Calista Cencig	Tenny McCarthy
Hannah Friesen	Makenna Marble
Kai Forster	Hayley Schroder
Mikki Greene	Victoria Shultz
Abby Hettinga	Ryenn Schutz
Taryn Hope	Sofia Vicaretti
Kierra Lidstone	

The Board of Education congratulated the École Kelowna Secondary School Owls Senior Girls Volleyball team who won the bronze medal at the Provincial Championships held on December 9-11, 2021 on Vancouver Island. Abby Hettinga of the Owls was named to the tournament's first all-star team while teammate Taryn Hope was named the tournament's top libero.

DECLARATION

Family Literacy Week - January 23-29, 2022

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of January 23-29, 2022 as Family Literacy Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Letter of Support - Grant Application for École Casorso Elementary School Outdoor Learning Space

Staff Recommendation

Main 22P-003

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter of support for École Casorso Elementary School's Grant application for the TD Friends of the Environment Grant.

CARRIED

Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review Recommendations

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee - January 5, 2022

Attached to the Board Meeting Minutes is the documentation referred to as 'Appendix D' in the Motions below.

Main 22P-004

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: Effective the 2022/23 school year, the Board of Education moves the elementary English catchment for a portion of Tallus Ridge from Mar Jok Elementary School to Shannon Lake Elementary School, as presented in Appendix D.

CARRIED

Main 22P-005

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: Subject to the final approval of the capital funding for the Westside Secondary School by February 28, 2022:

Effective the 2022/23 school year, the Board of Education moves the elementary English catchment for the new subdivision in Smith Creek from Webber Road Elementary School to Shannon Lake Elementary School, as presented in Appendix D.

CARRIED

Main 22P-006

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: Subject to the final approval of the capital funding for the Westside Secondary School after February 28, 2022:

Effective the 2022/23 school year, the Board of Education moves the elementary English catchment for the new subdivision of Smith Creek from École George Pringle Elementary School to Shannon Lake Elementary School, as presented in Appendix D.

CARRIED

Main 22P-007

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: Subject to the final approval of the capital funding for the Westside Secondary School by February 28, 2022:

Effective the 2022/23 school year, the Board of Education moves the elementary English catchment for the new subdivision of Goat's Peak from Webber Road Elementary School to Peachland Elementary School, as presented in Appendix D.

CARRIED

Main 22P-008

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: Subject to the final approval of the capital funding for the Westside Secondary School after February 28, 2022:

Effective the 2022/23 school year, the Board of Education moves the elementary English catchment for the new subdivision of Goat's Peak from École George Pringle Elementary School to Peachland Elementary School, as presented in Appendix D.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

7:19 pm: The meeting recessed.

7:21 pm: The meeting reconvened.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Rebecca Robinson: Ms. Robinson queried why the District is preparing for functional closures instead of closing schools, similar to other provinces.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that schools in B.C. will not be closed. If staff and students are sick, they must stay home, this may result in functional closures due to a number of staff away sick. Functional closures will be determined on a school by school, situation by situation basis.

Karry Hardy-Guarducci: Ms. Hardy-Guarducci expressed concern with the encouragement of vaccinations and queried why there is a push for vaccinations.

The Board Chair stated that the District is following provincial guidelines to encourage vaccinations and the Board of Education passed a motion to encourage vaccinations in all eligible people.

Karry Hardy-Guarducci: Ms. Hardy-Guarducci queried if children will be mandated to have vaccines.

The Board Chair stated that mandating vaccinations for children would fall under the provincial government's purview. There has never been mandates for children regarding any other vaccine.

Brian Banman: Mr. Banman queried if the Board is still considering a vaccine mandate for teachers.

The Board Chair stated that the Board of Education has requested all staff to confirm their vaccination status and will use this information to inform the Board on how they move forward with a potential vaccine mandate.

Michelle Rentke: Ms. Rentke expressed concerns about discrimination based on vaccination status and requested that the Board of Education look into the legal ramifications for imposing a vaccine mandate.

The Board Chair stated that the Board of Education is considering all information, from all points of view.

Tovey Demman: Ms. Demman expressed concerns regarding the mental health of students since the return to school this January.

The Board Chair acknowledged that stricter protocols in schools may be negatively affecting students. However, the Provincial Health Officer and Ministry of Education have issued the guidelines that school districts must follow.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO acknowledged that mental health for students and staff is a concern and recommended that students and/or parents speak to their school counsellor or Principal/Vice-Principal with concerns.

Breanna Snow: Ms. Snow queried what the Board's intention is regarding teachers' vaccination status.

The Board Chair stated that the Board of Education is hoping that 100% of staff provide their vaccination status to inform their decision on whether to implement a vaccine mandate.

Geoff Snicer: Mr. Snicer queried if the Board of Education has done a risk/reward analysis regarding how the COVID-19 protocols are affecting students.

The Board Chair stated that each Trustee has done their own research and will have their own opinion.

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 – 2021/2022

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – December 9, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – December 15, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - December 31, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Video Surveillance - Annual Report to the Board

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Desrosiers, Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, reminded everyone of the upcoming Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on January 19, 2022 to review staff's recommendations regarding both the Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Re-opening Review and the Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review. Trustee Desrosiers encouraged all Trustees to attend the meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Response to V. Duckworth, December 15, 2021, Re Principal of excellence

Received:

BCTF President, December 9, 2021, BCTF Education Funding Brief 2022

D. Jurkic, December 10, 2021, Please support before and after school childcare

N. Cabrejos, December 10, 2021, Please support before and after school childcare

K. Hardy-Guarducci, December 14, 2021, Are we at a critical point?

V. Duckworth, December 14, 2021, Principal of excellence

V. Duckworth, December 15, 2021, Re Principal of excellence

C. Cartwright, December 16, 2021, Thank you

Canadian Covid Care Alliance, December 17, 2021, For school administrators' attention - Call to suspend the authorization of COVID-19 Injectable Biological Products

D. Buckna, December 17, 2021, Letter: Dr. Henry seems content with B.C. being last with rapid tests

D. Buckna, December 17, 2021, Telling Us Softly with Her Calm

D. Buckna, December 18, 2021, Pandemic Response - There should be a 'report card' for every province/territory

COPAC President, December 24, 2021 - Thank you

D. Buckna, December 25, 2021, A Charlie Brown Christmas - A COVID Christmas - Santaland Diaries - 'Fireside' Al Maitland - Dave Cooks the Turkey, etc.

D. Buckna, December 26, 2021, New Song - The Twelve Months of '21

D. Buckna, December 27, 2021, Cartoon - Bunny Henry et. al

D. Buckna, December 29, 2021, Letter No 3 Debate continues over evolution

Copy of email sent to Superintendent from G. Snicer, December 30, 2021, New Covid Requirements in January for Students

D. Ozeroff, December 30, 2021, Information

D. Buckna, January 4, 2022, Prepare for COVID Crisis, Businesses Warned-The Case of BC's Missing COVID-19 Data

D. Buckna, January 4, 2022, Susan-What percentage of SD23 classrooms have any type of air purifier-HEPA filter

D. Buckna, January 5, 2022, We should be providing kids and workers in education settings with high-efficiency respirators

J. Garrett, January 5, 2022, In support of vaccines for all BC and/or SD23 School Staff

R. Watt, January 5, 2022, Okanagan Children, School Mandates, and mRNA - Action Items to Consider

S. Johnston, January 5, 2022, Vaccines for all school staff

M. Kavanagh, January 6, 2022, School reopening plans

Main 22P-009

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the January 12, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair, Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Appreciation was expressed to the Operations staff for their quick removal of snow from the parking lot at École Kelowna Secondary School.
- Trustee attendance at the COPAC Meeting held on Monday, January 10, 2022.
- The collaboration between Mount Boucherie Secondary School and Rutland Senior Secondary School to offer a Forestry Program for students in Central Okanagan Public Schools.
- Families interested in French Immersion for Kindergarten are invited to sign up for virtual information. The dates and times of the Open Houses are posted on the School District website. To register for the sessions, parents are asked to please contact the school.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA 28th Annual General Meeting

January 27-28, 2022 (virtually)

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

February 12, 2022 (virtually)

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

March 4-5, 2022

BCSTA AGM

April 21-24, 2022

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/WFN Meeting

January 13, 2022 via Zoom

Joint Board/MPs Meeting

January 18, 2022 via Zoom

Joint Board/District Student Council Meeting

February 7, 2022 via Zoom

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Norah Bowman:

THAT: The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to implement a vaccination mandate for COTA staff, COPVPA staff, Excluded staff and Trustees per the Operating Procedure specified in the Letter of Agreement between the British Columbia Teachers' Federation and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association;

AND THAT: The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to implement a vaccination mandate for CUPE staff per the Operating Procedure specified in the Letter of Agreement between the CUPE K-12 Presidents' Council and Support Staff Unions and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

There were no items for a future agenda.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Appendix D - Recommended English Catchments for the Westside Family of Schools

