



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 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
Trustee V. Johnson

Staff: Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO (*attending
Superintendents' Meeting in Vancouver*)

Partner Groups: Christey Hughes, COPVPA Executive
Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Cayden Jensen, DSC Co-President

There were no representatives from CUPE or COTA.

**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.

The Board Chair read a statement regarding Board Policy 351 *Respectful Workplace* and reminded everyone in attendance to be fair, professional and respectful.

AGENDA

Main 23P-113

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of October 11, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 27, 2023

Main 23P-114

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 27, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

British Columbia Student Leadership Conference

In attendance from Rutland Senior Secondary School

Hugh Alexander, Principal

Teachers: Jacqueline Groat

Lindsay Reynoldson

Students: Katrina Graham, Grade 12

Eli Ebl, Grade 12

Also in attendance: Ryan Wakefield, Vice-Principal, École George Elliot Secondary School

On October 19 - 22, 2023, 281 students (including 150 from Central Okanagan Public Schools) from across British Columbia will converge on Rutland Senior Secondary School for the British Columbia Student Leadership Conference. The theme for this year's conference is "Back to Leadership – Recharge, Reconnect and Reimagine". The last BC Student Leadership Conference

was held in Williams Lake in 2019, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The top three conference goals include:

- Promoting and enhancing the development of student leadership in our schools;
- Educating and empowering youth to be leaders in their communities; and,
- Building connections between leadership communities throughout British Columbia.

Each day will include speakers, workshops, networking opportunities and practical components students and advisors can take back and implement in their schools. A welcome and blessing, along with an interactive Spirit of the Land session with the Riparian Puppets, will be provided by Grouse and Pamela Barnes, two Elders from Westbank First Nations. Central Okanagan Public Schools is the first District in Western Canada to host a provincial leadership conference since 2019.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our District

In attendance:

Troy White, District Principal of Learning Technology Services

Tobias Blaskovits, District STEAM/Learning Technology Consultant

Nicole Leboe, Learning Technology Consultant

Generative Artificial Intelligence (i.e., ChatGPT) is a complex computer algorithm that utilizes a large language model with billions of parameters to search the internet to find and synthesize information producing 'original' output. AI is a tool and how it is used will inevitably create positive or negative outcomes. In education, students will still need human-driven instruction for true personalized learning that focuses on learner agency and can move beyond engagement and into empowerment. There is a plan to engage the community on Awareness (elementary/middle Lead Technology Learners; secondary – Digital Equity Teams; and conversations in schools K-12), Education (Pro-D opportunities, support emerging inquiry themes around AI, and a book study – The AI-Powered School) and Application (connect to the BC Digital Literacy Framework and connection to Digital Wellness work).

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 7:08 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:12 pm.

DECLARATIONS

School Bus Safety Awareness Week – October 15-21, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education announced October 15-21, 2023 as 'School Bus Safety Awareness Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Foster Family Month - October

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of October 2023 as 'Foster Family Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

World Mental Health Day – October 10, 2023

The Chairperson announced that October 10, 2023 was World Mental Health Day. On this day, and every day, this is an opportunity to raise awareness of mental health issues.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Linda Dueck, grandmother of three, spoke of her recollection of the Inaugural meeting in November, 2022 and posed questions on why the Board of Education was making changes to Policy 115 - *Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings*.

The Board Chair provided Ms. Dueck with clarification on the voting process used at meetings where a Board or Committee Chair was elected.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

There were no Trustee queries or comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Amendments to Policy 115 - Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings

Recommendation from the Policy Committee - October 4, 2023.

Main 23P-115

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 115 - Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 11, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - September 19, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – September 27, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Equity in Action Agreement - 2022-2023 Third Annual Report

Trustee Geistlinger and the Deputy Superintendent of Schools spoke of the 2022-2023 Third Annual Report of the Equity in Action Agreement. There is much to be proud of in the report, it demonstrates how we have not yet arrived, but are getting closer each year to reconciliation. The District is in year 4 of the 5-year Equity in Action Agreement; therefore, the Indigenous Education team will be gathering information from the community to see how close they are to the target and where they need to go, in creating the next Agreement.

ADVOCACY

Trustee Fraser confirmed that the Motion, approved by the Board of Education, to be submitted to the BCSTA to advocate to increase Annual Facilities Grants for School Districts in the Province, was not accepted as it was not deemed as emergent, but can still be submitted at the BCSTA AGM.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Broughton spoke of his attendance at the Public Education Awareness Committee meeting where the Terms of Reference was amended. One of the significant changes is the increased representation from Partner Groups. The upcoming Together We Learn newsletter and the District's Bus Safety Week campaign were also reviewed.

Trustee Desrosiers spoke of her attendance at the District Student Council meeting, which was very well attended by students as there are now four representatives from each secondary school. The new co-President Cayden Jensen was praised for doing an impressive job of chairing the first meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2023-09-24 Email from C. Broughton Supporting Transgender students
- 2023-09-29 Email from C. Pretty re Concerns regarding Support for Special Needs students and field trips
- 2023-09-29 Email from L. Bowen re Trustees, Guard your Credibility

Sent: None

Main 23P-116

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the October 11, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

As a follow up to the public comment made by Linda Dueck, the COPAC President clarified that COPAC had no objections or concerns on the voting of the Board Chair at the Inaugural meeting.

The Deputy Superintendent of Schools mentioned that the 2023 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education Ceremony will be taking place on Thursday, October 26, 2023 in Victoria. Although the Ministry of Education and Child Care is keeping the names of those nominated confidential, confirmation has been received that six Central Okanagan Public Schools' employees are finalists.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

2023 Symposium

November 2-3, 2023

Coast Coal Harbour Hotel

Vancouver, BC

Attending: Trustee Fraser

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION

Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

October 13-14, 2023

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

Merritt

Advocacy Day and Meeting of Board Chairs

October 19, 2023

Fairmont Empress, Victoria

Provincial Council

October 20-21, 2023

SFU Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Vancouver

Attending: Trustee Broughton

Trustee Broughton advised that there were two motions to be voted on at the upcoming Provincial Council: updating the BCSTA travel policy to include childcare, and a change to the Northern Interior Branch constitution.

Main 23P-117

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education direct Trustee Broughton to use his discretion in considering motions and amendments that arise at the BCSTA Provincial Council.
CARRIED

Trustee Academy

November 23-25, 2023

Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, AGM at 6:00 pm, Public Board Meeting 6:30 pm.

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday October 18, 2023

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

- ~~Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm~~ *cancelled*

Wednesday November 1, 2023

- General Affairs Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO