



Central Okanagan
Public Schools
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BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

(Second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July and August, and the third Wednesday in March and the second Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office, at 6:00 PM.)

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

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2018
TIME: 6:00 pm
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Board of Education:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee L. Mossman
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
E. Sadlowski, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
T. Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent (*absent*)
C. Diel, Executive Assistant (*Recorder*)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	No representative
COPVA	Mike Kormany, Executive Member
COTA	Lori Dawson Bedard, First Vice-President
CUPE	Margaret Varga, Vice-President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add: Board Correspondence

Email re: West Kelowna School Configuration (*New Agenda Item*)

Main

18P-007

MOVED by Trustee Tiede SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Agenda for the January 31, 2018 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – January 17, 2017

Main
18P-008

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 17, 2018 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Fraser

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

First Nations Emergency Services Society of BC (FNESS) Fire Prevention Youth Boot Camp

Nina Ferguson, Acting District Vice-Principal of Aboriginal Education, and Chayton Simard, Grade 12 student Central School Programs & Services, provided a presentation on FNESS's December 12, 2017 Fire Prevention Youth Boot Camp. The Boot Camp was a community-based collaboration with the West Kelowna Fire Department and Westbank First Nation intended to benefit Aboriginal Youth attending schools in the Central Okanagan Public Schools. 17 youth were provided with programs to increase the safety of families living in First Nations communities throughout BC while enhancing their skills in collaboration, discipline and focus. Students participated in workshops on fire prevention and gave back to the community by sharing what they learned with grade 2 students at Helen Gorman Elementary School.

The Trustees and Superintendent of Schools/CEO commended the Acting District Vice-Principal and her team on the work.

"Play is the Way" – Peter Greer Elementary School

Peter Greer Elementary School Vice-Principal Nathen Elliott, and teacher Robyn Cassan, along with students Aidan Need (Grade 6), Camden Cassan (Grade 2) and Brian Zinz (Kindergarten) presented the "Play is the Way" program. The learning program was implemented last year to support and develop social emotional learning and helps students build resilience and perseverance by providing them with opportunities to practice these skills through play. One of the goals of the program is to enable students to be the master, not the victim of their feelings and learn how to incorporate and model kindness in everyday interactions.

The Trustees and Superintendent of Schools/CEO thanked the Principal, Vice-Principal and teacher Cassan for their leadership in this program.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Introduction of New Vice-Principals/COSBO Member

The Board of Education congratulated the following on their appointment to Vice-Principal (school assignments to be determined):

Scott Brown, Teacher, Kelowna Secondary School

Natalie Morin, Teacher, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Chris Oakes, Teacher, Kelowna Secondary School

Jeremy Sanbrooks, Counsellor, Pearson Road Elementary School / South Rutland Elementary School

The Board of Education welcomed Gail Prokopchuk, Transportation Manager, to the Central Okanagan Public Schools

Human Rights Month

The Board Chair made the following Declaration:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares the month of February 2018 as Human Rights Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

6:37 pm: *The meeting was recessed.*

6:42 pm: *The meeting was reconvened.*

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Parent Matthew Adams and Teacher/Parent Kumi Nittel commented on the School District's plans for a French Immersion Program on the Westside and raised concerns around the use of portables, lack of opportunity for collaboration and the impact of class size legislation on the quality of instruction. A desire for schools to share the load was expressed.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

K-12 French Immersion Program on the Westside

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted that French Immersion is the most studied program in the history of the District. Several options have previously been before the Board that were deferred as growth on the Westside was considered as well as the impact of the MoA LOU #17. The Superintendent/CEO mentioned entry options in grades 4 and 6 and stressed that a program that is sustainable, inclusive and flexible from K-12 requires a strong middle school program with attrition to run a senior secondary program. Glenrosa Middle School is being considered along with Hudson Road and Rose Valley Elementary Schools.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO outlined the options in the memo.

Main

18P-009

MOVED by Trustee Butler and SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The recommendations be severed and each item be considered separately.
CARRIED

Main

18P-010

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni and SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Board of Education commit to a K-12 French Immersion program on the Westside.

Amendment

18P-011

MOVED by Trustee Butler and SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Board of Education ~~commit to~~ support a K-12 French Immersion program on the Westside.
CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 18P-010 AS AMENDED BY 18P-011

THAT: The Board of Education support a K-12 French Immersion program on the Westside.

CARRIED

Main

18P-012

MOVED by Trustee Butler and SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education support a late entry Middle School French Immersion (6-8) Learning Community Program to be located at Glenrosa Middle School starting September 2019 (Option C);

AND THAT: École George Pringle Elementary School will be the French Immersion early entry feeder school to Glenrosa Middle School.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Gorman and Trustee Tiede

ABSTAINED: Trustee Cacchioni

Main

18P-013

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The location of a secondary French Immersion program in West Kelowna be determined upon completion of the proposed Capital Projects related to the Westside Area Study.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Cacchioni

Approval of Board Representatives on District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies

Main

18P-014

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Representatives on District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies, as amended and as presented at the January 31, 2018 Public Board Meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Lisa Paynter, a teacher at École George Pringle Elementary School and parent of two French Immersion students, commented on the approved French Immersion Program and raised concerns about the lack of diverse opportunities for children when they would be in the same cohort for 10 years. Ms. Paynter promoted the opportunity for children to have other children to mix with when they go to middle school.

Mariam Rajabally, Kindergarten teacher at École George Pringle Elementary School, commented on a perceived goal conflict with the Board. She questioned the reasons for supporting French Immersion, noting that the focus of the conversation seemed to be about facilities and numbers.

Both parent Matthew Adams and teacher Mariam Rajabally expressed concerns that Glenrosa Middle School is on the outskirts of West Kelowna and that parents in Rose Valley may elect not to send their children to Glenrosa Middle School endangering the success of the program.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Reconfiguration Trigger Points for Families of Schools

This item will be the topic of the General Affairs Committee Meeting, scheduled for February 1, 2018 at 6pm at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Month-End Enrolment – December 2017

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Harmony Day – February 21, 2018

A declaration from the Board will be included on the Agenda for the February 14, 2018 Public Board Meeting.

Pink Shirt Day – February 28, 2018

A declaration from the Board will be included on the Agenda for the February 14, 2018 Public Board Meeting.

General Statement – January 17, 2018

The Board reviewed the information provided.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Concerned Parents, January 21, 2018 re: Math 9 Honours at Dr. Knox

COBBS (Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society), January 23, 2018 re: Invitation to Observe Selection Process and Award Contribution

BCCPA (BC Care Providers Association), January 23, 2018 re: Dual Credit Programs for Health Care Assistants

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon to Education Minister Rob Fleming, January 23, 2018, regarding British Columbia French Teacher Shortage

Main
18P-015

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: At the January 31, 2018 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO commended staff and students in the Rutland Family of Schools for hosting the January 30 Learning Network Inquiry and Innovation of Learning Community Event. This community forum engaged Rutland area parents in their children's education and provided them with the opportunity to interact with school teams.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted that TEDx Youth is coming to the Innovation Centre on Doyle Avenue in Kelowna on May 17, 2018. A launch event will be held on Tuesday, February 13 from 5:30-6:30pm at Hollywood Road Education Services – students interested in becoming a TEDx youth speaker, along with their parents, guardians and mentors, can learn more about the event.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: Friday, February 16 to Saturday, February 17, 2018
Location: Vancouver, BC

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: Friday, February 23 to Saturday, February 24, 2018
Location: Kelowna, BC

BCSTA Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 26 to Sunday, April 29, 2018
Location: Vancouver, BC

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 6:00pm, School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

General Affairs

Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:00pm, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Policy

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 4:00pm, School Board Office

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 6:00pm, School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer