



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 6:00 pm
School Board Office (must pre-register) or Zoom (for public observation)
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee L. Tiede

Absent: Trustee A. Geistlinger

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Delta Carmichael, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

Absent: Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
David Tether, CUPE President
Scott Sieben, COPVPA President
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Zach Johnson, DSC - Grade 11 at KSS

**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.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER

Main 21P-124

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: In the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Board appoint Delta Carmichael, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, as the Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the Public Board Meeting of September 29, 2021.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

AGENDA

Add: Material for scheduled Staff Presentation 8.1 Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2021 School Opening Report - Part 2

Main 21P-125

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 29, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 15, 2021

Main 21P-126

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

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

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Bowman

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Student Perspectives

In attendance from Chute Lake Elementary School:

Brenda Kirsch, Principal

Shane Grover, Kindergarten Student

In attendance from Okanagan Mission Secondary School:

Jaya Parmar, Grade 12 Student

Shane and Jaya spoke of their excitement of the first few weeks of school.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Recognition of Dave Cavezza, District Health & Safety Manager

In attendance: Kyle Cormier, Director of Labour Relations

The Board of Education expressed their congratulations to Dave Cavezza, District Health and Safety Manager, on his retirement. The Board also expressed their appreciation to Mr. Cavezza for his exceptional leadership and service to the District during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction of Rick Taylor, District Health and Safety Manager

In attendance: Kyle Cormier, Director of Labour Relations

The Board of Education welcomed Rick Taylor, the new District Health and Safety Manager, to the District.

DECLARATIONS

World Teachers' Day - Tuesday, October 5, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Tuesday, October 5, 2021 as 'World Teachers' Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

International Walk to School Day - Wednesday, October 6, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, October 6, 2021 as 'International Walk to School Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Principal and Vice-Principal Month - October

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October as 'Principal and Vice-Principal Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2021 School Opening Report - Part 2

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the Central Okanagan Public Schools, presented the 2021 School Opening Report - Part 2. This report provides detailed information about school enrolment effective September 24, 2021. To date, the District has enrolled 23,647 students this year (including fee payers and excluding adult, Central School Programs and Services, and eSchool23). The differences between this year and last year are as follows:

- Secondary schools have 249 more students than they had in September 2020
- Middle schools have 365 more students than they had in September 2020 (due to the opening of École H.S. Grenda Middle School)
- Elementary schools have 9 more students than they had in September 2020

The School Opening Report – Part 2 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website – www.sd23.bc.ca.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Formation of the École H.S. Grenda Middle School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Recommendation of the Coordinating Committee - September 21, 2021

In attendance: Michelle Relova, Principal, École H.S. Grenda Middle School
Roslyn Hazen, Parent, École H.S. Grenda Middle School

Main 21P-127

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the application from the École H.S. Grenda Middle School parents for the establishment of the École H.S. Grenda Middle School Parent Advisory Council in accordance with Section 8 of the *BC School Act*.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2020/2021

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee - September 22, 2021

Main 21P-128

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Amendments to Policies: Section 1 - Board of Education (Housekeeping)

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - September 8, 2021

Main 21P-129

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to the following Board Policies, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting:

- **Policy 110 - Policy Development**
- **Policy 146 - General Affairs Committee**
- **Policy 150 - Education and Student Services Committee**

- Policy 155 - Planning and Facilities Committee
- Policy 160 - Finance and Audit Committee
- Policy 168 - Policy Committee
- Policy 170 - District Suspension Review Committee
- Policy 175 - Executive Staff Management Committee
- Policy 186 - Board/Public Relations

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Amendments to Policies: Section 1 - Board of Education

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - September 8, 2021

Main 21P-130

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to the following Board Policies, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting:

- Policy 105 - Policy Manual
- Policy 125 - Trustee Code of Ethics
- Policy 130 - Trustee Absence/Disqualification
- Policy 140 - School Board Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
- Policy 141 - School District Committees
- Policy 145 - Coordinating Committee
- Policy 185 - Board Representation on Community, Municipal and Provincial Organizations

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Amendments to Policy 115 - Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings

Main 21P-131

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 115 - Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings, as attached the Agenda and as presented at the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Amendments to Policy 120 - Trustee Roles and Responsibilities

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - September 8, 2021

Main 21P-132

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 120 - Trustees Roles and Responsibilities, as attached the Agenda and as presented at the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Amendments to Policy 135 - School Board Operation

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - September 8, 2021

Recommendation of the Coordinating Committee - September 21, 2021

Main 21P-133

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 135 - School Board Operation, as attached the Agenda and as presented at the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Amendments to Policy 167 - Board Participation in Collective Bargaining Process

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - September 8, 2021

Main 21P-134

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 167 - Board Participation in Collective Bargaining Process, as attached the Agenda and as presented at the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment 21P-135

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: Section 1 - Representation be amended to state: 'The Board of Education may appoint one trustee, and one alternate, to each Collective Bargaining Committee. The Trustees will take direction from the Board of Education, Trustees will also provide input to the Caucus and report to the Board of Education throughout the bargaining process.

The Trustees who have been selected to represent the Board of Education must be eligible under the BCPSEA Constitution and Bylaws to participate in collective bargaining activities for the Association.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Broughton

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Main 21P-134 as amended by Amendment 21P-135

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 167 - Board Participation in Collective Bargaining Process, as attached to the Agenda and as amended at the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

7:17 pm: The Deputy Superintendent of Schools left the meeting.

Amendments to Policy 190 - Trustee Expenses

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - September 8, 2021

7:19 pm: The Deputy Superintendent of Schools rejoined the meeting.

Main 21P-136

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 190 - Trustee Expenses, as attached the Agenda and as presented at the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Jonathan Ford: Mr. Ford thanked the Board for amending Policy 167 - Board Participation in Collective Bargaining Process. Mr. Ford queried if the Board of Education will make vaccinations mandatory for staff and/or volunteers and any subsequent contingencies that would need to be put in place.

The Board Chair stated that the Board of Education is following all current provincial COVID-19 guidelines; however, any trustee may bring forward a motion to change that.

Mr. Ford shared that his Parent Advisory Council has stated that their meetings will need to be held over Zoom if people aren't vaccinated. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO will look into this matter and follow-up with Mr. Ford.

Kevin Ramirez: Mr. Ramirez queried what the Board of Education's scope/level authority is regarding COVID-19 safety protocols.

The Board Chair explained that there are both provincial and Ministry of Education guidelines that the Board has committed to follow. The Board also approved a motion to encourage people to get vaccinated.

Mr. Ramirez expressed his concerns regarding children choosing to get vaccinations, without parental consent, at vaccination clinics held in schools.

Jeff Frank: Mr. Frank expressed concerns with schools being closed for National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Mr. Frank also shared a personal story about the first time he was asked about his vaccination status and was forced to wear a mask. Mr. Frank posed several questions for each Trustee to answer.

Isabelle Frank: Miss Frank queried why vaccination clinics are being held in schools.

The Board Chair stated that she can't speak for Interior Health, but she believes that Interior Health is hoping to reach more people by holding vaccination clinics in schools.

Mr. Frank and Miss Frank left the meeting.

Mr. Frank and Miss Frank rejoined the meeting.

Miss Frank tried to express her experience in middle school last year. As this was an emotional topic for Miss Frank, the Board Chair invited Miss Frank and her parents to arrange a private meeting to discuss this matter further.

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 – September 15, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis the Year Ending June 30, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Surplus Appropriation Analysis

The Board reviewed the information.

Final Federal & Provincial COVID Expense Analysis

The Board reviewed the information.

Central Okanagan Public Schools 2020/2021 Public Sector Executive Compensation Disclosure Report

The Board reviewed the information.

Reminder: Survey I for Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Reopening Review

The Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Reopening Review Survey closes on September 30, 2021. The public can participate via the following link:

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/454513343/welcome>

The survey results will be presented at the November 3, 2021 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

Reminder: Survey I for Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review

The Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review Survey closes on September 30, 2021. The public can participate via the following link:

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/858794323/welcome>

The survey results will be presented at the November 3, 2021 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Response to L. Neukomm, September 13, 2021, Skateboards on School Bus

Response to S. Brisebois, September 15, 2021, Plan for Dorothea Walker Elementary

Message to All Staff, September 16, 2021, Letters to Families Re Okanagan Mission and Westside Catchment Reviews

Okanagan Mission Families, September 16, 2021, Catchment Review

Westside Families, September 16, 2021, Catchment Review

Response to J. Frank, September 16, 2021, Vaccine Passports

Minister of Education, September 20, 2021, Meeting Request Re Capital Needs

Response to D. and A. Elliot, September 23, 2021, Vaccination of Children Against COVID-19

Response to D. Leonard, September 23, 2021, Student Vaccination and Masking

Response to D. Zinc, September 23, 2021, Masking in Schools

Response to J. Chase, September 23, 2021, Letter from concerned parent of Indigenous students

Response to L. Lalonde, September 23, 2021, Return to School

Response to N. Yanik, September 23, 2021, Children and COVID Vaccine

Response to R. Robertson, September 23, 2021, COVID Passports

Response to S. Tourigny, September 23, 2021, Urgent - COVID Vaccinations are Vital

Received:

J. Frank, August 30, 2021, Board of Education Welcome Back Letter
J. Frank, September 4, 2021, Copy of email sent to RMS Admin Re Clinics in Schools
L. Neukomm, September 13, 2021, Skateboards on School Bus
J. Ford, September 13, 2021, Concerned Parent
Auditor General of BC, September 14, 2021, Report Release - Oversight of Dam Safety in British Columbia
L. Dueck, September 14, 2021, My Concerns
A. Cagnoni, September 15, 2021, Expressed Concerns
J. Frank, September 15-16, 2021, Vaccine Passports
Juanita, September 15, 2021, COVID
M. Geddert, September 15, 2021, School Mandates
S. Brisebois, September 15, 2021, Plan for Dorothea Walker Elementary
U. Malhotra, September 16, 2021, School/COVID Some Support
J. Chase, September 20, 2021, Masking in Schools

Main 21P-137

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: At the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

- The week of September 27th through to October 1st is Truth and Reconciliation Week. Many events are taking place in schools to commemorate the first Federal National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Thursday, September 30, 2021. Flags at schools and school sites will be flying at half-mast in honour of this day.
- Students and staff throughout the District honoured Orange Shirt Day by donning orange shirts and hosting various events throughout the schools.
- Trustee Baxter provided an overview of her 5 minute presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Budget 2022 Consultation. Trustee Baxter spoke to the Committee on the pressures and challenges facing the Central Okanagan Public Schools including Capital and Operating Funding and Student Transportation.
- The Deputy Superintendent spoke of the following:
 - The Truth and Reconciliation website has many resources for staff and parents to review on Truth and Reconciliation.
 - On Tuesday, September 29, 2021 the Social Sciences and Humanities Research (SSHRC) Grant was launched at Bertram Creek Park with the first of four land-

based experiences for the multi-year research project “Co-Curricular-Making: Honouring Indigenous Connections to Land, Culture, and the Relational Self.”

- On Administrative Implementation Day (Friday, October 8, 2021), Kevin Lamoureux will be speaking to staff virtually on the District's Equity in Action Agreement.
- In honour of the Central Okanagan Public Schools 40th anniversary of the sister city relationship with Haruhigaoka High School in Kasugai, the Deputy Superintendent displayed a gourd which will be forwarded to the high school.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA Symposium 2021

November 4-5, 2021

Virtual

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting

Thursday, October 14, 2021

BCSTA/Ministry of Education Joint Partner Liaison Meeting

Friday, October 15, 2021

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Fall Meeting

October 15-16, 2021

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

October 23, 2021

BCSTA Trustee Academy

December 2-4, 2021

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Board of Education will be meeting with the COPAC Executive on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

CANCELLED: General Affairs Committee Meeting

~~Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South~~

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

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 questions from the media.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Chairperson

Acting Secretary-Treasurer