



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 6:00 pm
School Board Office or Zoom (for the public)
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC**

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
Violeta Malfair, COPVPA Social Committee Representative
Vivian Evans, COPAC Vice-President

There were no representatives from the 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 6:03 pm.

AGENDA

Add: New Action Item 9.4 Letter of Support - BC Childcare New Spaces Funding Applications

Main 20P-150

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of October 28, 2020 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - October 14, 2020

Main 20P-151

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 14, 2020 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

eSchoolBC

Participating by Zoom:

Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Technology

John Morrone, Vice-Principal of Technology

Cori Nicolai, Teacher

Ava Dodgson, Grade 1 student

Sarah Lebeter (Dodgson), Parent

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the requirement that Boards of Education provide remote learning for students, the Central Okanagan Public School's eSchoolBC program was expanded to provide service to 700+ students. An additional 23 teachers were hired to support this growth. The Board Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Education, recognized the eSchoolBC staff on their efforts in establishing a program for Kindergarten to grade 9 students. Cori Nicolai, one of the new teachers hired, shared her Weekly Learning Schedule which included times for whole group participation, small group participation and 1 on 1 learning. Ava, a grade 1 student in Ms. Nicolai's class, shared her favorite parts of remote learning, and Ava's mom, Sarah Lebeter shared her perspective as a parent.

RECOGNITION

FortisBC Efficiency in Action Award - Medium Commercial Customer

Participating by Zoom:

Harold Schock, Energy & Sustainability Manager

This year was the sixth annual awards ceremony for FortisBC. The Efficiency in Action Awards showcase the exceptional work organizations of all sizes in B.C. are doing to achieve energy savings in new buildings, commercial upgrades and industrial operations. The Central Okanagan Public Schools won the 2020 Efficiency in Action Award – Medium Commercial Customer. This Award was received due to the upgrade at Canyon Falls Middle School with several energy-efficient features, with the proceeds of the FortisBC rebate used to purchase solar panels to decrease the school's carbon footprint even further.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Marie Howell: Ms. Howell expressed concerns that the Rutland Middle School (RMS) Replacement School project was not approved by the Ministry of Education in response to the District's 5 Year Capital Plan submission.

The Board Chair stated that the Board of Education has and will continue to advocate for a RMS replacement school.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

There were no queries/comments from Trustees.

ACTION ITEMS

Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

Main 20P-152

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education accept the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM), as attached to the Agenda and presented at the October 28, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - Chief Tomat Elementary School Playground

Main 20P-153

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the Chief Tomat Elementary School PAC for the purchase and installation of a new playground, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 28, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

THAT: The Board of Education approve a \$50,000.00 loan be provided to the Chief Tomat Elementary School PAC to assist with the purchase and installation of a new playground, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 28, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - North Glenmore Elementary School Playground

Main 20P-154

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the North Glenmore Elementary School PAC for the purchase and installation of a new playground, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 28, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

THAT: The Board of Education approve a \$50,000.00 loan be provided to the North Glenmore Elementary School PAC to assist with the purchase and installation of a new playground, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 28, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Both the Board Chair and COPAC Vice-President stated that the Provincial Government is not providing sufficient funds for playground upgrades under today's standards to ensure playgrounds are universally accessible. The Board Chair stated that advocacy for additional funding under the Ministry of Education's Playground Equipment Program is required and the Board will follow-up once the new Provincial Government is sworn in.

Letter of Support - BC Childcare New Spaces Funding Applications

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the deadline for applications for the BC Childcare New Spaces Fund is November 1, 2020 and the District is hoping to move forward with six partnerships, each requesting the \$3 million funding grant.

Assistant Superintendent, Rhonda Ovelson, shared that there is a need for additional childcare spaces in the Central Okanagan community and a willingness from community partners to provide services to families for before and after school childcare.

Main 20P-155

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter of support for the District's BC Childcare New Spaces funding applications for the following projects:

- **Black Mountain Elementary School**
- **North Glenmore Elementary School**
- **Ellison Elementary School**
- **Okanagan Mission Secondary School**
- **Anne McClymont Elementary School**
- **Hudson Road Elementary School**

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.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021

The Board reviewed the information.

In response to inquiries, both the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that transportation for field studies is currently not being offered unless required as part of course/program curricula. Transportation for field studies will be reviewed on a month by month and case by case basis.

General Statement – October 14, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

2020 School Remembrance Day Assemblies

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised the Board of Education of the format of the various assemblies taking place virtually in schools on November 10th to honour Remembrance Day.

Community Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, gathering restrictions have been put in place for Remembrance Day Ceremonies hosted by the various cities/communities serviced by Central Okanagan Public

Schools. In lieu of attendance, the Board of Education has either purchased wreaths to be placed on the Board's behalf or donated to the appropriate Legion's Poppy Fund.

Townhall Meetings

H.S. Grenda Middle School French Immersion Program Considerations:

- Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom:
<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/69376010829>

École Kelowna Secondary School Capacity Considerations:

- Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom:
<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/61498372295>

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Bowman reported that the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) will be reviewed at the Education and Student Services Committee Meeting on November 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm and encouraged all Trustees to attend the meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Message to All Staff, October 9, 2020, Thanksgiving

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, October 22, 2020, Letter of Commendation

Response to D. McLaren, October 22, 2020, Kelowna Transit Bus Service from Glenrosa Middle School

Received:

D. McLaren, October 22, 2020, Kelowna Transit Bus Service from Glenrosa Middle School

COTA, October 22, 2020, Response to Meet with the Board

Main 20P-156

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: At the October 28, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

There were no items requiring special mention.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Trustee Bowman provided a report on the recent BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting and outlined the various motions passed.

BCSTA Trustee Academy 2020

November 27-28, 2020 - Virtual

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/City of West Kelowna Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Joint Board/District of Lake Country Meeting

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Board Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public

Regular Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm, Via Zoom for the public

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Policy Committee

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public

Planning and Facilities Committee

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO