



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 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
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Dave Tether, CUPE President
Jeremy Sanbrooks, COPVPA Secretary
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Zach Johnson, DSC Co-President

**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 6:04 pm.

AGENDA

Add: Material for Item 11.4: K-12 French Immersion in Lake Country

Main 22P-183

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of December 14, 2022 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - November 23, 2022

Main 22P-184

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of November 23, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Celebrating Multiculturalism

Violeta Malfair, Director of Instruction – Settlement Services and International Education, Hugh Alexander, Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School and Julie Loveridge-Marks, International Education/ELL Coordinator, Rutland Senior Secondary School introduced the following students:

Hakem Elesmer, Grade 10 (moved to Canada in 2018)

Shahed Al Yaseen Al Khani, Grade 11 (moved to Canada in 2021)

Mehak Parihar, Grade 12, District Student Council Co-President

Francisco Paco Guarjardo, Grade 11, International student from Mexico

Mika Hruby, Grade 12, International student from Germany

Jean Muraille, Grade 12, International student from Belgium

Lappawat Mahawong, Grade 10, International Graduating student from Thailand

Ms. Loveridge-Marks and the students shared with the Board of Education how they have been celebrating the diversity of cultures in their school community, and how they have been building stronger relationships with their students and families.

Student Reporters for Together We Learn

Justin Schneider, Communications Advisor, and Ava Cudmore, Grade 10 Journalism Student, École Kelowna Secondary School, presented on the work of the Journalism class at École Kelowna Secondary School which recently contributed several stories to Together We Learn, to increase student voice in the publication and provide published journalism experience for the students. The students followed up on assigned stories to find angles, conduct interviews, and contribute final products including photos and videos. One of the highlights was a [story](#) on an École KSS Work Experience Program for students with diversabilities, which featured interviews and a standup by student reporter Ethan Jensen-Page. The published article and script were co-written with Ava Cudmore.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Stephanie Lawton, PAC President at École H.S. Grenda Middle School, spoke of the upcoming board motion to expand French Immersion to George Elliot Secondary School. Ms. Lawton represented many parents in Lake Country with children in French Immersion at École Peter Greer Elementary and École H.S. Grenda Middle School. She advised that there is strong parent support for the motion, with many parents hoping to be able to keep French Immersion in the Lake Country community all the way to Grade 12.

6:35 pm: Meeting recessed

6:37 pm: Meeting resumed

ACTION ITEMS

2022/2023 and 2023/2024 Budget Timeline and Budget Development Principles

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee – November 16, 2022:

Main 22P-185

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 Budget Timeline as presented at the December 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Enrollment Application Dates for 2023/2024 School Year

Staff Recommendation:

Main 22P-186

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The initial enrollment application dates for the 2023/2024 school year be set as January 30, 2023 at 7:00 am through to March 17, 2023;

AND THAT: The closing date of enrollment applications, in order to apply the Board's enrollment application priorities as established in Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), be set as August 31, 2023.

CARRIED

Jordan's Principle Resolutions to Release Funding

Staff Recommendation:

The Deputy Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke to the history of Jordan's Principle. It is named in memory of Jordan River Anderson, a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba, who was born with multiple disabilities. Jordan's Principle ensures that all Indigenous children living in Canada can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them.

Main 22P-187

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) approve the allocation and direct deposit of funding from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) at 1040 Hollywood Road S., Kelowna, British Columbia, V1X 4N2, through banking services at:

**Royal Bank of Canada
510 Bernard Avenue
Kelowna, BC V1Y 7N9**

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) approve Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, to sign the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Master Funding Agreement and amendments on behalf of The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

CARRIED

K-12 French Immersion in Lake Country

Staff Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke to the growing enrollment in French Immersion and the long-term planning needed to provide the program in all four communities that the Central Okanagan School District serves. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO answered queries from Trustees about costs and staffing implications, and any impact to programming for students in the English program.

Main 22P-188

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education establish a French Immersion program at George Elliot Secondary School effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

CARRIED

Property Bylaw No. 158 - Fortis BC Statutory Right-of-Way on Anne McClymont Primary School site

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee - December 7, 2022:

Main 22P-189

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 give first reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 158 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC on Parcel A (DD 136162F and Plan B6398) of Lot 2 District Lot 167 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan 2703, Except Plan EPP49185, known as Anne McClymont Primary School.
CARRIED

Main 22P-190

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 give second reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 158 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC on Parcel A (DD 136162F and Plan B6398) of Lot 2 District Lot 167 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan 2703, Except Plan EPP49185, known as Anne McClymont Primary School.
CARRIED

Main 22P-191

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 give all three readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 158 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC on Parcel A (DD 136162F and Plan B6398) of Lot 2 District Lot 167 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan 2703, Except Plan EPP49185, known as Anne McClymont Primary School, at the December 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 22P-192

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education give third reading and grant approval for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC on Parcel A (DD 136162F and Plan B6398) of Lot 2 District Lot 167 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan 2703, Except Plan EPP49185, known as Anne McClymont Primary School.

CARRIED

Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the District Indigenous Education Council

Deferred from November 23, 2022 Public Board Meeting:

Main 22P-193

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Representatives to the District Indigenous Education Council.

CARRIED

Appointment of Board Representatives to District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies

Deferred from November 23, 2022 Public Board Meeting:

Main 22P-194

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Representatives to District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies.

CARRIED

Appointment of Alternate to BCSTA Provincial Council

Deferred from November 23, 2022 Public Board Meeting:

Main 22P-195

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the alternate Trustee Representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council.

CARRIED

Appointment of Alternate to BCSPEA Representative Council

Deferred from November 23, 2022 Public Board Meeting:

Main 22P-196

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the alternate Trustee Representative to the BCSPEA Representative Council.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

7:04 pm: Trustee Desrosiers and the Deputy Superintendent left the meeting

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – November 23, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

Statement of Financial Information for June 30, 2022 (Draft)

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

A letter has been sent on behalf of the Board of Education to Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding safety issues along Highway 97 and Crystal Waters Road.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Fraser spoke of the last District Student Council meeting and the interesting dialog from students on the topic of washroom access/gender neutral washrooms. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that a report from the Operations Department was in progress and would be brought to the next Planning and Facilities Committee meeting scheduled in February 2023.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2022-11-19 Email from D. Floer re: SOGI
- 2022-11-23 Email from D. Buckna (Oreo Pagus) re: Green Party leader wants mask mandate
- 2022-11-23 Email from L. Taylor re: Democracy on Display
- 2022-11-28 Email from T. Green re: Illness at Casorso Elementary
- 2022-11-29 Email from C. Broughton re: student access to universal washrooms

Sent:

- 2022-11-16 Email reply to C. Gawley re: graduation requirements
- 2022-11-21 Email reply to D. Floer re: SOGI
- 2022-12-09 Letter to R. Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure re: Request to Address Safety Issues along Highway 97

Main 22P-197

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the December 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

- Trustees spoke of their attendance at various school events, including concerts, breakfasts, luncheons and the Webber Road Winter Carnival Reopening.
- The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 6 Year Graduation Rates for all students, Indigenous Students, and Students with Designations. It is a time to celebrate as the following are the highest 6-year graduation rates ever, within the Central Okanagan Public Schools

All students: 96%

Indigenous Students 86%

Students with Designations 79%

- District Student Council Co-President, Zach Johnson, will be participating in the British Columbia Youth Parliament in Victoria at the end of December.
- Due to technical difficulties, the last two Board Meetings have been unable to be broadcast. It is the intention to recommence broadcasting starting with the January 11, 2023 Board Meeting.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCSPEA Annual General Meeting

January 26-27, 2023, Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

February 24-25, 2023, Vancouver

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

March 3-4, 2023, Kelowna

BCSTA AGM

April 27-30, 2023, Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

- ~~Policy Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm~~ *cancelled*
- ~~Planning and Facilities Meeting, 6:00 pm~~ *cancelled*

Wednesday, January 18, 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.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO