



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 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
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
Wynter Oakes, COPVPA Rep
Simon Adams, COPAC President
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Zach Johnson and Mehak Parihar, DSC Co-Presidents

There was no representative from CUPE

**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

Amended: switch the order of Action items 12.1 and 12.2, and defer Recognition item 6.2 to the January 25, 2023 Public Board meeting.

Main 23P-001

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of January 11, 2023 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - December 14, 2022

Main 23P-002

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of December 14, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Learning Technology Services Supporting Equity

In attendance:

- Troy White, District Principal of Learning Technology Services
- Dave Swystun, Manager Learning Technology Services
- Sharon Cairney, Digital Training and Application Coordinator for Software Support
- Grant Hughes, Field Services Coordinator
- Tobias Blaskovits, Teacher Technology Consultant
- Tess Perry, Teacher Technology Consultant

The presentation highlighted and celebrated the Learning Technology Services staff in its support of student equity and excellence in learning.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Board of Education welcomed the following to their new positions:

- Vince Hunter, Principal, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
- Bobbi Hunter, Principal, École Glenrosa Middle School
- Johanne Martinez, Program Delivery Manager, Welcome Centre
- Scott Kocil, Homestay Coordinator, International Education
- Kirsten Nugent, Business Process Manager
- Jason Groetchen, Maintenance Manager, Operations

RECOGNITION

The Board of Education recognized the following volleyball teams for their achievements at the Provincial Volleyball Championships:

École Okanagan Mission Secondary School Senior Girls Volleyball Team - Provincial Champions:

In attendance: Vince Hunter, Principal
 Coaches: Rob Steciuk and Paul Berisoff
 Players: Shea Berisoff, Anna Von Krosigk, Brooke Tombs, Jersey Graves, Kylie Taylor, Mahala Umeris and Tasha Valeriotte

Mount Boucherie Secondary School Senior Girls Volleyball Team - Silver Medalists

In attendance: Scott Sieben, Principal
 Coaches: Shauna King and Jason Elder
 Players: Marija Josipovic, Sarah Henriksen and Hannah Gray

DECLARATION

Family Literacy Week - January 22-29, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares the week of January 22-29, 2023 as Family Literacy Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

6:49 meeting recessed

6:53 meeting resumed

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

- Ms. Linda Dueck spoke about how she would like the 2nd Public Question/Comment Period to remain on the Public Board Meeting Agenda.
- Mr. Simon Adams, COPAC President, made a statement on behalf of COPAC, to request that the Board of Education postpone or deny the motion to eliminate the 2nd Public Question/Comment Period. There has been little time to consider any implications, and they question a motion that would reduce the ability of the public to ask questions and make comments, while understanding that it has been an issue in the past with some members of the public making inappropriate comments.
- Ms. Susan Bauhart, COTA President, spoke on behalf of teachers and gave support to Ms. Dueck and Mr. Adams' requests to keep the 2nd Public Question/Comment Period on the Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Modification of Public Agenda: Removal of 2nd Public Question/Comment Period

Referred from the Coordinating Committee meeting - January 3, 2023

Main 23P-003

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The motion to modify the Agenda for Public Board Meetings of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) to remove the 2nd Public Question/Comment Period be deferred to the next Public Board meeting.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Fraser, Trustee Guderyan, Trustee Geistlinger, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Tiede

Main 23P-004

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Agenda for Public Board Meetings of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) be modified to remove the 2nd Public Question/Comment Period.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Fraser, Trustee Guderyan, Trustee Geistlinger, Trustee Tiede

Modification of Public Agenda: Addition of Trustees Queries/Comments

Referred from the Coordinating Committee meeting - January 3, 2023

Main 23P-005

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for Public Board Meetings of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) be modified to include the item Trustees Queries/Comments.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Linda Dueck had a question about the Achievement Contract that she found on the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) website and asked where an updated version would be located. Ms. Dueck also queried where she could obtain copies of Board correspondence listed on the Public Agenda. District staff provided information on both questions.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

There have been some flooding issues at a few district sites due to the cold weather.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – December 14, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

- 2022-12-09 Letter to Minister R. Singh re: Enrolment Projections/Capacity Pressures (originally sent on Sept. 29/22 to Minister J. Whiteside)
- 2022-12-13 Email from Trustee Geistlinger to C. Caleb Re Questions regarding French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-16 Holiday Greeting December 2022 - Board Chair and Superintendent

Received:

- 2022-12-08 Email from MLA Norm Letnick re: increased school capital funding
- 2022-12-10 Email from D. Lamb re: French Immersion program at George Elliot Secondary School
- 2022-12-10 Email from R. Lamb re: French Immersion Vote for George Elliot Secondary School
- 2022-12-10 Email from J. Sanson re: French immersion at the high school
- 2022-12-10 Email from M. Lawton re: French in GESS
- 2022-12-10 Email from I. Lawton re: French Immersion
- 2022-12-10 Email from S. Krockner re: French Immersion
- 2022-12-10 Email from S. Rottacker re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-11 Email from Jessica T. re: French Immersion in Lake Country
- 2022-12-11 Email from S. Bender-Bell re: French Immersion in Lake Country
- 2022-12-11 Email from C. Lamb re: French Immersion George Elliot Secondary School
- 2022-12-11 Email from R. Racine re: French immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-11 Email from K. MacGregor re: French Immersion
- 2022-12-11 Email from A. Hansen re: French Immersion program at GESS
- 2022-12-11 Email from E. Talbot re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-11 Email from M. Rasmussen re: GESS
- 2022-12-11 Email from E. Allardyce re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-11 Email from C. Nowe re: French Immersion for GESS Lake Country
- 2022-12-12 Letter from Mayor B. Ireland
- 2022-12-12 Email from H. Rieger re: French Immersion program
- 2022-12-12 Email from C. Rieger re: French immersion program at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from D. Petryshyn re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from S. Schumer re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from S. Cherkowski re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from K. Pulfer re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from M. Thurston re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from J. Lee re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from K. Jones McGrath re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from H. Chris re: Board Meeting French Immersion Program
- 2022-12-12 Email from K. & J. Howieson re: Establish French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from S. Yunick re: French Immersion Continuation
- 2022-12-12 Email from C. Harper re: French Immersion Parent
- 2022-12-12 Email from B. Ireland re: French Immersion at GESS

- 2022-12-12 Email from A. Christian re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from M. Black re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from D. Petryshyn re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from J. Gee re: French Immersion for GESS!
- 2022-12-12 Email from M. Thurston re: French Immersion for GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from K. Pulfer re: French Immersion in Lake Country
- 2022-12-12 Email from C. Wall re: French Immersion
- 2022-12-12 Email from H. McLean re: French Immersion and pool
- 2022-12-12 Email from DJ Wombold re: French immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from KR re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from C. Knoch re: French Immersion in Lake Country BC
- 2022-12-12 Email from D. Lamb re: French Immersion
- 2022-12-12 Email from J. Jewels re: GESS French Immersion
- 2022-12-12 Email from C. Ruest re: In Favour of French Immersion Programs at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from S. Block re: In Support of K-12 FI in Lake Country
- 2022-12-12 Letter from Milo re: Keep French Immersion in Lake Country
- 2022-12-12 Email from A. Hayward-Wallace re: Keep French Immersion in Lake Country
- 2022-12-12 Email from I. Hayward re: Keep French Immersion in Lake Country
- 2022-12-12 Email from I. Hayward re: Keep French Immersion in Lake Country!
- 2022-12-12 Letter from Emmett re: Please help us bring French Immersion to GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from J. Lee re: Letter in Support for French Immersion program at GESS starting 2023-2024
- 2022-12-12 Email from C. Caleb re: Questions regarding French Immersion at George Elliot Secondary
- 2022-12-12 Email from S. Schumer re: Request for FI at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from A. Weatherson re: Support for French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-12 Email from Heather re: This weeks board meeting
- 2022-12-12 Email from K. Wright re: "YES" to establish a French Immersion program at GESS starting 2023-2024 school year
- 2022-12-12 Email from J. McNulty re: French Immersion program at George Elliot Secondary School
- 2022-12-13 Email from P. Steinberger re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-13 Email from W. Klassen re: French Immersion for GESS
- 2022-12-13 Email from J. Decker re: French Immersion for GESS

- 2022-12-13 Email from L. Bryant re: Support for French Immersion Program at GESS
- 2022-12-13 Email from M. Lewis re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-13 Email from M. Hazen re: In Favour of French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-13 Email from I. Long re: George Elliot SS, French Immersion
- 2022-12-13 Email from J. Suleiman re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-13 Email from S. Gopal re: French Immersion program at GESS
- 2022-12-13 Email from T. French re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-13 Email from D. French re: Letter to the Board of SD23 - Decision on French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-13 Email from DeWolf Family re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-14 Email from R. Takagi re: French Immersion George Elliot Secondary School
- 2022-12-14 Email from F. St. Pierre re: Please Vote Yes
- 2022-12-14 Email from H. Irvine re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-14 Email from J. Block re: GESS French Immersion
- 2022-12-14 Email from K. Allardyce re: French Immersion Program at George Elliot Secondary
- 2022-12-14 Email from T. Conlin re: French Immersion Program at George Elliot Secondary School
- 2022-12-14 Email from J. Starling re: French Immersion Letter
- 2022-12-14 Email from C. Caleb re: Questions regarding French Immersion
- 2022-12-14 Email from S. Lannin re: French Immersion at GESS
- 2022-12-14 Email from D. Buckna (Oreo Pagus) re: please help provide school desks to children in Malawi

Main 23P-006

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: At the January 11, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

- Mount Boucherie Secondary School has their Dance performance on January 23, 2023 at 6pm at the Rotary Centre for Arts.
- Trustee Guderyan introduced her new daughter Baby Eleanor, the first baby born in the Okanagan for 2023.
- Gratitude was expressed to everyone in the Operations Department for their hard work over the Winter Break dealing with the weather-related incidents at a few facilities.
- The Indigenous Education's Primary Winter Gathering is being held from January 10-13th. It is an opportunity for all grade three Indigenous students to experience Indigenous cultures. During the gathering they will learn about the different styles of dancing, get a chance to drum, play with loose parts (with a focus on natural elements), and hear the retelling of The Four Food Chiefs. The students will have an opportunity to try on regalia and dance to the drumming from local drummer group " Birch Creek", make new friends and learn more about Indigenous culture. Gratitude was expressed to the Deputy Superintendent and Indigenous Education Department for providing this experience for our grade three Indigenous students.
- Online registration for Kindergarten and new students opens at 7:00 am on Monday, January 30, 2023.
- Central Okanagan Public Schools is hosting a French Immersion Kindergarten Informational Session for families interested in learning more about the French Immersion Kindergarten Program. The session will be held by Zoom on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00 pm.
- Basketball Season is underway with three Central Okanagan Public School teams ranked in the top 10 in the province. Two tournaments are being held this month at our secondary schools: the 1st annual Westside Classic Basketball Tournament, hosted by Mount Boucherie Secondary School and the Western Canada Basketball Tournament hosted by École Kelowna Secondary School.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA 29th 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

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

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

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

- General Affairs Committee Meeting 4:00 pm

- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO