



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 25, 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 L. Guderyan (*by telephone*)
Trustee V. Johnson (*by telephone*)

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
Natalie Morin, COPVPA Executive
Mila Kresina & Cadence Quigley, DSC Co-Presidents (*left meeting at 6:28 pm*)
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*joined meeting at 6:32 pm*)
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:33 pm*)

**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.

AGENDA

Add: Material for Scheduled items:

10.1 2024 School Opening Report - Part 2

13.1 Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2024

Main 24P-093

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 25, 2024 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 11, 2024

Main 24P-094

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 11, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Johnson

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Student Perspectives

- Jennifer Adamson, Principal Chief Tomat Elementary School, with:
- Lincoln Burge, Kindergarten
- Isla Derickson, Kindergarten

- Cadence Quigley, Grade 12, Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Mila Kresina, Grade 12, École Kelowna Secondary School

The kindergarten students, Lincoln and Isla, shared their learning over the past 2 weeks of school and their excitement in starting their education. Cadence and Mila spoke of their learning over the past twelve years and their hopes for the upcoming school year.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introduction of Staff in New Roles

The Board of Education recognized the following on their new roles in the District:

Stephanie Read, Principal, École Glenrosa Elementary School
Ryan Wakefield, Principal, South Rutland Elementary School

Introduction of New Staff

The Board of Education welcomed Jorge Siller, to Central Okanagan Public Schools as the new Welcome Centre Assistant Manager.

DECLARATIONS

World Teachers' Day - October 5, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October 5, 2024 as 'World Teachers' Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

International Walk to School Day - October 9, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, October 9, 2024 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

2024 School Opening Report - Part 2

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 2024 School Opening Report - Part 2.

The Report provided updated information about school enrolment effective September 23, 2024. To date, the District has enrolled 25,405 students and the District enrolment has increased by 92 students over last year. The differences between this year and last year are as follows:

- Secondary schools have 61 more students than they had in September, 2023.
- Middle schools have 38 more students than they had in September, 2023.
- Elementary schools have 1 more student than they had in September, 2023.
- Fee payers, Central School Programs and Services and eSchool23 have 7 less students.

Rob Drew, Director of Operations, provided an overview on the many projects undertaken by the Operations team during the summer, as shown in the PowerPoint.

(Parts 1 and 2 of the 2024 School Opening Report, and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public School website www.sd23.bc.ca).

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MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2024 School Opening Report - Part 2.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser provided an update on her attendance at the Canadian School Boards Association 'National Trustees Gathering on Indigenous Education & CSBA Congress' in Toronto, Ontario in July, 2024. Highlights included the presentation of the inaugural National Reconciliation Partnership Award, a keynote and workshop by Dr. Marie Battiste, the public release of a national research study, a keynote by Future of Education Strategist Dwayne Matthews and the AGM.

ACTION ITEMS

Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2024

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for Central Okanagan Public Schools and Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2024.

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) approach to continuous improvement of public education. The Framework facilitates the improvement of student learning outcomes and the equity within those outcomes. All BC School Districts are expected to participate in an annual process to regularly review and analyze data and evidence to identify and act on findings in a timely manner. The District's continuous improvement cycle is the review process to produce the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report. Districts are required to provide an Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report to the Ministry of Education and Child Care each year to

report progress made on student learning outcomes identified in the Ministerial Order and the Board's Strategic Plan.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Assistant Superintendent answered queries from Trustees.

Main 24P-096

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2024, as presented at the September 25, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee meeting – September 18, 2024.

Main 24P-097

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2023/2024, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 25, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

2023/2024 Accumulated Operating Surplus

Recommendation from the Finance and Planning Committee meeting – September 18, 2024.

Main 24P-098

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the year ended June 30, 2024, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 25, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – September 11, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Amended Standing Committee Meeting Schedule - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis for the Year Ending June 30, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

Trustee Fraser advised that at the BCSTA Branch Meeting in Revelstoke on October 4 and 5, 2024, there will be a roundtable workshop for Trustees called 'Building Skills for Advocacy'.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Fraser and Trustee Desrosiers attended the Indigenous Education Council meeting on September 24, 2024 where the Equity in Action for Truth & Reconciliation 4th Annual Report was finalized. Other agenda items included Indigenous Education Department changes, community updates, and a presentation. There was some discussion on the IEC Terms of Reference, but it was decided to defer this item to a future meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received: 2024-09-10 Email from K. Fralick regarding Rutland Community School

2024-09-09 Emails from the following, regarding "Build Seamless Before and After School Care":

Jennifer Lachance, Jessica Myroon, Rachel Lozinski, Kaisey Sheldice, AsherKeddy Patrluk, Erica Simpson, Sydney Stradecke, Brittani Matthews, Emma Gaudreault, KJ Janson, Sophia Zanardo, Amiorah Yuko Soukup, Vicki Moore,

Jessica Zarama, Rhonda Burder, Shauna Sauer, Lynsdy Pickard, Gillian de Grouchy, Samara Stratten, Navada Netherton, Giles Ringer, Belle Chabot, J Wentland, Glytan Brittain, Lavelle Dedbry, Jillian Garrett, Brittany Renfrey, Mark Reinect, Emily Lamb, Lilith Hobson, Elton Elliott, Sydney Fender, Mants Stevens, Briar Herziog, Jennifer Lachance, Taylor Desrosiei

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MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: At the September 25, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Participating in the Terry Fox Runs held at school sites.
- Trustees and senior staff were provided with the Fourth Annual Report 2023/2024 of the Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2020/2025. The Report will be presented and reviewed in full at the upcoming Education and Student Services Committee on October 2, 2024.
- Olympic Gold Medalist Jerome Blake's visit to Rutland Senior Secondary School. Jerome spoke with the students at his former high school and shared sprinting techniques with current student athletes. Students and staff were thrilled to view Jerome's Olympic Gold Medal.
- Schools and District offices will be closed on Monday, September 30, 2024 to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a day for all Canadians to commemorate and learn more about the history and legacy of the residential school system.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2024

November 7-8, 2024

Coast Coal Harbour Hotel

Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

October 4-5, 2024

Coast Hillcrest

Revelstoke, BC

Provincial Council

October 25-26, 2024

Vancouver, BC

Trustee Academy

November 21-23, 2024

Vancouver, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/City of West Kelowna Meeting

October 17, 2024

Joint Board/District of Peachland Meeting

November 4, 2024

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

AGM

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 6:00 pm

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Board Standing Committee Meetings

~~General Affairs Committee *cancelled*~~
~~- Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 4:00 pm~~

Education and Student Services Committee
- Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Finance and Planning Committee
- Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO