



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 12, 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: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools

Partner Groups: Teri Wishlow, CUPE President
Jeremy Sanbrooks, COPVPA Secretary
Simon Adams, COPAC President

There were no representatives from COTA or District Student Council

**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 6:03 pm.

AGENDA

Move Item 13, Trustee Queries/Comments to follow Item 11, Public Question/Comment Period.

Main 23P-042

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of April 12, 2023 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - March 8, 2023

On page 8, the board correspondence was inadvertently not listed.

*Add: **Sent:***

- *2023-02-22: Letter to Hon. R. Singh advocating for ongoing funding of Student and Family Affordability Fund*
- *2023-03-01: Letter to Hon. R. Singh advocating for additional Annual Facility Grant Funding*

Received:

- *2023-02-22 Email from B. Gotte re: zoom meeting*
- *2023-02-28 Email from S. Kootnekoff re: Child hit by bus*

Main 23P-043

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

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

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

École Glenrosa Middle School and Constable Neil Bruce Middle School Visit to Chubu University Haruhigaoka Middle/Secondary School, Kasugai Japan

In attendance:

Bobbi Hunter, Principal, École Glenrosa Middle School
Elise Saraceni, Principal, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
Stephanie Read, Vice-Principal, École Glenrosa Middle School

Students:

Maddox Timm – Grade 8, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
Georgia Andrews – Grade 8, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
Paloma Robinson – Grade 9, École Glenrosa Middle School
Lewis Shea – Grade 9, École Glenrosa Middle School

Ken Fix – President, Kelowna Kasugai Sister City Association

Two students from Constable Neil Bruce Middle School and two students from École Glenrosa Middle School were fortunate to be chosen from numerous applicants for a scholarship to visit their sister school in Kasugai, Japan. The students were accompanied by the Vice-Principal of École Glenrosa Middle School, Stephanie Read, and got to experience life as a student at Haruhigaoka Junior High School for a week in March. They received a tremendous welcome upon arrival and were given many opportunities to experience the culture, traditions, and foods from Japan, along with spending time engaging in activities and getting to know students and staff. It was an amazing opportunity they will not soon forget and are tremendously grateful for the experience.

Creating a Caring and Connected Community in Numeracy

In attendance:

Teachers:

Jenn Davis, Teacher, Mar Jok Elementary School
Robbi Martens, Teacher, Rose Valley Elementary School
Marnie Birkeland, Teacher, Instructional Leadership Team

Students:

Sophie Coleman - Grade 1, Rose Valley Elementary School
Nixon Rose - Grade 5, Mar Jok Elementary School
Declan Nolt - Grade 5, Mar Jok Elementary School

How can we nurture a community of confident mathematicians who love to puzzle together? The presentation from the students and teachers centered around the creating of learning conditions that promote learner agency within a community of perseverance and collaboration.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 7:10 pm.

The meeting resumed at 7:16 pm.

DECLARATION

National Volunteer Week - April 16 - 22, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 16-22, 2023 as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Day of Mourning - April 28, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 28, 2023 as a Day of Mourning in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Flags will be lowered to half mast to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Geistlinger asked District staff for clarification on criminal records checks for employees.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that all employees, Trustees and volunteers are required to complete a criminal records check.

ACTION ITEMS

Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function: Policy 168 - Policy Committee

Recommendation from the Policy Committee - March 1, 2023.

Main 23P-044

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 168 - Policy Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the April 12, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 115 - Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings

Recommendation from the Policy Committee - March 1, 2023.

Main 23P-045

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 115 - Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the April 12, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment 23P-046

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: the word 'absolute' be added in front of the word majority:

Section 2.4 election of the Chair;

(For the election of the Chair, the majority vote process will be used.)

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Main 23P-047

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: the amendments to Policy 115 be referred back to the Policy Committee for further discussion regarding section 2.4 and the word 'majority'.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Geistlinger

Amendments to Policy 631 - School Closures/Consolidation and Regulations 631R - School Closures/Consolidation (Regulations)

Recommendation from the Policy Committee - March 1, 2023.

Main 23P-048

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 631 - School Closures/Consolidation and Regulations 631R - School Closures/Consolidation (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the April 12, 2023 Public Board meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 632 - School Reconfigurations and Regulations 632R - School Reconfigurations (Regulations)

Recommendation from the Policy Committee - March 1, 2023.

Main 23P-049

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 632 - School Reconfigurations and Regulations 632R - School Reconfigurations (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the April 12, 2023 Public Board meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 387 - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Recommendation from the Policy Committee - March 1, 2023.

Main 23P-050

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 387 - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the April 12, 2023 Public Board meeting.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – March 1, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - March 8, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Guderyan advised she had participated in an excellent Health Promoting Schools presentation by UBCO nursing students who visit elementary schools to teach about hygiene. She also advised that teaching 'consent' is being added to the curriculum.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: • 2023-03-01 Letter to Hon. R. Singh re: Additional Annual Facility Grant Funding

Received:

- 2023-03-05 Email from W. Turner re: Request to denounce Anti SOGI-123 Messaging
- 2023-03-07 Letter from Hon. R. Singh re: Student and Family Affordability Fund
- 2023-03-09 Email from Laurie Bowen re: Separation of Church and State
- 2023-03-09 Letter from District Student Council re: Board of Education Decision to suspend second public comment period
- 2023-03-10 Email from M. Robinson re: Difficulty with public comments
- 2023-03-22 Email from Lytton Brown regarding return from break

Main 23P-051

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the April 12, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Attendance at the Gateway Graduation on Friday, March 17th, 2023, the Multicultural Expo at Rutland Senior Secondary and regional training offered through BCPSEA.
- The Board Chair, Superintendent of Schools/CEO, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and Director of Operations recently toured The Honourable Adrian Dix, Health Minister, who is a member of the Treasury Board, around Rutland Middle School. The meeting was arranged by MLA Norm Letnick to provide Central Okanagan Public Schools the opportunity to promote the proposed project.
- The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council will be hosting, by Zoom, an ADHD presentation by Dan Duncan, for parents/caregivers and staff, on Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 pm.
- The Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the collaboration between Central Okanagan Public Schools, the University of British Columbia – Okanagan and Okanagan College to develop a vision for prekindergarten to post graduate students. The District already engages with both institutions. All three of the educational institutions are looking for ways to enhance the learning and opportunities for students and families located in the Okanagan valley.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA AGM

April 27-29, 2023, Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

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

Joint Board/District Student Council Meeting: May 9, 2023

Joint Board/District of Peachland Meeting: May 10, 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, April 26, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday April 19, 2023

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesday May 3, 2023

- General Affairs Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO