



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 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
Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Terry Beaudry (Attending CSSE Conference in Montreal)

Partner Groups Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Kim Grimwood, COPVPA Executive
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:34 pm*)
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:34 pm*)
There was no representative from 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 6:04 pm.

AGENDA

Main 24P-069

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of June 12, 2024 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - May 22, 2024

Main 24P-070

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 22, 2024 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION

École Kelowna Secondary School - Owls AAA Volleyball Team

In attendance: Mike Sodaro, Coach

Owls AAA Volleyball team members

The Board of Education congratulated the École Kelowna Secondary School – Owls AAA Volleyball Team, the recipients of the Bryan Couling Memorial Award – Athletic Team of the Year announced at the 49th Annual Civic and Community Awards on April 24, 2024.

Mount Boucherie Secondary School - Robotics Team

In attendance: Mike Boulanger, First Robotics Team Coach

Students:	Simon Telfer	Yoshiko Yokosawa
	Anaka Fuller	Hector Rubin
	Joey Gramiak	Martin Barroso
	Parker Reeves	Tyler Rubis

The Board of Education recognized the Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Robotics Team who recently participated in the First Robotics Competition Championships Sizzle Reel in Houston, Texas against 600 other First Robotics Champions from around the world.

Feather Mason, Grade 12 Student – Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The Board of Education recognized Feather Mason, a Grade 12 student in the Indigenous Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, for being selected as one of 16 Canadian students who attended an all-expenses paid four-day poetry workshop in Ottawa through Poetry & Voice. Also in attendance was Bailey Nerbus, Teacher.

Tracey Beckett - Partners for Inclusive Education

The Board of Education recognized Tracey Beckett for creating and acting as the Co-Chair of Partners for Inclusive Education over the past five years.

The meeting recessed at 6:38 pm for photos.

The meeting reconvened at 6:46 pm.

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

A Newcomer's Story

In attendance from Rutland Senior Secondary School:

Jarret Atkins, Vice-Principal

Julie Loveridge-Marks, International Education/ELL Coordinator

Students: Jorya Alshahoud, Shahed Al Yaseen Alkhani

Unable to attend: Muntasir (Monty) Abbakar

Jorya and Shahed spoke of their experience in coming to Canada as English Language Learners (ELL) and how grateful they are to live in a supportive and inclusive community and discussed their future plans. The Board of Education congratulated Jorya, Shahed and Muntasir for receiving the following scholarships:

Jorya Alshahoud - \$4,000 (David Lam / BC TEAL ELL Scholarship)

Shahed Al Yaseen Alkhani - \$44,000 (Beedie Luminaries)

Muntasir (Monty) Abbakar - \$4,000 (David Lam / BC TEAL ELL Scholarship)

The meeting recessed at 7:05 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:07 pm.

DECLARATION

National Indigenous History Month - June and National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education recognizes that June is National Indigenous History Month and declared June 21, 2024 as 'Indigenous Peoples Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

There were no Trustee queries/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Amended 2025/2026 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission

Trustee Fraser advised that an Amended 2025/2026 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission was prepared after the recent announcement from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, giving approval for a 7-classroom prefabricated addition to Chief Tomat Elementary, the acquisition of 2 new buses for new routes, and 2 replacement buses.

Main 24P-071

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Capital Plan Resolutions for the Amended 2025/2026 Five-Year Capital Plan, as outlined on the attached summary, and as presented at the June 12, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

2025/2026 School Calendar

The Executive Director of Human Resources provided information on the consultation process and feedback received regarding the 2025/2026 school calendar, and together with the Superintendent of Schools/CEO answered queries from Trustees. Trustees expressed that they have heard from families that a multi-year school calendar is appreciated the purposes of planning.

Main 24P-072

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year as identified in the attached calendar proposal and make the calendar available to the District once approved by the Ministry of Education and Child Care;

AND THAT:

1. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

2. In establishing such calendars, principals must:

- a) Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan Public Schools) Board Policy.**
- b) Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.**
- c) Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.**

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted that Mount Boucherie Secondary School field study #120 (June 27-30, 2024 to Eastern Washington University) had just been cancelled by the University. The group from Mount Boucherie Secondary School had been invited to attend the same camp at Idaho University instead. This change will be reflected in the June 26, 2024 Public Board Meeting Agenda package.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information. Trustee Geistlinger noted that she would be interested to hear more about the field study "Dreams Take Flight" to Disneyland, happening in October, and suggested that this could be an Inside 23 presentation in the future.

General Statement – May 22, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - May 30, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

CommunityLINK Allocations - 2024/2025

Trustee Broughton provided information on the CommunityLINK Allocations for 2024/2025.

Financial Update - International Education Program

Trustee Broughton provided information on the Financial Update for the International Education Program.

Career-Life Programs Report

Trustee Guderyan noted the full report on the Career-Life Programs and was encouraged to learn about the diverse and numerous opportunities for students.

Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) Executive - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA) Executive - 2024-2025

The Board reviewed the information. It was noted that the COPVPA Executive list should also have included David Johnson as a Member-at-Large.

ADVOCACY

Trustee Fraser shared that many Trustees and staff attended the Ministry of Education and Child Care announcement at North Glenmore Elementary School on May 27, 2024 regarding the \$10.5 million, 7-classroom prefabricated addition to Chief Tomat Elementary School. Trustee Fraser echoed the Board Chair's sentiments that it is a significant step forward but acknowledged that more is still needed.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- Trustee Guderyan attended the PEAC meeting where they discussed their roles as members and how each could share the next "Together We Learn" edition with their networks. The Committee also discussed a possible name change to "Public Education Appreciation Committee".
- Trustee Guderyan attended the recent COPAC meeting where attendees learned about digital safety and the new cell phone code of conduct from Troy White, District Principal of Learning Technology and Ken Yew, Privacy and Cybersecurity Manager.
- Trustee Guderyan attended the Safe Schools Network meeting where the Upstream Program was discussed. They hope to expand the program to other schools and also advocate for resources for a younger demographic.

- Trustee Fraser attended the last District Student Council meeting of the school year, which was also their AGM. Congratulations were offered to the students who will be graduating and to the two new co-Presidents who were elected.
- Trustee Broughton attended the Health Promoting Schools Committee meeting where the focus was physical, mental and social well-being. There were presentations by various groups on social emotional learning, substance literacy, and anxiety.
- Trustee Fraser and Trustee Desrosiers attended the last Indigenous Education Council meeting of the school year.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Main 24P-073

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

Received:

- 2024-05-17 Email from Tamara Terlesky re: Aerial Spraying of four West Kelowna schools imminent
- 2024-05-21 Letter from L. Manchester re: Response to WorkSafe BC
- 2024-05-21 Letter from Hon. Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation, replying to Transit for Teens letter
- 2024-05-22 Email from L. Manchester re: Press Release West Kelowna and Cranbrook
- 2024-05-23 Email from L. Manchester re: WorkSafeBC Pesticide regulations need to apply to bacterial aerial spraying
- 2024-05-24 Email from L. Manchester re: Response to WorkSafe BC
- 2024-05-25 Email from L. Manchester re: WorkSafeBC pesticide regulations apply to Cranbrook Regional Hospital
- 2024-05-27 Email from L. Manchester re: Aerial Spraying of West Kelowna and Cranbrook
- 2024-05-30 Email from L. Manchester re: Call for Cancellation of Aerial Spraying of Foray 48B, BTK a bacterial pesticide
- 2024-05-31 Email from L. Manchester re: Please Stop the Aerial Spraying planned for Cranbrook June 2nd and 3rd
- 2024-05-31 Email from L. Manchester re: Stop the Spray in Cranbrook. Notice of Trespass
- 2024-06-06 Email from L. Manchester re: Notice of Complaint filed regarding non-compliance with WorkSafe BC ,OHS Regulations

Sent: None

THAT: At the June 12, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the following:
 - Graduation Ceremonies,
 - Indigenous Graduation Ceremonies,
 - School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation at Pearson Road Elementary School,
 - BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Executive Meeting,
 - Pride Festival,
 - Cirque de la Foret at Peachland Elementary School,
 - School Carnivals sponsored by Parent Advisory Councils.
- Board Chairs throughout the Province have participated in various meetings throughout the past three weeks to discuss cost pressures, safe access to schools and receive wildfire updates.
- Caring Communities:
 - On June 6th, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School held their Relay for Life, bringing together cancer survivors, remembering those lost to cancer, and fundraising over \$56,000 which will positively impact the entire community,
 - École Dr. Knox Middle School held their Bald Falcon Day on May 31, 2024. Funds were raised for the BC Children's Hospital. Students, staff and the community exceeded their goal and reached \$20,960, plus a \$5,000 match from Odlum Brown, bringing to a total of \$25,9560,
 - École Kelowna Secondary School held their annual Drive-Thru Breakfast in support of Cancer Week.
- The 30th Annual iGen Challenge Finale took place on June 11, 2024 at the Innovation Centre. In total, over 200 high school entrepreneurial teams (almost 500 students) competed, and the top 8 made their live pitches to the judges. Thank you to our many sponsors who made this event possible. Congratulations to the following:
 - 1st Place: Seraphic Stationery,
Tanav Goel, Griffin Hendry and Yuvraj Dosanj, Rutland Senior Secondary School
 - 2nd Place: Pro Performance,
Ty Bunn and Caisen Dodd, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
 - 3rd Place: iTutorFriends,
Brayden Jarrard, École Okanagan Mission Secondary
 - Best Market Research: Amiga
Zoe Wiens and Lauren Munro, École George Elliot Secondary

- The District Track and Field Meet was held last week - thank you to the many volunteers who made this event so much fun for our learners. Each year, students find new athletic interests and make lifetime memories.
- The June edition of Together We Learn with the theme of 'Inclusive Learning Cultures' will be published June 14, 2024.
- The 9th Annual Sumobot Competition was held at the end of May. UBCO was a great venue for 80 different school teams to test their creations in friendly competition. Congratulations to the 1st place team, "That Team", from Constable Neil Bruce Middle School and to "Clapmasterz" from École H.S. Grenda Middle School for winning the Battle Royal Event – The Last Bot Standing.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday June 19, 2024
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised he would invite the winners from the iGen Challenge to the next Board Meeting on June 26, 2024 for recognition.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO