BOARD OF EDUCATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 6:00 pm
School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S
Kelowna, BC

Board of Education:	Trustee L. Tiede 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 Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent Mona Essler, Executive Assistant Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Absent:	*Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO*
Partner Groups	Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*by Zoom)* Teri Wishlow, CUPE President Wynter Oakes, COPVPA Executive Nicola Baker, COPAC President/Simon Adams, COPAC Vice-President Cayden Jensen, DSC Co-President/Mila Kresina, DSC Representative

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

<u>Acting Chair: Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO</u>

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Chair's Report to the Board for 2022/2023

Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede presented the 2022/2023 Chair's Report to the Board. Highlights of the Report included:

- Establishment of a French Immersion Program at École George Elliot Secondary School
- 6 Year Graduation Rate of 96% for all students, 86% for Indigenous students and 79% for students with designations (highest 6 year graduation rates ever within Central Okanagan Public Schools)
- Continue to Zoom (broadcast) Board Meetings
- Approved the new Central Okanagan Public Schools Student Reporting Guidelines (K-12) which are being fully implemented in the 2023/2024 school year
- 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw was adopted in February - $321,910,831
- Set the Transportation Fee for the 2023/2024 school year at $400/year
- Amended various Policies, including Policy 115 – Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings
- Approved the Indigenous Education Preliminary Budget for 2023/2024 Fiscal Year
- Removed the 2nd Public/Question Comment Period from Public Board Meeting Agendas
- Met with The Honourable Rachna Singh (in May) to discuss capital pressures and the opportunities that exist in Central Okanagan Public Schools as we support our community partners by providing new spaces for childcare, and toured École H.S. Grenda Middle School and the Black Mountain Elementary Childcare facility.
- Toured The Honourable Adrian Dix, Health Minister, through Rutland Middle School
- Adopted the 2023/2024 School District No. 23 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 in the amount of $347,647,368.
- Developed a New Policy – Public Interest Disclosure Act
- Advocacy added as a reoccurring item on General Affairs Committee Agendas.
- Board Chairs from across the Province participated in a Provincial Advocacy Day in Victoria on October 19th which brought together Board Chairs and Members of the Legislative Assembly from every party.
- Enrolment in September 2023 increased to 25,386 students
- Approved the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report
- Approved Board of Education Capital Advocacy Plan 2023-2024
- The District hosted the BC Student Leadership Conference from October 19-22, 2023
- Approved the School Community Student Learning Plan summaries.
- Hosted the BCSTA Branch Meeting in March of 2023 at the Coast Capri Hotel and attended a Branch Meeting in Merritt in the Fall
- Responded to wildfires and Provincial State of Emergency

Main 23P-125
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education receive, with thanks, the Chair's Report for 2022/2023.
CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

Appointees:

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, as Acting Chair, appointed as Scrutineers:

Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, as Acting Chair, called for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

Trustee Geistlinger nominated Trustee Tiede.
Trustee Tiede accepted the nomination.

Trustee Desrosiers nominated Trustee Broughton.
Trustee Broughton accepted the nomination.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, as Acting Chair, called for second and third nominations. No further nominations were received.

Trustee Tiede and Trustee Broughton each spoke of their commitment to the position of Chair, if elected, and their hopes for the next term.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, as Acting Chair, called for a vote by ballot of the position of Board Chair.

6:22 pm: The Scrutineers collected the ballot box and left the meeting.
6:23 pm: The Scrutineers returned to the meeting and provided the results of the ballot count to the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, as Acting Chair.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, as Acting Chair, declared Trustee Tiede to be the Board Chair for the period November, 2023 to October, 2024.

Trustee Tiede thanked her fellow Trustees and acknowledged Trustee Broughton. Trustee Tiede, as Chair, continued with the business of the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Board Chair called for nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chair.

Trustee Broughton nominated Trustee Johnson.
Trustee Johnson accepted the nomination.

Trustee Geistlinger nominated Trustee Fraser.
Trustee Fraser accepted the nomination.

The Chair asked for second and third nominations.

Trustee Johnson and Trustee Fraser spoke of their commitment to the position.

The Chair called for a vote by ballot for the position of Board Vice-Chair.

6:33 pm: The Scrutineers collected the ballot box and left the meeting.
6:34 pm: The Scrutineers returned to the meeting and provided the results of the ballot count to the Board Chair.

The Board Chair declared Trustee Fraser to be the Vice-Chair for the period November, 2023 to October, 2024.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main 23P-126
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Agenda for the November 8, 2023 Annual General Meeting be approved as distributed and in accordance with Board Policy 115 - Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings.
CARRIED

BANKING AUTHORIZATION

Main 23P-127
MOVED by Trustee Broughton
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The statutory bank authority forms be duly executed, naming the Chair or alternately the Vice-Chair, jointly with the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO or alternately the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, as signing officers for the Board of Education, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).
CARRIED

AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Main 23P-128
MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers
SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Superintendent of Schools/CEO or the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, in the event of a critical situation that requires expedient action, be authorized to transact financial business for and on behalf of the Board of Education.
CARRIED

CHEQUE SIGNATURE IMAGE

Main 23P-129
MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger
SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The present signature image continue to be used until a new image is prepared.
CARRIED

AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPORARY BORROWING (ANNUAL LINE OF CREDIT)

Main 23P-130
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: In accordance with the provisions of Section 139 of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, authorize the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO to arrange for a borrowing

line and credit of an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 to meet current operating and debt services expenditures, but all money so borrowed shall be repaid not later than six months from the date of borrowing.
CARRIED

ELECTION OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLIES

BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council

The Chair called for nominations for the position of regular representative on the BCSTA Provincial Council.

Trustee Desrosiers nominated Trustee Broughton.
Trustee Broughton accepted the nomination.

Trustee Geistlinger nominated Trustee Fraser.
Trustee Fraser accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for a vote by ballot for the regular representative on the BCSTA Provincial Council.

6:42 pm: The Scrutineers collected the ballot box and left the meeting.
6:43 pm: The Scrutineers returned to the meeting and provided the results of the ballot count to the Chair.

The Chair declared Trustee Fraser to be the regular representative on the BCSTA Provincial Council. Trustee Broughton agreed to be the alternate representative *see note on p. 6

BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative Council

The Chair called for nominations for the position of regular representative on the BC Public School Employers' Association Representative Council.

Trustee Fraser nominated Trustee Desrosiers.
Trustee Desrosiers accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for second and third nominations. No further nominations were received. Trustee Desrosiers was declared by acclamation to be the regular representative on the BCSPEA Representative Council. * see note on p. 6

Trustee Guderyan agreed to be the alternate representative.

* Note: *After further discussion among Trustees later in the meeting, Trustee Desrosiers withdrew her name as the BCPSEA regular representative and it was agreed that Trustee Broughton be appointed as the regular representative on the BCPSEA Representative Council, with Trustee Desrosiers being the alternate representative for BCSTA.*

ELECTION OF BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Education and Student Services

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Education and Student Services Committee.

Trustee Fraser nominated Trustee Guderyan.
Trustee Guderyan accepted the nomination.

Trustee Broughton nominated Trustee Johnson.
Trustee Johnson accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for a vote by ballot for the position of Chair of the Education and Student Services Committee.

6:49 pm: The Scrutineers collected the ballot box and left the meeting.
6:50 pm: The Scrutineers returned to the meeting and provided the results of the ballot count to the Chair.

The Chair declared Trustee Guderyan to be the Chair of the Education and Student Services Committee.

Finance and Audit

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Trustee Johnson nominated Trustee Broughton.
Trustee Broughton accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for second and third nominations. No further nominations were received.

Trustee Broughton was declared by acclamation to be the Finance and Audit Committee Chair.

<u>Planning and Facilities</u>

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Planning and Facilities Services Committee.

> Trustee Guderyan nominated Trustee Fraser.
> Trustee Fraser accepted the nomination.
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> Trustee Johnson nominated Trustee Desrosiers.
> Trustee Desrosiers accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for a vote by ballot for the position of Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee.

6:56 pm: The Scrutineers collected the ballot box and left the meeting.
6:57 pm: The Scrutineers returned to the meeting and provided the results of the ballot count to the Chair.

The Chair declared Trustee Fraser to be the Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee.

<u>Policy</u>

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Policy Committee.

> Trustee Fraser nominated Trustee Geistlinger.
> Trustee Geistlinger accepted the nomination.
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> Trustee Desrosiers nominated Trustee Johnson.
> Trustee Johnson accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for a vote by ballot for the position of Chair of the Policy Committee.

7:00 pm: The Scrutineers collected the ballot box and left the meeting.
7:01pm: The Scrutineers returned to the meeting and provided the results of the ballot count to the Chair.

The Chair declared Trustee Geistlinger to be the Chair of the Policy Committee.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS
Trustees reflected on the past year and spoke of their commitment to the Board of Education. Trustees thanked educators, students, district staff and the community for the opportunity to serve.

SETTING REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Main 23P-131
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: For the period of November, 2023 to October, 2024, regular Public Board Meetings be conducted on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month commencing at 6:00 p.m., with the exception of July and August, and with the exception of the fourth Wednesday in December and March;

AND THAT: For the period of November, 2023 to October, 2024, regular Incamera Board Meetings be conducted on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month commencing at 3:30 p.m., with the exception of July and August, and with the exception of the fourth Wednesday in December and March.
CARRIED

SETTING REGULAR BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE DATES AND TIMES

Main 23P-132
MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers
SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: Board Standing Committee meetings be held according to the schedule attached to the agenda, subject to review by the Standing Committee Chairperson.
CARRIED

DESTROYING OF THE BALLOTS

Main 23P-133
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The ballots of the Annual General Meeting of November 8, 2023 be destroyed.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO