



BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

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

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
David Tether, CUPE President
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Jeremy Sanbrooks, COPVPA Secretary
Mehak Parihar, DSC Co-President, Grade 12 at RSS

**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: Material for item 9.1 Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2022 School Opening Report – Part 2

Add: Replacement pages 14-17 of attachment for Scheduled item 11.2 – Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2022

Main 22P-143

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 28, 2022, be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 14, 2022

Main 22P-144

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 14, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Student Perspectives

In attendance:

École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

- Laduli Hewage, Grade 12

- Derek Lea, Principal

École Bellevue Creek Elementary School

- Owen Grout, Kindergarten (French Immersion)

- Autumn Saltel, Kindergarten

- Raelyn Larmet, Principal

Owen and Autumn spoke of their excitement of the first few weeks of Kindergarten at École Bellevue Creek Elementary School. Laduli spoke of her hopes for her graduation year at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School and how excited the graduating class is to be back to school in person.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Newly Appointed Principals and Vice-Principals

The Board of Education congratulated the following staff on their new positions:

Steven Labrie, Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School
Sarah Watson, Principal, Canyon Falls Middle School
Laura Wiemken, Vice-Principal, École KLO Middle School

DECLARATIONS

World Teachers' Day - October 5, 2022

The Board of Education declared October 5, 2022, as 'World Teachers' Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

International Walk to School Day

The Board of Education declared October 5, 2022, as 'International Walk to School Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Principal and Vice-Principal Month - October

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

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2022 School Opening Report - Part 2

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for Central Okanagan Public Schools, presented the 2022 School Opening Report - Part 2. This Report provided detailed information about school enrolment effective September 26, 2022. To date, the District has enrolled 24,006 students (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 34 more students than they had in September 2021.
- Middle schools have 220 more students than they had in September 2021.
- Elementary schools have 69 more students than they had in September 2021.

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

Main 22P-145

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2022 School Opening Report – Part 2.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Enhancement Agreement – Central Programs & Services Basketball Court

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – September 7, 2022.

Main 22P-146

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Central Programs & Services for the creation of a Basketball Court, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 28, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2022

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for Central Okanagan Public Schools and Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2022.

The report included:

District Successes:

- Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation Agreement
- 6-Year BC Resident Completion Rate
- K – 3 Early Learning and Literacy Performance
- Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health Outcomes
- Strategies and Structures for System Alignment and Coherence

Emerging Areas to Enhance Student Learning:

- Numeracy – A Focus at All Grade Levels
- Literacy – A Focus on the Middle Years
- Transition to Post-Secondary

How the District is Responding to the Needs of our Learners:

- Aligning Systems and Structures to deepen Coherence
- Advancing Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation
- Improving Student Numeracy Outcomes for all Students

The Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order was enacted by the Ministry of Education. The Reporting Order states: *"Each year, a board must prepare and submit to the Minister a report completed in accordance with this order between June 30 and September 30, or a date otherwise determined by the Minister"*. The Annual Report will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education and Child Care and posted on the School District website under "Publications".

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

Main 22P-147

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2022, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 28, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee – September 21, 2022.

Main 22P-148

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2021/2022, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 28, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Student and Family Affordability Fund Analysis

In August of 2022, the Province of BC announced one-time funding of \$60 million to school districts to help expand school meal programs, provide school supplies, and cover any additional fees so that students in need can take part in activities. The Central Okanagan School District's proportionate share was \$2,396,709. After community and District staff consultation, a draft summary was prepared and provided to the Board of Education on how the Fund will be spent. The expectation is that this funding will be fully spent by June 30, 2023.

District staff answered queries from Trustees.

Main 22P-149

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Student and Family Affordability Fund Analysis, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 28, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. David Grabavac, parent of students at George Elliot Senior Secondary and École H.S. Grenda Middle School. Mr. Grabavac wanted to extend his thanks and appreciation to the Board of Education, and to Trustee Baxter in particular, as she retires.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – September 14, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

Operations Summer Projects Update

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis for the Year Ending June 30, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

Surplus Appropriation Analysis Ending June 30, 2022

The Board reviewed the information. Trustee Baxter queried if this should have been put forth to the Board for approval. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO will confirm and add to the Agenda for October 12, 2022, if appropriate.

Central Okanagan Public Schools 2021/2022 Public Sector Executive Compensation Disclosure Report

The Board reviewed the information.

Letter to Minister of Education and Child Care re: Portables

In accordance with a Board Motion at the September 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board Chair confirmed that a letter has been approved by the Board of Education to be sent to the Honourable Jennifer Whiteside. The letter will indicate that the purchase and placement of portables on School District sites, and the resulting burden on the District's operating budget, is unacceptable and cannot be sustained.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

There were no Board/District Committee queries/comments or reports.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2022-09-01 D. Buckna re: Anti Vaxxers seat on City Council.
- 2022-09-10 T. Nguyen re: Death of QEII and lowering of flags.
- 2022-09-12 D. Lamb re: French Immersion Program.
- 2022-09-22 Deputy Minister Christina Zacharuk regarding Trustee Baxter's letter on Indigenous-focused graduation requirement.

Sent:

- 2022-09-10 Response to T. Nguyen re: Death of QEII and lowering of flags.
- 2022-09-16 Letter to Westbank First Nations with congratulations from Board of Education on election.

Main 22P-150

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT: At the September 28, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

- September 26th through 30th is Truth and Reconciliation Week and September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Many learning opportunities are being provided in schools, including cultural presenters, assemblies, moments of silence, and many staff and students wearing orange throughout the week. September 30th marks the second annual Non-Instructional Day providing our students, families and community members with a day of reflection about the tragedy of residential schools and the impact on Indigenous Peoples and our society at large. Flags throughout the District will be flown at half-mast starting on Thursday, September 29th through to Monday, October 3rd.
- Congratulations to Peachland Elementary School teacher, Christi Ogg, who has been awarded a Regional Certificate of Achievement from the 2022 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching. The Certificate recognizes Ms. Ogg for her exemplary teaching skills that are key to the highly successful learning and social outcomes for her students. Ms. Ogg will be receiving a Certificate signed by the Prime Minister. The complete list of 2022 recipients is available to view on the Government of Canada website – Prime Minister's Awards.
- A local public transit strike is expected to start on Wednesday, October 5th which will include a full work stoppage through the Central Okanagan. A communication will be forwarded to parents requesting they make alternate arrangements to get their child to school during the suspension of public transit services.
- A reminder of the General Local Election being held on Saturday, October 15th.
- An All-Trustee Candidate's Forum, co-hosted by the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council and District Student Council, is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022 starting at 7:30 pm by Zoom.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Trustee Orientation and Academy

December 1-3, 2022, Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South.

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Policy Committee: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South.

Planning and Facilities Committee: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South.

Education and Student Services Committee: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South.

Finance and Audit Committee: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South.

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Surplus Appropriation Analysis Ending June 30, 2022.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO