



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:00 pm  
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee N. Bowman  
Trustee R. Cacchioni  
Trustee C. Desrosiers (*Acting Chairperson*)  
Trustee J. Fraser  
Trustee A. Geistlinger  
Trustee L. Tiede

Absent: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson

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

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President  
David Tether, CUPE President  
Raquel Steen, COPVPA Past President  
Deannie Zahara, COPAC Representative  
Grace Mallette, DSC - Grade 11 at RSS

**The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held  
on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of Trustee Baxter, Chairperson, the Board's Vice-Chair Trustee Desrosiers assumed the role of Acting Chairperson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

**AGENDA**

*Add: New 10.2 Superintendent's COVID-19 Update*

*Add: 'Staff Recommendation' to 11.1 Annual Board of Education Advocacy Plan 2020-2021*

*Add: Material for scheduled item 11.2 Capital Requests: Information Brochures*

Main 21P-040

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of February 24, 2021 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - February 10, 2021**

Main 21P-041

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 10, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ABSTAINED:** Trustee Tiede

## **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"**

### **Bringing the Core Competencies to Life Through the Four Food Chiefs**

Participating by Zoom:

Michelle Newman, Vice-Principal, A.S. Matheson Elementary School

Students participating in video:

Louis Lundeen, Markus Stofberg, Kyi Cheese, Ryan Tiznobaik, Jack Gray

Teacher participating in video:

Andrea Minshull

A PowerPoint presentation was shared with a brief history of the work that is happening at A.S. Matheson Elementary School to build confident learners, what the school is currently working on, and included hearing from a classroom teacher and four of her students and their inquiry work that supports their learning journey.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2021/2022 through 2026/2027**

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee - February 3, 2021

Main 21P-042

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2021/2022 through 2026/2027, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 24, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Enhancement Agreement - Quigley Elementary School GaGa Ball Court**

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee - February 3, 2021

Main 21P-043

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Quigley Elementary School PAC for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 24, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Westside Elementary French Immersion Middle Entry**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the previous Board of Education approved a Grade 4 middle entry French Immersion program at Hudson Road Elementary School starting in September 2019. Over the past three years, the District has not had enough interest to sustain a Grade 4 middle entry French Immersion program at Hudson Road Elementary. Staff are recommending that the Board discontinue offering the Program after the 2021/2022 school year.

Main 21P-044

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education discontinue offering the Grade 4 middle entry French Immersion program at Hudson Road Elementary School due to a lack of sufficient enrollment to offer the program.**

**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that he had no emergent issues to report.

### **Superintendent's COVID-19 Update**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools, including that the District is ten days exposure free. Central Okanagan Public Schools will be submitting an updated Staff and Student Safety Plan for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) to the Ministry of Education in response to the updated Provincial K-12 Health & Safety Guidelines.

### **Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – February 10, 2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Search Function on District Website for Board Minutes - Update**

The Executive Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that a search function has been added to the District website under Board of Education - Meeting Info - Meeting Minutes.

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Annual Board of Education Advocacy Plan 2020-2021**

The Board of Education discussed the need to publicly and strategically advocate for various educational needs, including but not limited to capital projects, equity and funding. The Board of Education Advocacy Plan is a living document and will be renewed on an annual basis.

"Advocacy" will become an Agenda topic on future Public Board Meeting Agendas. This Agenda item will provide the Board of Education with an opportunity to make the public aware of the efforts/engagement that Trustees are undertaking to advocate for Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Main 21P-045

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Board of Education Advocacy Plan 2020-2021, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 24, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Capital Requests: Information Brochures**

The Board reviewed the Advocacy Briefs on capital requests for a new Westside Secondary School, Glenmore Secondary School and Rutland Middle School Replacement and provided their feedback.

**ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Trustees reported on the following:

1. **Pink Shirt Day** – Students and staff throughout the District participated in Pink Shirt Day by wearing a pink shirt and joining in various school activities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club Pink Shirt Day Breakfast**, which has previously been attended by senior and school staff, was reimagined to a Pink Shirt Day Breakfast in a Box Virtual Kick-Off with the theme "Be Kind". The Central Okanagan Board of Education was a sponsor of the event.
2. Students and staff throughout the District celebrated the **14th Annual Harmony Day** with a little innovation and a lot of heart on Wednesday, February 17th. Thank you to everyone throughout the District involved in the Harmony Day activities, including the virtual Living Library, and a special thank you to Leigh-Ann Yanow and Melanie Culham, the Harmony Day Co-Chairs, as well all of the other members of the Harmony Day Committee.
3. On Friday, February 12th, the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 3523 held their **professional development days**. Through the efforts of Joe Jamison, COTA Pro-D Chair, and the Professional Development Day Planning Committee, along with the CUPE organizing committee, various guest speakers and presenters were enjoyed by teachers and support staff.
4. The **Grade 6 Late Entry French Immersion Program Parent Information Night** will be held on Monday, March 1st at 6:00 pm hosted by Glenrosa Middle School via Zoom. The Zoom information can be acquired by contacting Glenrosa Middle School.
5. Students are currently completing, with excitement, their course selections for next year.
6. The new ***Dreaming Forward*** exhibit is being hosted at the *Kelowna Art Gallery's Art Lab* displaying the learning of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students who

connected with a variety of Indigenous Nations over the past year through art. *Dreaming Forward* showcases 75 works of art from fifteen Central Okanagan Public Schools. The exhibit will run through to April 11, 2021.

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting**

February 26-27, 2021 via Zoom

### **BCSTA Annual General Meeting**

April 15-17, 2021 via Zoom

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Policy Committee

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Planning and Facilities Committee

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

## **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 media questions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Acting Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

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Acting Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO