



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 26, 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 V. Johnson

Absent: Trustee L. Guderyan

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 Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Sue Stevenson, COPVPA Executive
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:35 pm*)
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:46 pm*)

There was no representative 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 6:02 pm.

AGENDA

Main 24P-074

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of June 26, 2024 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED**

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 12, 2024

Main 24P-075

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 12, 2024 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED**

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Canada Reconciled: A Youthful Vision of Hope for the Future

In attendance from Black Mountain Elementary School:

Janet Slaney, Principal

Keely Flannigan, Teacher-Librarian

Teegen Burroughs, Grade 5 Student

Cade Flower, Grade 5 Student

Twenty-seven grade 5 students at Black Mountain Elementary School wrote and submitted a book titled "A Guide to What We Wish Every Canadian Knew" for the Imagine a Canada Project of the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation. Out of hundreds of applications from across the country, these students' words were selected to be recognized and honoured at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Teegan and Cade travelled to Winnipeg to receive the award on behalf of their classmates in their learning community.

Celebration of Teacher Growth Plan Success: Infusing Indigenous Content into the Classroom

In attendance from North Glenmore Elementary School: Sue Stevenson, Principal
Staci Palahniuk, Grade 1 Teacher

As part of the Teacher Professional Growth Plan process, two primary teachers at North Glenmore Elementary presented their 2-year growth plan to Principal Stevenson, which focused on Indigenizing the curriculum using literature. The ideas behind the presentation were shared with local Author Adrienne Gear who writes books to help support the improvement of teaching practice in schools. Adrienne was so impressed with the powerful connections these teachers used, that she added a chapter in her latest book "Powerful Thinking" that highlights the work of Staci Palahniuk and Carolyn Bassett-Smith (both grade 1 teachers at North Glenmore Elementary) in the final chapter of her book.

RECOGNITION

iGen Winners

The Board of Education congratulated the following students on their placements at the 30th Annual iGen Challenge Finale which took place on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 at the Innovation Centre. In total, 200 high school entrepreneurial teams competed, and the top 8 made their live pitches to judges.

1st place: Seraphic Stationery
Tanev Goel, Griffin Hendry, Yuvraj Dosanj - Rutland Senior Secondary School

2nd place: Pro Performance
Ty Bunn and Caisen Dodd - Mount Boucherie Secondary School

3rd place: iTutorFriends
Brayden Jarrard - École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Best Market Research: Amiga
Zoe Wiens and Lauren Munro - École George Elliot Secondary School

In attendance:

Teacher and iGen Lead: Tyler Jensen
Students: Tanev Goel, Griffin Hendry, Yuvraj Dosanj and Brayden Jarrard

6:35 pm: The CUPE President joined the meeting.

6:46 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:53 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:58 pm.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO Year In Review

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an overview of the 2023/2024 school year identifying student achievements, special events, and business involving the Board of Education.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO Year in Review is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Publications.

Superintendent of Schools/CEO Report on Student Achievement 2024

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a PowerPoint presentation on student achievements in the 2023/2024 school year. Many areas of focus were highlighted, including early learners, Indigenous students, newcomers to Canada, international students, dual credit options and post-secondary trends. Statistics on literacy, numeracy, foundation skills assessment and core competencies were provided. The six-year completion rate for all Central Okanagan students is 96%, which is 3.7% above the provincial average. The six-year completion rate for Indigenous students is 81%, which is 6.5% above the provincial average.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO Report on Student Achievement 2024 is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Publications.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustees each expressed their gratitude to senior staff, teachers, support staff, students and fellow Trustees for another successful school year.

Trustee Broughton read a statement regarding the Board Chair's speech at the École Kelowna Secondary School commencement ceremony having religious content, and asked that she consider whether she should continue to represent the Board as Chair. The Board Chair responded to say that she had reviewed her comments, and the video was also sent to the District's lawyers for review, and it was not in violation of the School Act.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of School Community Student Learning Plans for the 2024/2025 School Year

Main 24P-076

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the School Community Student Learning Plans for the 2024/2025 school year, as presented at the June 26, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

2024/2025 Annual Budget Bylaw

Main 24P-077

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 in the amount of \$374,795,441.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 24P-078

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 in the amount of \$374,795,441.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 24P-079

MOVED by Trustee Broughton
SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 in the amount of \$374,795,441.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 24P-080

MOVED by Trustee Broughton
SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 in the amount of \$374,795,441 on the 26th day of June 2024.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Multi-Year Financial Plan (2024/2025 - 2026/2027)

Main 24P-081

MOVED by Trustee Broughton
SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Multi-Year Financial Plan (2024/2025 to 2026/2027) as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the June 26, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-03

Main 24P-082

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-03.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 24P-083

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-03.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 24P-084

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-03 at the June 26, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 24P-085

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-03.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Public Education Awareness Committee Name Change to "Public Education Appreciation Committee"

Main 24P-086

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the name change of the Public Education Awareness Committee to "Public Education Appreciation Committee."

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

A recent RCMP incident occurred when an individual who was being pursued by the RCMP was arrested after approaching a school bus with students from Mar Jok Elementary School.

This afternoon several roads in the vicinity of École Casorso Elementary School were closed due to a medical emergency. Parents were notified by email of the situation and asked to make alternate arrangements.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – June 12, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

2023/2024 Estimated Accumulated Operating Surplus

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Main 24P-087

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

Received:

- 2024-06-13 Email from Julie Loveridge Marks re: Thank you for Inside 23 opportunity

- 2024-06-14 Email from A. Rodenbush re: Urgent - new West Kelowna High School
- 2024-06-14 Email from C. Matte re: reduction in French Immersion primary support
- 2024-06-14 Email response from L. Hamilton re: reduction in French Immersion primary support
- 2024-06-14 Email from A. Rowan re: Inappropriate Speech conclusion
- 2024-06-18 CC Email from L. Manchester re: Concerns
- 2024-06-19 Email from L Manchester re Cranbrook aerial spray requested to be halted. on June 20th.
- 2024-06-20 Email from L. Manchester re: Aerial BTK Spray Program Over and West Kelowna will not be sprayed

Sent: None

THAT: At the June 26, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the following:
 - Graduation Ceremonies
 - Indigenous Graduation Traditional Blanketing Ceremonies
 - Tour of the new construction at École Dr. Knox Middle School
 - Presentations of Learning
- The Superintendent of Schools/CEO was a speaker at the ARUCC & PCCAT National Conference: Charting the Way Forward Exploring New Pathways to Success. The discussion was on the approach the District takes to transitioning students to Post Secondary using Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, Capstone, Industry Certification, Indigenous Academies and Land-Based Learning Programs.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board and Committee Meetings

The Board Chair made the following statement:

The Board of Education has approved a new schedule for future Board and Committee meetings that will place greater focus on committee work and the larger discussions that happen at the committee level. This new Board and Committee meeting schedule will begin September, 2024 and more information will be formally communicated out to all of our partner groups and the general public.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

Barry Gerding asked when the information on the new board meeting structure would be provided. The Board Chair advised that the information would be forthcoming shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO