



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 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

Absent: Trustee V. Johnson (*viewing on Zoom*)

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 Nicola Baker, COPAC President & Jeannette Watson, COPAC Vice-President
Scott Sieben, COPVPA President
Mila Kresina & Cadence Quigley, DSC Co-Presidents
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*joined meeting at 6:53 pm*)
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:32 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 6:02 pm.

AGENDA

Add: material for scheduled item 9.1 – 2024 School Opening Report, Part 1

Main 24P-088

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 11, 2024 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Johnson

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 26, 2024

Main 24P-089

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 26, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Johnson

ABSTAINED: Trustee Guderyan

PRESENTATIONS

Indigenous Art Installation

In attendance:

Ryan Mansley - Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Jim Elwood - Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Coralee Miller - Artist, Westbank First Nation

The Board of Education celebrated the unveiling of new Syilx artwork which has been installed in the Board Room at the School Board Office. The artwork is a collaboration between Jim Elwood, Coralee Miller and the students in the Indigenous Visual Arts 12 class at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. Coralee Miller described the cultural teachings reflected in this inspirational piece of art. (Indigenous Visual Arts 12 has been approved by the Ministry of Education and Child Care as meeting the Indigenous course graduation requirement.)

INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of New Staff

The following new staff were welcomed to Central Okanagan Public Schools:

Quincy Kelly - Acting Vice-Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Jessica Ramsey - Vice-Principal, Springvalley Middle School

Introduction of Staff in New Roles

Ryan Mansley - Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Randy Ellis - Vice-Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Melissa Pastinelli - Vice-Principal, Shannon Lake Elementary School
Adam Miller - Vice-Principal, École Glenrosa Middle School
Alex Reid - Vice-Principal, Rutland Middle School
Jasmeet Virk - Principal, Pearson Road Elementary School
Jennifer Hall - Vice-Principal, École George Elliot Secondary School
Luke Campbell - District Principal - Human Resources
Scott Sieben - District Principal of Transitions
Natalia Asmolovskaia - SWIS Program Manager

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:50 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:57 pm.

DECLARATIONS

Truth and Reconciliation Week: September 23-27, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of September 23-27, 2024 as "Truth and Reconciliation Week" in Central Okanagan Public Schools

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared September 30, 2024 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

2024 School Opening Report - Part 1

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 2024 School Opening Report - Part 1. The Report covered the time period of September 3, 2024 through to September 10, 2024 (unless otherwise noted), and provided an update regarding the first days of the school year. A more accurate count of student enrolment will be provided in Part 2 of the School Opening Report at the September 25, 2024 Public Board Meeting, as well as following the September 30, 2024 1701 submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. (The School Opening Report – Part 1 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website – www.sd23.bc.ca.)

Main 24P-090

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education receive the 2024 School Opening Report - Part 1.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Johnson

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser shared that she was excited to be back at the board table so that Trustees can continue to make a positive impact for students, families and staff.

In advance of the Board motion regarding the combination of the Finance and Audit, and Planning and Facilities Committees, the Board Chair reiterated the statement from the June 26, 2024 meeting regarding the combination of the two committees:

The Board of Education has approved a new schedule for future Board and Committee meetings that will place greater focus on committee work and the larger discussions that happen at the committee level.

ACTION ITEMS

Combination of Committees

Main 24P-091

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education combine the Finance and Audit Committee and the Planning and Facilities Committee into one Committee, renamed as the "Finance and Planning" Committee, effective September 1, 2024.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Johnson

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – June 26, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - July 19, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

2024/2025 Meeting Schedule - Public Board Meetings

The Board reviewed the information. A correction was noted on the erroneous duplication of meetings for June, 2025. A corrected schedule is listed on the District's website www.sd23.bc.ca

2024/2025 Meeting Schedule - Standing Committees

The Board reviewed the information.

Board Representation at District Student Council Meetings - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

Board Representation at Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council Meetings - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared that the District, as a fast growing district in the province, has continued to be successful in receiving funding for the pre-fabricated modular classrooms which have been added to schools such as Chief Tomat Elementary and North Glenmore Elementary.

Trustee Fraser shared that BCSTA, as part of their advocacy plan and ongoing commitment to advancing public education in British Columbia, has provided a series of advocacy videos addressing three pivotal issues affecting the public education system. It is important to keep public education front of mind with the provincial election in October.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Guderyan attended the first meeting with the District Student Council on Monday, September 9, 2024. The topics of the meeting included recruitment of students to the committee, and the positive feedback received on the new digital devices restrictions.

Trustee Fraser shared that she and Trustee Desrosiers attended the Indigenous Education Council meeting and learned about the new Ministerial Order and policies relating to Indigenous Education Councils.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2024-07-04 Email from A. Tizel re: KSS Schedule
- 2024-07-08 Email from V. Lewry re: newspaper article
- 2024-07-13 Email from K. Gorman re: Thank You - Canada Day school bands
- 2024-07-17 Email from A. Taylor re: Neighborhood Learning Centre MJE - student of Diverse Needs
- 2024-08-08 Email from C. Cremers re: soccer club bookings - 300+ families affected

Main 24P-092

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the September 11, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Johnson

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and the COPAC President spoke of the following:

- Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including:
 - the first District Student Council, Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) and Indigenous Education Council meetings of the 2024/2025 school year;
 - a special announcement by the Peachland Mayor and Council on the funding for a new childcare center beside Peachland Elementary School;
 - the Canadian School Boards Association Conference in July 2024;
 - the BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Executive Meeting.
- Appreciation was expressed by Trustees and the COPAC President to Operations staff for the many projects which were undertaken over the summer months, and to administrators, teachers and CUPE staff for a successful start to the school year.
- Thank you to everyone for their efforts in getting schools up and running.
- The first Partners for Inclusive Education Meeting for the 2024/2025 school year is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be virtual.
- The importance of advocating for funding for public education, with the upcoming provincial election.
- Congratulations to École Glenmore Elementary School for receiving a \$5,000 grant from Music Counts, a charity that makes music education inclusive, sustainable and accessible for youth across Canada, by providing musical instruments, equipment and resources. The school purchased 24 drums for the more than 600 students in Kindergarten to Grade 6.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2024

November 7-8, 2024

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

October 4-5, 2024

Provincial Council

October 25-26, 2024

Trustee Academy

November 21-23, 2024

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/City of West Kelowna meeting

October 17, 2024

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Annual General Meeting

October 30, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday September 18, 2024

- 4:00 pm: Finance and Planning Committee

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

- 4:00 pm: General Affairs Committee
- 6:00 pm: Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

- 4:00 pm: Finance and Planning Committee Meeting

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO