



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 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: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent
Jamie Robinson, Assistant Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

*Absent: Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent (attending Jointly Convened
Annual Meeting)*

Partner Groups: Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Brady Holland, COPVPA Executive
Em Monsale, DSC Student Representative
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:10 pm*)
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:22 pm*)

**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 6:01 pm.

Appointment of Acting Secretary-Treasurer

Main 24P-049

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: Due the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, the Board appoint Jamie Robinson, Assistant Superintendent, as the Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the May 8, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

AGENDA

Switch order of 5.1 (Inside 23) and 6.1 (Recognition)

Add the following to 8. Declarations: National Food Allergy Awareness Month and Mental Health Week.

Main 24P-050

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of May 8, 2024 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - April 24, 2024

On page 10, Motion 24P-049, correct minutes as follows:

Trustee Guderyan – now Alternate Representative to BCSTA Representative

Trustee Desrosiers – now Alternate Representative to BCPSEA Representative Council

Main 24P-051

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 8, 2024 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Broughton

RECOGNITION

49th Annual Civic and Community Award Winners

The Board of Education congratulated and recognized the following students for receiving awards at the 49th Annual Civic and Community Awards:

Teen Honour in the Arts Award:

- Ben Anderson, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award – Young Female Athlete Award

- Emma Pinkerton, École Kelowna Secondary School

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award – Young Male Athlete Award

- Nash Semeniuk, École Kelowna Secondary School

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Discovering Through Agency

In attendance: Katie Clayton, Grade 3 Teacher, Mar Jok Elementary School
Isabelle McBurney, Grade 3
Anna Jansen, Grade 3
Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction – Learning and Innovation
Kristi Langlois, Instructional Leadership Team
Tess Perry, Instructional Leadership Team

Katie Clayton, a third-grade educator at Mar Jok Elementary School, has been leaning into agency by listening and following closely to the voices of her students. The power of collaboration, kindness and community that happens when the teacher steps back and allows the children to guide their learning was shared. Isabelle and Anna spoke about their experience in the classroom. From the love of play to a sense of stewardship for our land, Ms. Clayton shared what she has learned from her students along the way.

DECLARATIONS

National Food Allergy Awareness Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May as Food Allergy Awareness Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Mental Health Week

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 6 to 12, 2024 as Mental Health Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser noted that the rainbow sidewalk at the main board office had been freshened up with a new coat of paint, and reflected that it continues to represent the Board of Education's commitment to inclusivity.

Trustee Fraser reported that the Select Standing Committee on Finance was not meeting for a budget consultation this year, as it does not meet in years where there is a provincial election.

ACTION ITEMS

Indigenous Education Preliminary Budget (2024/2025 Fiscal Year)

Main 24P-052

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve staff's proposed 2024/2025 Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 8, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Springvalley Middle School - Outdoor Education Academy Fee Increase

Main 24P-053

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase of \$75 (from \$225 to \$300/student) for the Outdoor Education Academy (Springvalley Middle School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 8, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

École George Elliot Secondary School - Hockey Academy Fee Increase

Main 24P-054

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase of \$125 (from \$600 to \$725/student) for the Hockey Academy (École George Elliot Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 8, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

École George Elliot Secondary School - Soccer Education Academy Fee Increase

Main 24P-055

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase of \$50 (from \$350 to \$400/student) for the Soccer Education Academy (École George Elliot Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 8, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Cultural Performances Program Review (Level 2)

Main 24P-056

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Cultural Performances Program Review (Level 2), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 8, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - Peachland Elementary School Community Garden

Main 24P-057

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Peachland Elementary School for the creation of a Community Garden, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 8, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that the plan by the Ministry of Forests to aerially spray for spongy moths in West Kelowna has been put on hold. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO suggested to the Ministry of Forests that if they proceed with spraying, it be done on a weekend so that it does not impact schools or students.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – April 24, 2024

The Board reviewed the information. Trustee Tiede requested that the line showing her departure/return to the meeting be removed, as it was brief and only to collect a gift.

Financial Update - March 31, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Purchasing Administrative Procedure Update

The Board reviewed the information.

2024/2025 Estimated Ministry of Education and Childcare Grant Funding

The Board reviewed the information.

2024/2025 Public Budget Survey Results

The Board reviewed the information. The Board Chair noted that any responses that were removed from the published Public Budget Survey Results were provided to Trustees at the Incamera meeting.

2024 Early Learning Initiatives Report

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2024-04-22 Email from M. West at A.S. Matheson - thank you for volunteer recognition
- 2024-04-22 CC Email from L. Manchester re: Questions re: Foray 48B Permit
- 2024-04-22 CC Email from T. Ebata re: Questions re: Foray 48B Permit
- 2024-04-23 Email from MLA Merrifield regarding Transit for Teens letter
- 2024-04-24 Email from Premier Eby regarding Transit for Teens letter
- 2024-04-25 Email from L. Manchester re: Aerial Spraying and residues of BTK in/on West Kelowna Schools
- 2024-05-01 CC Email from L. Manchester re: Ministry of Forests violates bacterial pesticide aerial spray permit conditions

Sent:

- 2024-04-22 Letter in Support of Transit for Teens
To: Honorable Rob Fleming, MLA; Honorable David Eby, Premier; Honorable Sheila Malcolmson, MLA; Honorable Rachna Singh, MLA; Honorable Grace Lore, MLA; Honorable Dan Coulter, MLA; Honorable Catrine Conroy, MLA; Honorable George Heyman MLA.

Main 23P-058

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the May 10, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the following:
 - School Community Student Learning Plan Conversations at École Bellevue Creek Elementary School, Raymer Elementary School and Oyama Traditional School.
 - Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) AGM.
 - Faisons un Boeuf French Music Celebration for French Immersion middle school students.
 - Capstone presentations at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School and Rutland Senior Secondary School.

- Community Clean-up with the staff and students from École George Elliot Secondary School.
- Constable Neil Bruce Middle School presentation of the Lion King and Mount Boucherie Secondary School's presentation of PUFFS: The Play.
- Mount Boucherie Secondary School Walk for Mental Health.
- Nicola Baker, President of the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC), provided the results of the election of the executive of COPAC at their recent AGM. Nicola Baker will continue as President for the 2024/2025 school year. Congratulations was conveyed by the Board to the new COPAC Executive. Congratulations was also expressed to Simon Adams, the current Vice-President of COPAC, on his appointment as a Director of the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).
- May 1, 2024 was National Principals' Day. It is a day to honour Principals and Vice-Principals who lead the development of a collaborative vision, create powerful learning communities and engage with families in ways that support learners and educators to thrive. Thank you was extended to all Principals and Vice-Principals for all they do to make Central Okanagan Public Schools a world class public education provider.
- World Teachers' Day is acknowledged on October 5th each year and May 7, 2024 was Teacher Appreciation Day. We are grateful for the caring, inclusive and wonder-inspiring learning our educators provide each day.
- May 6-10, 2024 is Mental Health Week with the theme: A Call to Kindness. The Mount Boucherie Secondary School Walk for Mental Health was held in conjunction with Mental Health Week.
- Last week the Working the Ideas SSHRC Forum II Roundtable Conversations was held where there was the opportunity to truly witness reconcili-ACTION taking place. There was such energy and pride of all who presented, utilizing traditional Indigenous Knowledges and the First Peoples Principles of Learning to learn on the land or have conversations in circle. Elders shared their wisdom and hope for the practices they were seeing presented as the journey together towards Truth and Reconciliation continues.
- Confirmation has been received from The Terry Fox Foundation that schools within Central Okanagan Public Schools collectively raised an astounding \$42,084.28 in support of cancer research – an achievement that exemplifies the spirit and generosity of community. Congratulations to École Okanagan Mission Secondary School who was ranked #16 in the Secondary Division of the top 50 fundraisers of British Columbia and Yukon.
- Students and staff of École Dr. Knox Middle School will be running their Bald Falcon School Fundraiser again this year on Friday, May 31 as they raise money for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation. Some students have chosen to raise money by fundraising locally and others will be offering to 'go bald'. Over the last 16 years, over \$500,000 has been raised by the community. The goal this year is \$14,000.

- Central Okanagan Public Schools had the distinct pleasure of hosting David Istance, formerly of the OECD Centre for Educational Research and Innovation. It was an honour to have David visit École H.S. Grenda Middle School, École George Elliot Secondary School, and Canyon Falls Middle School to validate the work that is taking place in our schools.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

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

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

- ~~- General Affairs Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm (cancelled)~~
- ~~- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm (cancelled)~~

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MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Chair

Acting Secretary-Treasurer