



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education: Trustee L. Tiede, Chair
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee V. Johnson

Absent: Trustee C. Desrosiers

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: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*arrived at 6:55 pm*)
Jeremy Sanbrooks, COPVPA Executive
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice President
Mehak Parihar, DSC Co-President
Cayden Jensen, incoming DSC Co-President
Sarah Kovacs, incoming DSC Co-President

**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 6:04 pm.

AGENDA

Main 23P-086

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of June 28, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 14, 2023

Main 23P-087

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 14, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Year End Story

Grade 12

In attendance: Hugh Alexander, Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School
 Student: Mehak Parihar, Grade 12, Rutland Senior Secondary School
 (District Student Council Co-President)

Mehak spoke of her schooling in the Central Okanagan Public Schools and the highlights of her grade 12 year. Trustees expressed their appreciation to Mehak for her contributions at the Board and Committee Meetings as the Co-President of the District Student Council, and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Kindergarten

In attendance: Janet Slaney, Principal, Black Mountain Elementary School
 Jeremy Sanbrooks, Vice-Principal, Black Mountain Elementary School
 Students: Sam Gibson, Cohen Wintoneak and Declan Seney

Sam, Cohen and Declan, from Black Mountain Elementary School, shared their learning in literacy through the school's Story Workshop.

RECOGNITION

iGen Winners

The Board of Education recognized the following students who placed first through fourth at the recent Innovation Generation Challenge (iGen) held at the Innovation Centre. Eight senior teams showcased their business acumen and pitched their business to judges at the recent finals.

In attendance: Tyler Jensen, iGen Lead Teacher, Rutland Senior Secondary School
Tyson Caul, Student, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

1st place: Tyson Caul and Jared Gregor – Multi-Pliers
École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

2nd place: Noah Garcia – Creator Castle
École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

3rd place: Ben Ramsey and Everett Boutcher – Paws & Play
George Elliot Secondary School

4th place: Kylan Urban and David Ross – Gutter Guys
Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Tyson Caul demonstrated to the Board the 'multi-pliers' which he created along with his business partner Jared Gregor. A Global News video was shown which included highlights of the competition as well as interviews with the participants.

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 2022/2023 school year which included student achievements, special events, capital projects and the work of the Board of Education. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO thanked all staff members, partner groups and the community for their efforts to support student achievement this year and for contributing to creating "Caring Communities".

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

Superintendent of Schools/CEO Report on Student Achievement 2023

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a summary PowerPoint presentation of the Report on Student Achievement 2023. The report highlighted improvements in graduation rates, Indigenous student graduation rates, and dual credit course completion rates. Central Okanagan Public Schools is a high performing District in British Columbia, with student achievement rates above both the national and provincial norms on almost every measure.

To view the full Report on Student Achievement 2023 please visit the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Documents and Publications.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser expressed a message of gratitude to the entire school community for their efforts throughout the year. She acknowledged the senior Administration team for their leadership and strategic planning that contributed to the success of the District. The teachers were praised for their dedication and the nurturing environment they have created, and staff members were recognized for their valuable contributions to the smooth functioning of the school. Lastly, partner groups were commended for enhancing the educational opportunities for students. Trustee Fraser celebrated the collective achievements, highlighted the culture of growth and inclusivity, and expressed pride in the accomplishments of the year.

Trustee Broughton thanked the Superintendent of Schools/CEO for his report and shared that he was proud of the Board and the District for the tremendous work and achievements this past year.

The Board Chair offered thanks to Trustees, staff and partner groups for their commitment to the betterment of our schools, and gave her warm wishes to all families with the hope that everyone can rest, reflect and rejuvenate over the summer break.

ACTION ITEMS

2023/2024 Annual Budget Bylaw

Main 23P-088

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 2023/2024 in the amount of \$347,647,368.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

Main 23P-089

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 2023/2024 in the amount of \$347,647,368.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

Main 23P-090

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 2023/2024 in the amount of \$347,647,368.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

Main 23P-091

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 2023/2024 in the amount of \$347,647,368 on the 28th day of June, 2023.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

New Policy 388 - Public Interest Disclosure Act

Main 23P-092

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 388 - Public Interest Disclosure Act, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 28, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission (Minor Programs) - School Food Infrastructure Program

Main 23P-093

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Capital Plan Resolution for the Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan (Minor Programs) Food Infrastructure Program as outlined on the attached summary, and as presented at the June 28, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – June 14, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

2022/2023 Estimated Accumulated Operating Surplus

The Board reviewed the information.

Equitable Access to Washrooms Report

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Johnson attended the District Human Rights Committee Meeting on June 27, 2023 and learned more about the new Accessibility Act mandate. The Committee also heard from a District educator regarding Pride month and the recent event at the District Track Meet. There was much conversation among staff and students about feeling nervous in participating at District events due to this unfortunate incident.

Trustee Geistlinger thanked Trustee Fraser for chairing the Education and Student Services Committee meeting in her absence. She is happy to report that the Board Authority/Authorized Indigenous Visual Arts 12 course has been approved by the Ministry of Education and Child Care as meeting the Indigenous-focused graduation requirement.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2023-06-08 Email from Linda Dueck re: June 1, 2023 attendance stats
- 2023-06-08 Email from Linda Dueck re: National Post Article about backlash of June 1st student absenteeism

Sent: None

Main 23P-094

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: At the June 28, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Attendance at various events throughout the District, including Graduation Ceremonies, traditional Indigenous Graduation Blanketing Ceremonies and school staff appreciation events.
- The refresh of the paint on the rainbow sidewalk in front of the School Board Office by representatives of the Board of Education, CUPE, COTA, COPVPA, COPAC, District Student Council, and senior staff, on June 28, 2023. Central Okanagan Public Schools continues to foster safe, inclusive places to learn and work throughout the year and the rainbow sidewalk is a lasting representation of that commitment and responsibility.
- National Indigenous Peoples Day events held on June 21, 2023 including visits from Elders and Knowledge Keepers to schools, and field studies to gatherings in the community.
- The Challenge Coin Celebration Event on June 28, 2023, at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School, which recognized the collaborative project between the Land-Based Love program and the RCMP. Over 100 middle school Indigenous students submitted their designs for the coin and the final piece was created by Land Based Learning teacher Kyla Shields and one of the Indigenous students enrolled in Land Based Learning. Since the mid-20th century the Challenge Coin has been distributed between officers as a gift or show of respect.
- Gratitude to all the graduation coordinators, staff and parents who have done so much to support the graduation activities this year.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday September 6, 2023

- General Affairs Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesday September 20, 2023

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO