



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser (*left at 8:07 pm*)
Trustee L. Tiede

Absent: Trustee A. Geistlinger

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
Shelley Yost, CUPE Clerical/Library Assistant Shop Steward
Derek Lea, COPVPA Contract Advisory Chair
Mehak Parihar, DSC - Grade 10 at RSS
There was no representative from the COPAC.

**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.

The Board Chair, on behalf of the Board of Education, provided the following statements:

On behalf of the Board of Education, we offer our condolences to the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation on whose land the mass grave of 215 children was confirmed, at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. We also extend our condolences to all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Elders, children, parents, and community members who continue to endure the hurt, oppression, and intergenerational trauma from Canada's forced residential schooling for Indigenous children.

We also acknowledge that discrimination towards and mistreatment of Canada's Indigenous people continues to this day.

From 1870-1998, over 150,000 Indigenous children were taken from their families and forced to live at schools established by the federal government. Last week's news is a heartbreaking reminder that many of the Indigenous children who suffered in the residential school system never returned to their homes and families.

Boards of Education need to be prepared to support local Indigenous communities in this time of grief and sorrow. The District is firmly committed to Truth and Reconciliation and dedicates itself to correcting miseducation and restoring positive and respectful relationships with Indigenous Peoples through our leadership and advocacy.

The District's commitment to action is reflected in the Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation Agreement. We have been given the opportunity to correct the wrongs of the past and present and we will continue this effort in the days, weeks and years to come.

I also wish to speak of the hateful and shocking event which took place in London, Ontario.

Three generations of a loving family, out for a walk together, were mown down just because they were Muslim.

If we were meeting tonight in the School Board Office, just down the hall from us would be our Welcome Centre. It is there that we welcome immigrant and refugee families to our school district. A few years ago, we invited a Syrian refugee family to attend a Board meeting. We pledged our support to them and they expressed their happiness at being here. I wonder how they are feeling now.

There is no place, anywhere on this planet, for hatred or discrimination of a group of people because of their race, gender, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, age or abilities.

We send our condolences to the family and friends of those slain, and to the people of London, and we send special good wishes to the young boy who survived but has to deal with the loss of his family in one senseless act of hatred.

AGENDA

Main 21P-086

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of June 9, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - May 26, 2021

Main 21P-087

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 26, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Kelowna Art Gallery Digital Catalogue

Since April 17, 2021, the Kelowna Art Gallery has been featuring "Bright New World" which highlights artworks by young artists from across the Okanagan and marks the 35th anniversary of the annual Art in Action student exhibition. The exhibit runs through to June 13, 2021. For this year's presentation, students were encouraged to explore a brighter future and consider the ways in which they can manifest positive change on a local or global scale. Bright New World features 139 student artworks from classes led by 23 different art teachers across 9 schools. The artwork spans various mediums including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and digital media. A digital catalogue has been prepared and is available for viewing on the Kelowna Art Gallery website.

The following video introduction of the exhibition was shown:

<https://kelownaartgallery.com/bright-new-world/>

RECOGNITION

Paul Thiessen, Teacher at Okanagan Mission Secondary, Recipient of BC School Sports Merit Award for 2020-2021

Participating by Zoom from Okanagan Mission Secondary School:

Derek Lea, Principal

Paul Thiessen, Teacher

The Board of Education congratulated Paul Thiessen, Teacher at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, for recently receiving the BC School Sports Merit Award for 2020-2021. Mr. Thiessen is a long-time coach, athletic director and volunteer with School Sports at both the school and community levels. He has been the president of the local Okanagan Central Schools Athletic Association for the past six years and has coached numerous teams (often at the same time) for over 30 years.

École Kelowna Secondary School Okanagan 12 Language Class - Winners and Grand Champions of the 2021 Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack National Indigenous Health Contest

Participating by Zoom from École Kelowna Secondary School:

Troy White, Principal
Tyler Ernst, Indigenous Language and Leadership Teacher
Rob Bennett, Indigenous Academy Teacher

Students: Taylor Dumaesq, Grade 12 (winning artist)
Talis Scott, Grade 11
Angel Ceal, Grade 11
Nicole Spletzer, Grade 12
Camille Arellano, Grade 11

The Board of Education congratulated the École Kelowna Secondary School Okanagan 12 Language Class for winning the 2021 Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack National Indigenous Health Contest with their reflections on balancing studies and stresses while remaining healthy. The class explored how to create balance among the physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional aspects of life with equal importance. The Board of Education also congratulated Grade 12 students Julia Wilson and Taylor Dumaesq for placing in the top three for their contest submissions.

École Kelowna Secondary School Administrative Staff

Participating by Zoom from École Kelowna Secondary School:

Troy White, Principal
Robbie Franklin, Vice-Principal
Christey Hughes, Vice-Principal
Ryan Mansley, Vice-Principal

The Board of Education commended the KSS Administrative Staff for their leadership and support of students and staff through the recent tragic loss of three Grade 12 students. Troy White, Principal, praised the members of the District's Post Critical Incident Response Team (PCIRT) led by Alan Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent, and Sherri McKinnon, District Principal - Learning Support Services. The KSS Administrative Team recognized the support of everyone at the school and by the community.

DECLARATION

National Indigenous History Month - June and National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education recognized that June is National Indigenous History Month and declared June 21, 2021 as 'Indigenous Peoples Day' in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Indigenous History Month is held in June to recognize the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. To learn more about inspiring Indigenous peoples who have helped shape Canadian history, visit the Government of Canada's website:

This June 21, 2021 is the National 25th anniversary of celebrating the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Strategic Plan

Staff Recommendation

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the Strategic Directions for the Strategic Plan is the first part of the District's Strategic Plan. The development of success indicators will be created in the Fall of 2021 and will come forward to the Board of Education for approval. The new Strategic Plan will assist in refining the 2022-2023 budget process.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO also stated that the Strategic Plan, aligned with the District's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, serves to focus the District's work on the Board of Education's priorities and supports the District's Mission, Vision and Overarching Goal.

Main 21P-088

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Strategic Directions for the Strategic Plan 2021-2026, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 9, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Long Term Facilities Plan

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee - June 2, 2021

Trustee Desrosiers, Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, stated that the Planning and Facilities Committee removed the statements made regarding the educational research related to single track French Immersion Schools that was previously on page 13 of the document. The recommendations, actions, and timelines serve as a road map for future consultation and Board decisions. The Board will consider each recommendation as they become pertinent.

Main 21P-089

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Long Term Facilities Plan, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 9, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Secondary French Immersion Program on the Westside

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee - June 2, 2021

Main 21P-090

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: Public consultation occur in the Fall of 2021 as to whether a Secondary French Immersion program be offered on an interim basis at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, effective the 2023-24 school year, with a permanent location for the program in West Kelowna to be determined upon completion of a second secondary school in West Kelowna.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

2021/2022 CommunityLINK Allocations

Recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee - May 19, 2021

Main 21P-091

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the recommended CommunityLINK Allocations for 2021/2022, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 9, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposals - Indigenous Leadership 10, 11 and 12

Recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee - May 19, 2021

Main 21P-092

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Indigenous Leadership 10 (Indigenous Education Department), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 9, 2021 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Indigenous Leadership 11 (Indigenous Education Department), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 9, 2021 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Indigenous Leadership 12 (Indigenous Education Department), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 9, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Proposal for Substantive Change - District Land-Based Learning Academy for Indigenous Middle School Students

Recommendation from the Education and Student Services Committee - May 19, 2021

Main 21P-093

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change - District Land-Based Learning Academy for Indigenous Middle School Students, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 9, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Wayne Broughton: Mr. Broughton submitted concerns over the data-gathering process for the RCMP School Resource Officers report included in the agenda package.

The Board Chair and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO responded accordingly.

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 provided the following COVID-19 Update:

- The number of exposures continues to decline.
- With a number of unsanctioned Grad events taking place in the community, there may be an increase in the community exposures.
- Interior Health has set up a community vaccination site at Rutland Senior Secondary School for families in the Rutland area. Interior Health is encouraging families to attend.
- Second dose vaccinations are currently underway.
- There is an expectation that there will be an announcement within the next week from the Ministry of Education outlining the Restart Plan for next year.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – May 26, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Grant Thornton Report to Finance and Audit Committee - Initial Communication on Audit Planning for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Referred from the Finance and Audit Committee - May 19, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Update - International Education Program

Referred by the Finance and Audit Committee - May 19, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

RCMP School Resource Officers

Al Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent, shared that empathy interviews were conducted regarding RCMP School Resource Officers in schools and the feedback received will be used to enhance the partnership with the RCMP. The report reflects both student and parent voices.

8:07 pm: Trustee Fraser left the meeting.

Al Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent, clarified which questions the students and parents who participated in the empathy interviews were asked and responded to questions.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the RCMP School Resource Officers report is a living document and the District will seek further information going forward to improve upon the program.

ADVOCACY

Revised Postcards - Rutland Middle School Replacement and Glenmore Secondary School Project

The revised postcards prepared for the advocacy of the Rutland Middle School Replacement and Glenmore Secondary School projects were reviewed.

It was confirmed that Parent Advisory Councils are welcome to provide the postcards to their parent communities.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

All Staff, May 21, 2021, News Release - Board of Education to Decide on Long Term Solution to Westside Capacity Issues

Letter to Westside Families, May 21, 2021, Reopening of Webber Road Elementary and Repurpose of École George Pringle Elementary

Response to L Barski, May 24, 2021, Letter to Families - École George Pringle Elementary

Letter to Westside Families, May 27, 2021, Repurposing of École George Pringle Elementary for New Secondary School

Responses to A. Gorman, May 29, 2021, Land Acquisition Criteria

Response to K. Doyle, May 30, 2021, École George Pringle Elementary

Response to COTA, May 31, 2021, Honouring Those Who Have Passed

All Staff, May 31, 2021, News Release - Kamloops Residential School Statement

Responses to U. Malhotra, June 1, 2021, Quote and BIPOC Board Members

Received:

R. Rolke, May 21, 2021, Proposal to Demolish George Pringle School and Construct New Secondary School on Site

L. Barskis, May 24, 2021, Re Letter to Families - École George Pringle Elementary School

U. Malhotra, May 24, 2021, Discriminatory Action Against French Immersion Families

K. Doyle, May 28, 2021, École George Pringle Elementary School

M. Drosdovech, May 29, 2021, Student Vaccinations

A. Gorman, May 29-31, 2021, Land Acquisition Criteria

COTA, May 30, 2021, Honouring Those Who Have Passed

K. Page, May 30, 2021, Vaccination Peer Pressure

K. Pritchard, May 30, 2021, Letter to Students for Albert de Villiers

M. Banman, May 30, 2021, My Children Need Your Support

B. Taylor, May 31, 2021, Serious Concerns - Marketing Campaign with Immunize BC

C. Graham, May 31, 2021, Dodging Parental Consent

C. Hoyer, May 31, 2021, Immunization Marketing Campaign

K. Ross, May 31, 2021, Response to the Tragedy in Kamloops

M. Mann, May 31, 2021, SD23 Vaccine Letter

T. Hay, May 31, 2021, Concern Regarding SD23 Email
U. Malhotra, May 31-June 1, 2021, Quote and BIPOC Board Members
G. Lacerte, June 1, 2021, A Concerned Citizen
J. Bartlett, June 1, 2021, COVID-19 Letter to Students
Owen Family, June 1, 2021, Vaccine Letter to Students 12 and over
S. Bourassa, June 1, 2021, Medical Apartheid Marketing Campaign
S. Price, June 1, 2021, MHO Memo sent by SD23
A. Leach, June 2, 2021, Covid Rules at Schools - Specifically SD23
L. Edwards, June 2, 2021, Messages from Chief MHO - Vaccine Invitation

Main 21P-094

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers
SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: At the June 9, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustees Fraser and Geistlinger

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

- A Trustee spoke of a family receiving one of the planter boxes prepared by Central School students to bring a little smile and color to people's lives and the positive effect it had on them.

The Board Chair and Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- The Board of Education will be providing a Letter of Support for the Chefs in the Classroom grant application to the Central Okanagan Foundation-Kiwanis Legacy Fund.
- The walk across the stage for the **2021 Graduates** of Kelowna Secondary, Rutland Senior Secondary, Mount Boucherie Secondary and George Elliot Secondary all took place over the past week. Okanagan Mission Secondary, Central Schools and eSchool23 will be having their ceremonies between June 17-19, 2021. Also, Indigenous Graduation ceremonies will be taking place over the next two weeks.
- A reminder that the **School Trustee By-Election** advanced voting days take place on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 and Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at Hollywood Road Education Services. General voting day is on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Rutland Senior Secondary, Okanagan Mission Secondary, École Dr. Knox Middle and École Kelowna Secondary from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- Gratitude was expressed to the **Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS)** for their support for our graduates over the years. This year 610 graduates applied for 550 awards which were available for a total donation of \$489,180.

- The students, staff and community of **Okanagan Mission Secondary** recently held their **2021 Relay for Life** organized by their Leadership Program. With approximately 100 students and staff participating on over 15 teams, they raised \$23,897.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South (TBC)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 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 8:28 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO