



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*arrived at 6:04 pm*)
David Tether, CUPE President
Wynter Oakes, COPVPA - Pro-D Finance Representative
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC President (*arrived at 6:03 pm*)
Zachary Johnson, DSC - Grade 10 at KSS
Mehak Parihar, DSC - Grade 10 at RSS

**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 6:02 pm.

RECOGNITION OF DAY OF MOURNING

A moment of silence was held to commemorate workers who have been killed or injured on the job, or who have suffered illness as a result of their work. The flags at the Operations Department and School Board Office were lowered to half-mast in recognition of today.

6:03 pm: The COPAC President joined the meeting.

6:04 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting.

AGENDA

***Add:** New Central Okanagan Public Schools - "Inside 23" Item 5.2 Kelowna Civic and Community Award Winners - Recognition of Central Okanagan Public Schools Students, Teacher, and Former Trustee*

***Add:** New Agenda Item 6. Declaration and 6.1 Mental Health Week - May 3-9, 2021*

***Amend:** The recommendation in Action Item 11.1 Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2021/2022 Budget Recommendations to read 'as presented at the April 28, 2021 Public Board Meeting.'*

***Amend:** The dates noted in Future Meetings Item 19.2 Board Standing Committee Meetings to read 'May 5, 2021'.*

Main 21P-063

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of April 28, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - April 14, 2021

Main 21P-064

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 14, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

District Students Performances Featured at BCSTA AGM

The 2021 BCSTA Annual General Meeting was held virtually April 15 through to April 18, 2021. As part of the AGM, three Central Okanagan Public Schools videos were featured and shown during the breaks. Two of the videos were shown. The third video was O Canada and the Okanagan Song from Harmony Day 2016.

Rutland Senior Secondary School Company Dance Class

"The Rainbow Project" - Link: https://youtu.be/m7dhPX_5UoQ

In the 2019/2020 school year, Jennifer Skogstad, Dance Teacher at Rutland Senior Secondary School, worked alongside her Company Dance Class during the COVID-19 pandemic, to prepare a dance video. Dance students conducted their dance individually and a video was collated to the song "Rainbows".

OKM Virtual Senior Jazz Band

"Cotton Tail" - Link: <https://youtu.be/HGc3DSaQr5A>

In the 2019/2020 school year, Megan Frederick, Music Director at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, worked on a virtual project with her Senior Jazz Band during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each student recorded their individual pieces at home. The audio was then edited by Ms. Frederick to make a 'virtual' performance. The goal was to learn the new skill of playing/recording to a click track, but most importantly the goal was to keep the students connected making music together. The students performed Duke Ellington's 1940 classic swing tune – Cotton Tail.

Kelowna Civic and Community Award Winners - Recognition of Central Okanagan Public Schools Students, Teacher, and Former Trustee

Participating by Zoom:

Derek Lea, Principal, OKM
Tian Whitehead, Grade 12, OKM
Julius Brooker, Grade 12, OKM
Meghan Faust, Teacher/Coach, OKM

Young Citizen of the Year: Tian Whitehead, Grade 12, OKM

Teen Honour in the Arts Award: Julius Brooker, Grade 12, OKM

Bob Giordano Memorial Award for Coach of the Year: Meghan Faust, Teacher, OKM

Anita Tozer Memorial Award: Rolli Cacchioni (former Trustee)

The Board of Education congratulated all recipients for receiving Kelowna Civic and Community Awards.

DECLARATION

Mental Health Week - May 3-9, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 3-9, 2021 as Mental Health Week in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PRESENTATIONS

Catchment Over Capacity

Presenter: Alena Cockwell, Parent of Incoming Kindergarten Student

Ms. Cockwell presented to the Board the complications she encountered in registering her son for Kindergarten at Mar Jok Elementary School. The Board Chairperson acknowledged the overcrowding issues on the Westside and throughout the School District. The Board of Education welcomes support from parents and the community as the School District advocates for new schools and expansions to current schools. More information on advocacy can be obtained by visiting the School District website: [http://www.sd23.bc.ca/boardadvocacy/Pages/default.aspx#/=](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/boardadvocacy/Pages/default.aspx#/)

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2021/2022 Budget Presentation

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a brief PowerPoint outlining the highlights of the 2021/2022 budget recommendations. The 2021/2022 Annual Budget Bylaw will come to the Board of Education for final approval at the June 23, 2021 Public Board Meeting before submission to the Ministry of Education.

ACTION ITEMS

Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2021/2022 Budget Recommendations

Recommendations of the Finance and Audit Committee - April 21, 2021

Main 21P-065

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO Budget Recommendations, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the April 28, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 21P-066

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education issue a public statement regarding the challenges the Board is faced with in regards to the School District's 2021-2022 Budget.

CARRIED

Trustee Indemnity for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee - April 7, 2021

Main 21P-067

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 0.7% for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 thereby setting the stipend at: Trustee - \$21,802, Vice Chair - \$23,026, Chair - \$24,886.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that he had no emergent issues to report.

Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported that all staff are continuing to do an excellent job reducing transmissions in schools. Although there continues to be exposures, the numbers over the past week have gone down.

The Board Chairperson was pleased to announce that all Central Okanagan Public Schools staff will have the opportunity to receive their vaccine over the next 5 days.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – April 14, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Appointment of Vice-Chair: Second Term (May 14, 2021 - November 10, 2021)

The Board of Education has appointed Trustee Desrosiers as Board Vice-Chairperson until the November 10, 2021 Board of Education Annual General Meeting.

Draft Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed the information.

Public Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Via Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/67139343998>

Strategic Plan Survey II

April 28, 2021 - May 12, 2021

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: COPAC President, April 19, 2021, Invite to Meet with the Board of Education

Main 21P-068

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: At the April 28, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported on the following:

1. Today is **National Administrative Assistants Day**. On behalf of all Administrative Assistants in Central Okanagan Public Schools, a donation was made to the Central Okanagan Community Food Bank.
2. Along with several other classes across the country, a senior Social Studies class at KSS participated in a town hall with the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister today. This was a great opportunity for our students to have a conversation with the Prime Minister and the Deputy Minister about issues that impact youth.

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/District of Lake Country Meeting

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

There were no items for a future agenda.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO