



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 14, 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:	Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Mona Essler, Executive Assistant Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Absent:	Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO (<i>attending conference</i>)
Partner Groups	Natalie Morin, COPVA Executive Nicola Baker, COPAC President Genesis Caicedo and Cayden Jensen, DSC Representatives Susan Bauhart, COTA President (<i>joined meeting by Zoom at 6:20 pm</i>) George York, CUPE Vice-President (<i>joined meeting by Zoom at 6:22 pm</i>)

**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 6:01 pm.

AGENDA

*Amend: 13.2 Annual Facilities Grant Motion for BCSTA AGM:
add the following preamble to the motion:*

THAT: The Board of Education send the following motion to the BCSTA Legislative Committee for consideration in the upcoming 2024 BCSTA AGM:

Main 24P-012

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of February 14, 2024 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - January 24, 2024

Main 24P-013

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 24, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Guderyan

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Belonging - The Heart of Social and Emotional Learning to Foster Inclusive School Communities

In attendance:

Alan Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent

Allison Goreas, District Vice-Principal – Learning Support Services and Safer Communities

District Social and Emotional Learning Consultants:

- Shelley Dickie
- Taunya Shaw
- Christina Pulice-Smith
- Coral Ghiglione

Unable to attend:

- Sherri Roche, District Principal – Learning Support Services and Safer Communities
- Renee Opperman, Social Emotional Learning Teacher K to 12

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) plays a pivotal role in fostering a sense of belonging, acceptance, and the creation of inclusive school communities. SEL encompasses the process of acquiring skills and knowledge to comprehend and manage emotions, establish, and achieve positive goals, express empathy for others, maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. It also underscores the acknowledgment and celebration of the inherent diversity in students' backgrounds, cultures, and experiences, honouring the complete individual. The concepts of SEL and inclusion are interconnected, mutually reinforcing their objectives of advancing equity, nurturing positive relationships, and promoting the holistic development and well-being of all learners.

6:20 pm: the COTA President joined the meeting by Zoom.

6:22 pm: the CUPE Vice-President joined the meeting by Zoom.

INTRODUCTION

Terresa Kennedy, Business Process Manager

The Board of Education welcomed Terresa Kennedy, Business Process Manager, to Central Okanagan Public Schools.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:24 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:25 pm.

DECLARATION

Bullying Awareness (Pink Shirt) Day - February 28, 2024

DECLARATION:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, February 28, 2024 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Geistlinger advised that due to another commitment, she had to leave the board meeting by 7:00 pm. Trustee Fraser gave a recap of the Ministry of Education and Child Care Partner Liaison Meeting she attended with the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Secretary-Treasurer/CFO in Richmond, BC on February 9, 2024.

ACTION ITEMS

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Holocaust 12: Beyond the Shoah

Main 24P-014

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Holocaust 12: Beyond the Shoah (École Kelowna Secondary School and Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 14, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Annual Facilities Grant Motion for BCSTA AGM

Main 24P-015

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education send the following motion to the BCSTA Legislative Committee for consideration in the upcoming 2024 BCSTA AGM:

THAT: The BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Finance/Treasury Board to increase the Ministry of Education and Child Care's Annual Facilities Grant so that school districts can address billions in deferred maintenance to: improve accessibility; ensure student safety; enhance learning environments; extend facility lifespan and ensure long-term fiscal responsibility.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – January 24, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

2023/2024 Ministry Funding Recalculation Allocation - Updated January 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Proposed Multi-Year Financial Plan (2024/2025 to 2026/2027)

The Board reviewed the information.

CUPE 3523 Executive – 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

The Board Chair advised that MLA Kevin Falcon, along with the four local MLAs, had received a tour of Rutland Middle School in the hopes that the MLAs will continue to advocate for the renovation or replacement of Rutland Middle School.

Trustee Fraser advised that at the recent BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting, several topics were discussed relating to advocating for students regarding K-8 mental health, Wi-Fi equity, and the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 goals.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Johnson attended the District Student Council meeting where students discussed the 2024/2025 Annual Budget information, Human Rights Month, Black History Month, the new legislation regarding cell phones, and Bill 40.

Trustee Desrosiers attended the COPAC Meeting on the budget presentation, and the new cell phone legislation was also discussed.

Trustee Guderyan attended the Health Promoting Schools Committee meeting where there was a discussion on working together on the new Committee Terms of Reference.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2024-01-21 Email from L. Bowen re: Request for Reinstatement of Second Public Question/Comment Period
- 2024-01-25 Email from COTA President S. Bauhart - please take time to listen to this interview
- 2024-01-26 Email from R. Marolla re: K-5 eSchool23
- 2024-01-29 Email from B. Neufeld to BCSTA re Honorary Life Membership

Sent:

- None

Main 24P-016

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: At the February 14, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Deputy Superintendent of Schools spoke of the following:

- A reminder that the Enrollment Application for the 2024/2025 school year for Kindergarten and new students is from January 29, 2024 to March 15, 2024. More information is on the School District website (www.sd23.bc.ca).
- The link to the 2024/2025 Public Budget Survey is now on the District website (www.sd23.bc.ca). The due date for the survey is March 4, 2024 at 11:59 pm.
- Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the rehearsal for the Rutland Middle School Winter Concert, Mount Boucherie Secondary/Constable Neil Bruce Middle Winter Concert, Gateway Graduation Ceremonies, the Indigenous Primary Winter Gatherings, the École Glenrosa Elementary School Community Student Learning Conversation, District Student Council Meeting, and the February COPAC Meeting (budget presentation).
- The Board of Education, as part of their annual meetings, met with the 4 MLAs – MLA Dan Ashton, MLA Ben Stewart, MLA Norm Letnick and MLA Renee Merrifield, and also met with the Westbank First Nation Chief and Council.

- Thank you to all of the students, coaches, staff, volunteers, community supporters, and the Crazy Owls for welcoming the best teams in Western Canada to the recent 49th Western Canada Basketball Tournament. Congratulations were given to the Senior Boys team for showing tremendous resilience by bouncing back from a close semifinal loss, securing third place, and strengthening their tournament skills.
- On Friday, February 16, 2024, CUPE and COTA will be hosting their professional development days and therefore school will not be in session. Members of the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association and senior staff will also be participating in a Leadership Symposium. Accordingly, the hours of the School Board Office on that day will be adjusted to 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- A reminder that Monday, February 19, 2024 is Family Day and schools will not be in session.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Provincial Council

February 24, 2024
(Virtual)

Main 24P-017

MOVED by Trustee Broughton
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education authorize Trustee Fraser to use her discretion in voting for resolutions and amendments at the BCSTA Provincial Council on February 24, 2024.

CARRIED

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

March 1-2, 2024
Vernon, BC

Annual General Meeting

April 18-21, 2024
Westin Bayshore
Vancouver, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/COPAC Meeting

- February 22, 2024

Joint Board/City of West Kelowna Meeting

- March 8, 2024

Joint Board/District Student Council Meeting

- April 15, 2024

7:02 pm: Trustee Geistlinger left the meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm

- Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday February 21, 2024

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm cancelled

~~- Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm cancelled~~

Wednesday March 6, 2024

- General Affairs Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

No media present.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO