



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021, 6:00 pm
School Board Office (must pre-register) or Zoom (for public observation)
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee W. Broughton
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
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President (via Zoom)
Teri Wishlow, CUPE Vice-President
Jennifer Adamson, COPVPA Elementary Liaison
Simon Adams, COPAC President
Zach Johnson, DSC - Grade 11 at KSS

**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

Main 21P-172

MOVED by Trustee Broughton
SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of November 24, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - November 10, 2021

Main 21P-173

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of November 10, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Leading Indigenous Learning Series

In attendance from Rutland Elementary School:

Gord Kirsch, Principal

Kate Knox, Teacher

Hilde Dietzel, Teacher

Rutland Elementary School teachers Kate Knox and Hilde Dietzel shared their collaboration with their students to keep students at the center of their learning. Two videos were shown "Following the Voices of our Students" and "Listening to our Students: Letting their voices guide us" which made their thinking and learning visible.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introduction of Kaitlyn Weger, Temporary Human Resources Advisor

Bob McEwen, Executive Director of Human Resources, introduced Kaitlyn Weger who has joined the Human Resources Department as a Temporary Human Resources Advisor. The Board of Education welcomed Kaitlyn to the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Recognition: Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame 2021 Inductees (former Trustee/employee/students of Central Okanagan Public Schools)

The Board of Education congratulated the following on their induction into the Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame (who have connections to the Central Okanagan Public Schools):

- The late Rolli Cacchioni – Bennett Award for Special Recognition (former teacher, administrator, and Trustee)
- Scott Frandsen – Athlete Category (former student)
- Dorothy Schwaiger Jantzen – Athlete Category (former student)
- 1993 Kelowna Spartans – Team Category (team members were former students)

The virtual celebration to honour all inductees was held on Thursday, November 18, 2021. Links to the ceremony are available on all Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame and Kelowna Museums social media platforms, and the Kelowna Museums website.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

2021 Chair's Report to the Board

Trustee Moyra Baxter presented the 2021 Chair's Report to the Board. The Report is posted on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website (www.sd23.bc.ca) under Documents & Publications.

Main 21P-174

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive, with thanks, the 2021 Chair's Report to the Board.
CARRIED

Appointment of Board Standing Committee Trustee Representatives

Main 21P-175

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Representatives to Board Standing Committees, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 24, 2021 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the Indigenous Education Council

Main 21P-176

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education appoint Trustee Bowman and Trustee Desrosiers as representatives to the Indigenous Education Council and Trustee Fraser as the alternate representative to the Indigenous Education Council.
CARRIED

Appointment of Board Representatives to District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies

The Board discussed Board representatives for each District Committee and determined the following:

District Early Years Partnership Committee

Trustee Geistlinger (alternate: Trustee Tiede)

Public Education Awareness Committee

Trustee Broughton (alternate: Trustee Baxter)

District Health Promoting Schools Committee

Trustee Fraser (alternate: Trustee Bowman)

District Human Rights Committee

Trustee Bowman (alternate: Trustee Broughton)

District Safe Schools Committee

Trustee Tiede (alternate: Trustee Geistlinger)

Main 21P-177

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Representatives to the District Committees as presented at the November 24, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 21P-178

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education appoint Trustee Geistlinger as the representative and Trustee Desrosiers as the alternate to the Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership;

AND THAT: The Board of Education appoint Trustee Baxter and Trustee Desrosiers to the West Kelowna Traffic Safety Committee.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Heidi LeBlanc: Ms. LeBlanc expressed concerns of the long-term affects the vaccine may have on children. Ms. LeBlanc referred to a flier providing information on the vaccine which would aid parents in making the decision on providing the vaccine to their children and requested the opportunity to distribute the information. At the request of the Board Chair, Ms. LeBlanc left copies of the flier.

Justin Enns: Mr. Enns expressed his concerns on the benefits of a vaccine mandate. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised Mr. Enns to express his concerns to his union executive.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported the following emergent item:

- Due to the flooding and subsequent evacuation of homes in School District No. 58 (Merritt), fifty-eight families have temporarily relocated to Kelowna and area. Of these fifty-eight families, twenty-five have requested support of food, water and clothing. Schools responded by contributing cash, clothing, food and other sundry items for these displaced families. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO expressed his appreciation to schools and their communities for their response to these families in need.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – November 10, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes - November 10, 2021

The November 10, 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes will be approved at the November 9, 2022 Inaugural Meeting.

Board Policy and Regulations 631 - School Closures/Consolidation

In accordance with the requirements of Board Policy and Regulations 631 – School Closures/Consolidation, the Board of Education was advised that there are no school closures recommended for the 2022/2023 school year.

Board Policy and Regulations 632 - School Reconfigurations

In accordance with the requirements of Board Policy and Regulations 632 – School Reconfigurations, the Board of Education was advised that there may be grade reconfigurations or catchment changes for the 2022/2023 school year. Final recommendations will be presented to the Planning and Facilities Committee on January 5, 2022 and a final decision by the Board of Education is expected on January 26, 2022.

Considerations for Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Reopening Review

The Board of Education was provided with the three options for consideration and Board and community feedback.

Considerations for Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review

The considerations for the French Immersion Program and school catchments on the Westside were provided to the Board of Education.

Revised Board Standing Committee Dates November 2021 to November 2022

The Board reviewed the information. The revised Board Standing Committee Dates will be posted on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website (www.sd23.bc.ca) under Board of Education.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

There were no Board/District Committee queries/comments or reports.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received:

November 4, 2021

D. Reynolds, Vaccine Mandate, please
L. Park, COVID-19 vaccine mandate
M. Styles, Opposition to a possible vaccine mandate
R. Robinson, Understanding propaganda today

November 5, 2021

C. Kuyvenhoven, Vaccine mandate
C. Smith, Mandates
Dr. E. LeBel, Letter from scientist against mandatory COVID vaccination
F. Sousa, Mandatory vaccination
J. Tremblay, Employee appreciate freedom of choice
T. Vincent, CBC: British Columbia, Vancouver, Abbotsford, Surrey, New Westminster Boards of Education confirm vaccines for staff won't be mandatory

November 6, 2021

K. Hardy-Guarducci, Employee impact statement
S. Heimsoth, Official Notice of Liability

November 7, 2021

D. Elliot, Vaccination of children
E. Smith, No to the mandate
L. Nearing, Cease and Desist orders from employees to employers

November 8, 2021

C. Bombaek, Vaccine mandate
C. Smith, Vaccine mandate
D. Pagdin, Vaccine mandates
Dr. J. Zwaagstra, Vaccine mandates in BC schools
Dr. N. Belland, Vaccine mandate
J. O'Sullivan, Cease & Desist Notice on mandatory vaccinations of teachers

K. Hardy-Guarducci, Final thoughts
K. Mertes, Mandatory vaccinations
L. Bell, More research
M. Matthews, Let it be their choice
M. Rentke, Vaccine mandate
R. Schnitzer, No vaccines for children
T. Arnall, Very concerned
T. McWilliam, Vaccine mandates

November 9, 2021

A. Knight, Cease & Desist Notice on Mandatory Vaccinations of Teachers
A. Knight, Letter from scientist against mandatory COVID Vaccination
A. Knight, vaccination
A. Knight, Vaccine mandates in BC schools
Anonymous, Concerns with potential vaccine mandate
B. Knechtel, Please support before and after school childcare
B. Witt, No to mandatory vaccinations
C. Henders, Please vote no to vaccine mandates
C. Ross, District 23 Vax mandate
Dr. C. Isidoro, Vaccination mandate for school employees
E. and T. Jabs, Vaccine mandate
E. Erickson, Vaccine mandate decision on November 10, 2021
G. Haas, Vaccine mandate
G. Konechny, Please support before and after school childcare
G. Wowchuk, A forward in case you haven't seen yet
H. Champagne, Vaccine mandate decision on November 10, 2021
J. Puetz, Please vote no to potential mandates
J. Schouten, Declaration of Principle
J. Williams, Notice of Liability
K. Champagne, School Board vaccine mandate decisions
K. McKinnon, Mandates
K. Rayne, Vaccine policy
K. Schuster, Chilliwack School Board rejects mandate
L. Banman, Vaccine mandates
L. Butler, SD23 vote
L. Dueck, Fundamental characteristics of effective trustees
L. Honce, Vaccine mandates
N. Cabrejos, Please support before and after school childcare
R. Marolla, Please support before and after school childcare
S. Barclay, Vaccine mandate vote for SD23

November 10, 2021

A. Wiens, Vaxx mandates and freedom to choose
Anonymous, Mandating vaccination for teachers
B. Bodill, Consideration of vaccine mandate for school staff
C. White, COVID mandate
Dr. R. Kilian, Open letter regarding vaccine mandate policy decision
G. Onysko, Vote today for mandating vaccination
H. LeBlanc, Vaccine Notice of Liability Minor-Concerned Citizen
J. Steele, Mar Jok School Closure
N. Viejou, Today's vote
R. Wiebe, Vaccine mandate decision

November 11, 2021

D. Ozeroff, Gene Therapy Mandates
D. Ozeroff, More information
D. Ozeroff, More scientific studies
K. Mertes, Castanet Article (received 112 times)
K. Mertes, Quick vote to implement vaccination status tracker for the school staff (received 6 times)

November 13, 2021

C. Duncan, Education not vaccination
L. Schwab, Mandatory covid vaccine
S. French, Thanks, school safety and recreation amendment

November 16, 2021

D. Ozeroff, Mandates
L. Bell, Tweet from BBC News (UK)

Main 21P-179

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the November 24, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Trustees spoke of their attendance at the Public Engagement Session on Monday, November 23, 2021 at Okanagan Mission Secondary School on the Okanagan Mission Catchment Area Review, and the Public Engagement Session on Tuesday, November 24, 2021 at Mount Boucherie Secondary School on the Westside Catchment and French Immersion Review.
- On Tuesday, November 23, 2021 COPAC co-sponsored an opportunity for parents and caregivers to hear Dr. Katharine Smart (President of the Canadian Mental Health Association and pediatrician) provide insights on COVID-19 and vaccinations for 5-11-year-old children.
- The Canadian Cancer Society sent a letter of appreciation to the Superintendent's Office for the amount raised by Okanagan Mission Secondary School through their Relay for Life event - \$24,829.40. Events like the Relay for Life build school spirit and show those on their cancer journey that they are not alone. Congratulations to the students, staff and community of Okanagan Mission Secondary.
- Congratulations to two local teachers, Megan Frederick, Band teacher at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, and James Strachan, Physics and Engineering teacher at École Kelowna Secondary School, recipients of Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence. Megan received the National Certificate of Excellence and James the National Certificate of Achievement. Megan and James will be recognized at a future Public Board Meeting.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA 28th Annual General Meeting

January 27-28, 2022

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Trustee Academy

December 2-4, 2021

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

March 4-5, 2022

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/MLAs Meeting

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Joint Board/Westbank First Nation Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Joint Board/District Student Council Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2022

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, **December 15**, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

General Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting - **CANCELLED**

~~Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South~~

The next Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO