



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 22, 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: Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE Vice-President
Simon Adams, COPAC President
Jasmine Lemon, COPVPA Executive
Cayden Jensen, DSC Representative

**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 6:01 pm.

AGENDA

Main 23P-017

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of February 22, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - February 8, 2023

Main 23P-018

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 8, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Tiede

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Powderhounds Friday Adaptive Ski School

In attendance:

Randy Horne: Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education

Cori Christensen: Inclusive Education Consultant

Gail Williamson: Director of Powderhounds Adaptive Snowsports, Kelowna and District – People in Motion

The Powderhound's Friday Adaptive Ski School at Big White Ski Resort offers unique skiing, sit skiing and snowboarding opportunities for students in Central Okanagan Public Schools with physical, cognitive, and sensory challenges. Powderhounds has certified volunteer instructors who are trained to use adaptive ski equipment and provide adapted ski instruction. Inclusive Education Services staff facilitate the Powderhounds Friday Adaptive Ski School Program. A student's multi-disciplinary team may include the following: Physical Therapist, Resource Teacher, Vision Resource Teacher, and Hearing Resource Teacher. After students have participated in their single lesson in the Powderhounds Friday Adaptive Ski School Program, families can pursue skiing for their child by registering with People In Motion in conjunction

with the Powderhounds Adaptive Snow Sports Program. Whether the students are Upright Skiers, Sit Skiers, or Snowboarders, the team of Powderhounds volunteers is prepared to “see the ability” and adapt to the student's needs. The Powderhounds Friday Adaptive Ski School Program runs from January through March.

6:30 pm Trustee Guderyan left the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Laurie Bowen: Ms. Bowen had concerns regarding item 11.2 on the Agenda: Equitable Access to Washrooms and asked:

- where did this concern originate, as the minutes indicate it was an outside agency;
- what is the identity of the outside agency and what is their rationale?
- if the matter wasn't raised by students, staff or partner groups why did the committee feel it was necessary to invest time on this issue.

The Chair advised they would take to the Board for consideration.

6:37 pm Trustee Guderyan returned to the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw (Updated)

Recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee - January 18, 2023.

Main 23P-019

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of \$321,910,831.

CARRIED

Main 23P-020

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of \$321,910,831.

CARRIED

Main 23P-021

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of \$321,910,831.

CARRIED

Main 23P-022

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of \$321,910,831 on the 22nd day of February 2023.

CARRIED

Equitable Access to Washrooms

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee - February 1, 2023.

Main 23P-023

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to ensure all schools provide equitable access to washrooms for all students and staff while respecting their privacy and dignity.

CARRIED

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO will provide a follow-up report to the Board of Education.

Three-Year Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2023/2024 through 2025/2026

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee - February 1, 2023.

Main 23P-024

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2023/2024 through 2025/2026, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 22, 2023, Public Board Meeting.

Main 23P-025

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to advocate for additional funding for the Annual Facility Grant.

CARRIED

Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function - Policy 155 - Planning and Facilities Committee

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee - February 1, 2023.

Main 23P-026

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 155 - Planning and Facilities Committee, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the February 22, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Karen Stokes: Ms. Stokes took issue with public comments from Trustee Broughton regarding the issue of the getawake.ca billboard on the Westside and made comments regarding SOGI and what is taught in schools.

Trustee Broughton replied to state that children are not exposed to pornographic material in schools.

Linda Dueck: Ms. Dueck, a grandmother of three students in School District No. 23, asked for an update to her request regarding access to public board correspondence. Ms. Dueck also asked when the Sexual Health Education program is being updated and when it would be available for review.

District staff will provide the information requested.

Lorna Dieleman: Ms. Dieleman, acknowledged Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day. As a grandmother of a student in School District No. 23, she asked whether there are documented statistics on whether the District has been successful on stopping bullying, whether there are student-led initiatives and relationship building programs (i.e., kindness clubs) that keep this effort going all year, and what are the expenses to participate in this day.

District staff will provide the information requested.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser acknowledged Pink Shirt Day and encouraged people of all ages to stand up against bullying in all of its forms.

Trustee Geistlinger queried the process of asbestos removal in schools when it was deemed as necessary.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO advised that this work would always be undertaken outside of regular school hours by a qualified contractor in accordance with provincial regulations. Notification to staff and parents would occur if necessary.

Trustee Geistlinger advised that there is a Sexual Health Education Level 1 Review coming up, which is led by staff. If any students or parents have questions they can email Trustee Geistlinger or Assistant Superintendent Alan Lalonde or come to the Education and Student Services Committee meeting on April 19, 2023.

Trustee Broughton felt it was necessary to respond to Ms. Stokes' earlier comments and wanted to emphasize that transgender and gender-diverse students are real and often not accepted at home. For many, it is up to the child to decide where they feel safe. There is violence against trans kids and the suicide rate is substantially higher unless they have a supportive parent. It is important to educate people on the diversity of humanity. Regarding the concern about Sexual Health taught in schools, a reminder to parents that they can withdraw their child from these lessons.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information, and noted that a correction to the date of Field Study #33 was necessary.

General Statement – February 8, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

02-14-2023 Email from S. Bauhart regarding Westside billboard

Sent:

02-14-2023 Email to S. Bauhart regarding Westside billboard

Main 23P-027

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: at the February 22, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair, Trustees and Deputy Superintendent of Schools spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various Harmony Day events and assemblies, the RCMP/WFN vs Constable Neil Bruce Middle School basketball teams, the École Kelowna Secondary School and Mount Boucherie Secondary School concerts, the First Lego League "Superpowered" Regional Qualifying Tournament and the Springvalley Elementary School Community Student Learning Conversation.
- The annual Boys and Girls Club Okanagan Pink Shirt Day Breakfast returned to in-person and was held the morning of February 22, 2023 at the Laurel Packinghouse. Trustees, senior staff, and students heard from retired NHL player, Aaron Volpatti, who shared his story of perseverance.
- Students and staff throughout the District celebrated the 16th Annual Harmony Day on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion. Guest speaker, Ian Tyson, spoke to an audience of over 1800 grade five students, emphasizing the importance of being grateful, kind and caring to others and building resilience to keep going no matter what obstacles come their way. Recyclable Harmony Day bags were designed by a class of artists at École Kelowna Secondary School and were distributed throughout the District.
- On Friday, February 17, 2023, the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA) and CUPE Local 3523 held their professional development days. The theme of COTA's six-District

Professional Development Conference was "Converting to What Counts" and included a math symposium. CUPE members engaged in a variety of timely and responsive learning options that promote equity and inclusion. The Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA) also participated in professional learning sessions, focusing on learning priorities within the District's Strategic Plan. Recognition to the organizers of all the events was expressed.

- The 2023/2024 Budget Survey is now open to the community for input. Visit the School District website for the link to share your thoughts on the preliminary budget process. The due date for the survey is midnight on March 3, 2023.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Spring Regional Meeting: Thompson Okanagan

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Hollywood Road Education Centre

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Broughton will be attending the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting February 24-25, 2023 in Vancouver.

Main 23P-028

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education direct Trustee Broughton to use his discretion in considering amendments and motions that arise at the BCSTA Provincial Council.
CARRIED

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/MLA Meeting: February 24, 2023

Joint Board/District of Peachland Meeting: March 30, 2023

Joint Board/Westbank First Nations Meeting: April 24, 2023

Joint Board/District of West Kelowna Meeting: May 4, 2023

Joint Board/MPs Meeting: May 23, 2023

Joint Board/District of Lake Country Meeting: May 30, 2023

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

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

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday March 1, 2023

- Policy Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

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

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Follow-up report: Equitable Access to Washrooms.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO