



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 25, 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 - via teleconference (*on Board business at BCSPEA AGM*)
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee V. Johnson

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: Simon Adams, COPAC President
Barrie MacLeod, COPVPA Executive
Zach Johnson, DSC Co-President
Cayden Jensen, DSC Rep

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.

AGENDA

Main 23P-007

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of January 25, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - January 11, 2023

Main 23P-008

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 11, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Creating a Community of Mathematicians through Visual Patterning and DESMOS

In attendance:

Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction: Learning and Innovation

Kevin Dent, Teacher, Instructional Leadership Team

Bréanne Christian, French Immersion Teacher, École H.S. Grenda Middle School

Elena Eikenaar, Grade 8 student at École H.S. Grenda Middle School

Ty Pallas, Grade 8 student at École H.S. Grenda Middle School

The teachers and students shared and showed their experiences in their math class over the last two years, focusing on a unit based on using visual patterning to explore algebra and utilizing DESMOS to graph equations.

RECOGNITION

École Kelowna Secondary School Senior Boys Volleyball Team - Provincial Champions

The Board of Education recognized and congratulated the École Kelowna Secondary School Owls Senior Boys Volleyball Team on winning the senior boys Provincial Championship for a second year in a row.

In attendance: Scott Parker, Principal, École Kelowna Secondary School
Mike Sodaro, Coach

Players: Walker Sodaro
Dominic Sodaro
Owen McParland
Nash Semeniuk
Tyler Valuck
Kian Bos
Lynden Infanti
Connor Collinson Lea
Lincoln Wagner
Eddie Kallo
Matt Chayka

MEETING RECESS

6:30 pm meeting recessed

6:32 pm meeting resumed

DECLARATIONS

Human Rights Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February 2023 as Human Rights Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Inclusive Education Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of February 2023 as Inclusive Education Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Black Excellence Day

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that Black Excellence Day was celebrated on January 16, 2023.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser reminded fellow Trustees to provide a public report on any committee meetings they had attended.

ACTION ITEMS

Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement Course Proposal: Revised Board/Authority (BAA) Course - Indigenous Art Studio 12

Trustee Geistlinger spoke of the revised Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Indigenous Art Studio 12 to meet the Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement that will come into effect for 2023/2024 grade 12 graduates. The proposal included a letter of support from Westbank First Nations. The Deputy Superintendent answered questions from Trustees and thanked staff for their work in getting this ready to be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the First Nations Education Steering Committee for approval.

Main 23P-009

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education review and re-approve the revised Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Indigenous Art Studio 12 as meeting the Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the January 25, 2023 Public Board of Education Meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – January 11, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Video Surveillance - Annual Report to the Board

As required under section 5.2 of the regulations of Board Policy 645 – Video Surveillance, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), the Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an annual report on video surveillance used at 32 of 51 sites within the District.

Video surveillance systems are used primarily as a means of identifying unwelcome visitors on school property, and of ensuring the safety of both students and staff. They also continue to be quite useful in helping to resolve a variety of issues such as theft and vandalism at the school level within FOIPPA Regulations. There is evidence that the presence of video cameras acts as a deterrent to undesirable behaviour.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO answered queries from Trustees.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Desrosiers attended the recent District Student Council meeting where she appreciated the thoughtful and engaging conversation among students. Discussion topics were the Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement and the importance of getting information out to students.

Trustee Tiede recently attended the Public Education Awareness Committee meeting and shared that it was exciting to see how the District is building awareness around education, in collaboration with students.

Trustee Geistlinger, Chair of the Education and Student Services Committee, wanted to share a new guide from the Ministry of Education and Child Care called "Supporting Student Health". This guide is available for parents of [Elementary](#) and [Secondary](#) students to review if interested.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

- 2023-01-16 Letter to Mayor and Council, City of Kelowna - invitation to meet
- 2023-01-16 Letter to Mayor and Council, City of West Kelowna - invitation to meet
- 2023-01-16 Letter to Mayor and Council, District of Peachland - invitation to meet
- 2023-01-16 Letter to District Student Council - invitation to meet
- 2023-01-16 Letter to Westbank First Nations - invitation to meet
- 2023-01-16 Letter to MLA Ashton - invitation to meet
- 2023-01-16 Letter to MLA Letnick - invitation to meet
- 2023-01-16 Letter to MLA Merrifield - invitation to meet

- 2023-01-16 Letter to MLA Stewart - invitation to meet
- 2023-01-16 Letter to MP Albas - invitation to meet
- 2023-01-16 Letter to MP Gray - invitation to meet
- 2023-01-18 Copy of December 9, 2022 letter to Honourable Rob Fleming regarding Highway 97 safety issues emailed to:
 - Canadian Minister of Transport, Honorable Omar Alghabra
 - MP Tracy Gray, Kelowna-Lake Country
 - MP Mel Arnold, North Okanagan-Shuswap
 - MP Dan Albas, Central Okanagan Similkameen
 - MLA Norm Letnick, Kelowna-Lake Country
 - MLA Harwinder Sandhu, Vernon-Monashee

Received: None

Main 23P-010

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: At the January 25, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

- Trustee Broughton recently attended the Unplug and Play event at which the District's Early Learning Team, led by Andrea Strang, had a booth. Trustee Broughton spoke highly of the engaging presentation for families with young children.
- Trustee Desrosiers spoke of a learning opportunity "Math to Power Her Life" by UBCO Westcoast Women in Engineering and Science Technology for girls in Grades 7-9 on March 11, 2023; however, after seeing the Inside 23 math presentation, she encourages all students with an interest in STEM to pursue these opportunities.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised:

- The 2023-2024 Budget Presentation, explaining how the District's budget is established, will take place at the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm by Zoom.
- Central Okanagan Public Schools invites parents and educators to subscribe to the District's Digital Wellness - Bits & Bytes Newsletter. The Newsletter will include bite-sized learning ideas and resources to help families learn to live well in a digital world. Those who subscribe will receive short online articles with resources, information, and helpful ideas to support you and your family in growing your collective Digital Wellness

knowledge and skills. The Bits and Bytes Newsletter will come out at the end of every month. The link to subscribe to the Newsletter is <https://www.sd23ltd.com/subscribe>.

- A reminder that on-line enrollment for Kindergarten and new students for September 2023/2024 opens at 7:00 am on Monday, January 30, 2023.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA 29th Annual General Meeting

January 26-27, 2023, Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council

February 24-25, 2023, Vancouver

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

March 3-4, 2023, Coast Capri Hotel

BCSTA AGM

April 27-30, 2023, Vancouver

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/MLAs Meeting

Friday, February 24, 2023

Joint Board/District of Peachland Meeting

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Joint Board/WFN Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2023

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

- ~~Cancelled General Affairs Committee Meeting~~, 4:00 pm
- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

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

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Fraser:

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care requesting them to commit to ongoing funding of the Student and Family Affordability Fund past the expiry of June 30, 2023.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO