



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 6:00 pm
School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Tiede

Absent: Trustee N. Bowman

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Delta Carmichael, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Absent: Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
David Tether, CUPE President
Wynter Oakes, COPVPA Pro-D Finance Representative
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-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.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER

Main 21P-110

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: In the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Board appoint Delta Carmichael, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, as the Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the Public Board Meeting of September 15, 2021.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

AGENDA

Add: Revised Motion for scheduled Action Item 10.1 Reaffirming Commitment to Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation

Add: Material for scheduled Staff Presentation 7.2 Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2021 School Opening Report - Part 1

Main 21P-111

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 15, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 23, 2021

Main 21P-112

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 23, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Broughton

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Virtual Choir Sister School Collaboration

In attendance from École Glenrosa Middle School:

Jesse Bruce, Principal

Stephanie Read, Vice-Principal

Kimberley Gorman, Band Teacher and Music Director

École Glenrosa Middle School Band teacher and Music Director, Kimberley Gorman, went above and beyond in her efforts to keep the connection with the École Glenrosa Middle School sister school – Haruhigaoka High School in Kasugai, Japan. The video showed a collaborative virtual choir produced by Ms. Gorman.

What Does a Beginning Teacher Hope For?

The Central Okanagan Public Schools' theme for the 2021/2022 school year is "Hope". A video was shown of beginning teachers expressing their hopes for the upcoming school year.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introductions of Newly Appointed Principals and Vice-Principals

The Board of Education congratulated the following newly appointed Principals and Vice-Principals:

- Steve Cann, District Principal of International Education
- John Morrone, Principal at eSchool23
- LeeAnn Yapps, Principal at École Belgo Elementary School
- Lindsey Hamilton, Principal at Hudson Road Elementary School
- Allison Goreas, Vice-Principal at École Dr. Knox Middle School
- Lisa Wilson, Vice-Principal at Mar Jok Elementary School
- Tonia MacGregor, Acting Vice-Principal at École George Pringle Elementary School

The Board of Education welcomed the following new staff to Central Okanagan Public Schools:

- Elise Saraceni, Principal at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
- April Strickland, Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education (unable to attend)

DECLARATIONS

Truth and Reconciliation Week: September 27 - October 1, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of September 27, 2021 through to October 1, 2021 as 'Truth and Reconciliation Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education recognized that Thursday, September 30, 2021 has been designated as the 'National Day for Truth and Reconciliation' and will be observed as a Federal Statutory Holiday.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025 - 1st Annual Report 2020/2021

Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, presented the 1st Annual Report for the District's Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025. The Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation signing ceremony took place on February 20, 2020. The 1st Annual Report reflects the shared responsibility and progress during the 2020-2021 school year towards equitable opportunities for the District's Indigenous, First Nation, Métis and Inuit K-12 learners.

Main 21P-113

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025 - 1st Annual Report.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2021 School Opening Report - Part 1

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the Central Okanagan Public Schools, presented the 2021 School Opening Report - Part 1. This Report covers the time period of September 7, 2021 through to September 14, 2021 (unless otherwise noted) and provides an update regarding the first days of the school year. A more accurate count of student enrolment will be provided in Part 2 of the School Opening Report at the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting, as well as following the September 30, 2021 1701 submission to the Ministry of Education.

The School Opening Report – Part 1 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website: www.sd23.bc.ca

Main 21P-114

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2021 School Opening Report - Part 1.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The following members of the public expressed their concerns and views regarding COVID-19 vaccinations in children, vaccinations clinics held at schools, reported discrimination in schools regarding mask wearing and vaccination beliefs, and whether the School District has authority to encourage vaccinations:

- Geoff Snicer
- Kim Pritchard
- Tovey Demman
- Stacey Blackwell

ACTION ITEMS

Reaffirming Commitment to Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation

Main 21P-115

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education acknowledges the harm that was caused with the recent confirmation of unmarked graves of children on residential school grounds across Canada.

Amendment 21P-116

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The word 'harm' be replaced with 'emotional trauma'.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustees Baxter, Broughton, Desrosiers, and Fraser.

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

The question was called on Main Motion 21P-115.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

Main 21P-117

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to the goals of the District's Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation Agreement.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, shared with the Board of Education a paddle, carved by a local Elder, that represents the

District's theme of HOPE and the District's commitment to moving forward with our partners towards equity and reconciliation. Principals/Vice-Principals and school business managers have all attached ribbons to the paddle, reaffirming their commitment to truth and reconciliation. Board Chair Moyra Baxter attached a ribbon on behalf of the Board of Education. Susan Bauhart - President of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, David Tether - President of CUPE Local 3523, Nicola Baker - Vice-President of Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, Zachary Johnson - District Student Council representative, and Wynter Oakes - Executive Member of Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, also attached ribbons to the paddle, demonstrating support for a continued focus on equity in action.

Enhancement Agreement - Davidson Road Elementary School Outdoor Learning Space

Main 21P-118

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the Davidson Road Elementary School PAC for the Outdoor Learning Space outlined in Appendix B, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 15, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

Enhancement Agreement - Springvalley Middle School GaGa Ball Court

Main 21P-119

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Springvalley Middle School PAC for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 15, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

Timeline for Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Reopening Review

Main 21P-120

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the timeline for Okanagan Mission catchment and school reopening review, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 15, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

Timeline for Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review

Main 21P-121

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the timeline for Westside catchment and French Immersion programming review, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 15, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

Amended Regulation 405R - Student Placement (Regulations)

Main 21P-122

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: Regulations 405R - Student Placement (Regulations) be amended as follows:

2. Enrolment Priorities

Priority shall be given to students on the following basis:

- catchment or French Immersion catchment area students who, in the previous year, attended the school;
- catchment or French Immersion catchment area students who, in the previous year, were 'placed' by the district in a different school;
- siblings of catchment or French Immersion catchment area students;
- ~~returning catchment area students that have transferred into the school or program they previously attended from eSchoolBC;~~
- new catchment or French Immersion catchment area students;
- siblings of non-catchment or non-French Immersion catchment area students currently enrolled in the school;
- non-catchment area or non-French Immersion catchment area students who request to attend the school which is other than their catchment area school;
- non-district area students;
- international students.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Geistlinger

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Linda Dueck: Ms. Dueck queried what direction has been given to teachers when speaking to students about sensitive topics, including vaccinations and residential schools. Ms. Dueck commented that direction should be given to teachers to not promote conversations that could cause discrimination.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that he had no emergent issues to report.

Central Okanagan Public Schools Communicable Disease Plan - September 2, 2021

The Board reviewed the information. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO's PowerPoint with an update on the Health and Safety Measures implemented in Central Okanagan Public Schools is posted on the School District website.

Special Incamera Board Meeting Motions - Board Support for COVID-19 Measures/Mandates

The Board of Education confirmed the following Motions declared at the September 3, 2021 Incamera Board Meeting in support of COVID-19 measures and mandates:

THAT: The Board of Education supports all current Ministry of Education K-12 Health & Safety Guidelines (Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings).

THAT: The Board of Education encourages vaccinations in all eligible people.

2021-2022 School Calendar - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Board reviewed the information. As a result of the federal government's proclamation of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th, and the recent provincial government announcement that it has advised public sector employers to honour this day with most schools being closed, the required hours of instruction were reduced by 5 hours for the 2021/2022 school year.

Operations Summer Projects Update

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – June 23, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - September 1, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - September 3, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

The Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Reports: April 1 - June 30, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Trustee Attendance at District Student Council Meetings - 2021-2022

The Board reviewed the information.

Trustee Attendance at COPAC Meetings - 2021-2022

The Board reviewed the information.

Trustee Attendance at Kelowna Pride Festival & March - Saturday, October 30, 2021

Members of the Board of Education, COTA, and CUPE will have a booth at the Kelowna Pride Festival & March on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

Budget 2022 Consultation

The Board Chair will be providing a brief presentation at the upcoming Budget 2022 Consultation on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

Board Standing Committees September 2021 - November 2021: Updated Trustee Representatives

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Response to C. Broughton, June 25, 2021, Re Deadnaming of students in yearbook

Response to U. Malhotra, June 29, 2021, Re Disturbing Developments

Message to All Staff, June 30, 2021, Board Year End Message

Gold Trail Board of Education, July 6, 2021, Thinking of You

Response to T. Lum, August 13, 2021, Re National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

Response to J. Chase, August 23, 2021, Re Letter from concerned parent of Indigenous students

Response to J. Friesen, August 24, 2021, School Sports - a mental health key for our kids

Message to All Families, August 30, 2021, Restart 2021

Response to C. Adderley, August 31, 2021, SD23 Transportation issues for the 2021-22 School Year

Responses to K. Mitchell, September 5, 2021, School Bus Routes

Message to All Staff, September 7, 2021, Welcome Back Message

Received:

C. Broughton, June 24, 2021, Deadnaming of students in yearbook

Minister of Education, June 25, 2021, Gratitude for Extraordinary and Challenging Year

D. and A. Elliot, June 26, 2021, Vaccination of Children against COVID-19

U. Malhotra, June 28, 2021, Disturbing Developments

U. Malhotra, June 28, 2021, Process

U. Malhotra, June 29, 2021, Re Disturbing Developments

Assistant Deputy Minister - Learning Division, June 30, 2021, Response to Board Re Six RCY Recommendations

N. Khoo, June 30, 2021, Copy of email sent to City of West Kelowna Re Board of Education, City and WFN working together

N. Rempel, July 7, 2021, Gold Trail Board of Education Co-Chair, Re Thinking of you

V. Adrian, July 7, 2021, Gold Trail Board of Education Co-Chair, Re Thinking of you

Minister of Education, July 13, 2021, Funding Approval for Wilden Elementary School Site Acquisition

T. Lum, August 13, 2021, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

Copy of Superintendent's Response to T. Lum, August 13, 2021, Re National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

S. Doncom, August 13, 2021, SD23 COVID Protocol Concerns

Ancient Holistics, August 21, 2021, The Supreme Court in the U.S. has ruled that COVID Pathogen is not a vaccine

N. Yanik, August 22, 2021, Children and Covid Vaccine

T. Beeharry, August 22, 2021, Back to school 2021-2022

J. Chase, August 23, 2021, Letter from concerned parent of Indigenous students

J. Friesen, August 24 - 25, 2021, School Sports - a mental health key for our kids

Jaime, August 24, 2021, School Sports

R. Robertson, August 24, 2021, COVID Passports

L. Lalonde, August 29, 2021, Return to School

C. Adderley, August 30, 2021, SD23 Transportation issues for the 2021-22 school year

D. Leonard, August 30, 2021, Student Vaccination and Masking

B. DiMaggio, August 31, 2021, False information regarding COVID-19 vaccination

B.P., September 1, 2021, Clarification on Mask Mandate

J. Garrett, September 1, 2021, Request for Information regarding school cohorts 2021-22

D. Zinc, September 2, 2021, Masking in schools

M. Atherton, September 2, 2021, Re Welcome Letter

K. Mitchell, September 5-6, 2021, School Bus Routes

K. Schuppener, September 7, 2021, Bus Service for Courtesy Riders

S. Tourigny, September 7, 2021, COVID Vaccinations are vital

Main 21P-123

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: At the September 15, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Bowman

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting

Thursday, October 14, 2021

BCSTA/Ministry of Education Joint Partner Liaison Meeting

Friday, October 15, 2021

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Fall Meeting

October 15-16, 2021

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

October 23, 2021

Deadline to submit Provincial Council motions is September 20, 2021.

BCSTA Trustee Academy

December 2 - 4, 2021

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting - **CANCELLED**

~~Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South~~

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Geistlinger:

THAT: The Board of Education return the 'Trustee Queries/Comments' section to the public Board Meeting agendas.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

There were no items for a future agenda.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.

Chairperson

Acting Secretary-Treasurer