



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020, 6:00 pm  
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson  
Trustee N. Bowman  
Trustee R. Cacchioni  
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  
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)  
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President  
David Tether, CUPE President (*arrived at 6:08 pm*)  
Laurie Fraser, COPVPA Climate Representative  
Deannie Zahara, COPAC Representative  
Grace Mallette, DSC - Grade 11 at Rutland Senior Secondary

**The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held  
on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

**AGENDA**

**Main 20P-172**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of November 25, 2020 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - November 10, 2020**

#### **Main 20P-173**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of November 10, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

*6:08 pm: The CUPE President joined the meeting.*

### **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"**

#### **Share Some Good News**

Participating by Zoom:

Sue Bergen, Principal, École Dorothea Walker Elementary School

Raelyn Larmet, Vice-Principal, École Dorothea Walker Elementary School

With the COVID-19 pandemic restricting schools welcoming parents into schools, Sue Bergen, the Principal of École Dorothea Walker Elementary School, developed a video to showcase the many wonderful things happening in their school. The video was provided to all École Dorothea Walker Elementary School families by email and was shared with the Board of Education.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Potential French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School**

Participating by Zoom:

Danielle Lamb, Parent of Students at École Peter Greer Elementary School

Jannik Eikenaar, Parent of Student at École Peter Greer Elementary School

Ms. Lamb and Mr. Eikenaar expressed their appreciation to the Board of Education for allowing for and listening to feedback from the community.

Ms. Lamb and Mr. Eikenaar provided research and voiced their belief in the importance of students remaining in their community for their education.

The Board Chairperson thanked Ms. Lamb and Mr. Eikenaar for their presentation. The issue of French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School will come forward to the December 2, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting (6:00 pm by Zoom) for further discussion, and to the Board of Education on December 9, 2020 (6:00 pm by Zoom).

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

## **TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS**

*6:37 pm: Trustee Geistlinger left the meeting.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Appointment of Board Standing Committee Trustee Representatives**

The Board Chair presented the Trustee representatives on the following Board Standing Committees:

#### **Education and Student Services Committee**

Trustee Desrosiers and Trustee Geistlinger

#### **Finance and Audit Committee**

Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Fraser

#### **Planning and Facilities Committee**

Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Tiede

#### **Policy Committee**

Trustee Bowman and Trustee Geistlinger

*6:40 pm: Trustee Geistlinger rejoined the meeting.*

#### **Main 20P-174**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Representatives to Board Standing Committees as presented at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **Appointment of Trustee Representative to the Executive Staff Management Committee**

The Board Chair stated that due to the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee being suspended for the 2020-2021 year, the Board must appoint a Trustee representative to the Executive Staff Management Committee.

Trustee Fraser nominated Trustee Desrosiers.

Trustee Desrosiers accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

**Main 20P-175**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser  
SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education appoint Trustee Desrosiers as a representative to the Executive Staff Management Committee.**  
**CARRIED**

**Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the Indigenous Education Council**

Trustee Tiede nominated Trustee Fraser.  
Trustee Fraser accepted the nomination.

Trustee Bowman nominated Trustee Desrosiers.  
Trustee Desrosiers accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were received.

Trustee Bowman stated that she would be the alternate representative to the Indigenous Education Council.

**Main 20P-176**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede  
SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

**THAT: The Board of Education appoint Trustee Desrosiers and Trustee Fraser as representatives to the Indigenous Education Council and Trustee Bowman 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 Baxter (alternate: Trustee Fraser)

**District Health Promoting Schools Committee**

Trustee Fraser (alternate: Trustee Bowman)

**District Human Rights Committee**

Trustee Bowman (alternate: Trustee Desrosiers)

**District Safe Schools Committee**

Trustee Tiede (alternate: Trustee Cacchioni)

**Main 20P-177**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Representatives to the District Committees as presented at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Main 20P-178**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education appoint Trustee Geistlinger as the representative and Trustee Tiede 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**

**Secondary French Immersion Programming on the Westside**

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that in an effort to address capacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School, staff are seeking guidance and direction from the Board of Education regarding a secondary French Immersion program on the Westside. He also noted that if the French Immersion catchment remains to be École Kelowna Secondary School, approximately one hundred other students will need to be redirected from École Kelowna Secondary School due to capacity issues.

**Main 20P-179**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**Staff Recommendation:**

**THAT: The Board of Education rescinds Public Board Meeting Motion 18P-013 as carried on January 31, 2018.**

**18P-013**

**THAT: The location of a secondary French Immersion program in West Kelowna be determined upon completion of the proposed Capital Projects related to the Westside Area Study.**

The Board discussed the various impacts to Central Okanagan secondary schools, including Mount Boucherie Secondary School, and requested additional information from staff before making a decision.

**Amendment 20P-180**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni  
SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education defer the issue of secondary French Immersion Programming on the Westside to the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on December 2, 2020, to receive additional information and for further discussion.**

**CARRIED**

**Amendments to Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations)**

**Main 20P-181**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede  
SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**Amendment 20P-182**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger  
SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education defer the suggested amendments to Policy 405 - Student Placement and Regulations 405R - Student Placement (Regulations) to the Policy Committee for further discussion.**

**CARRIED**

**Amendments to Policy 105 – Policy Manual**

**Main 20P-183**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede  
SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 105 – Policy Manual, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Policy 110 – Policy Development**

**Main 20P-184**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 110 – Policy Development, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Amendments to Policy 740 – Distribution of Information from Outside Sources and Regulations 740R – Distribution of Information from Outside Sources (Regulations)**

**Main 20P-185**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 740 – Distribution of Information from Outside Sources and Regulations 740R – Distribution of Information from Outside Sources (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**Amendment 20P-186**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The original wording of 'outside sources' be kept in section 1 under the Policy heading.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Geistlinger**

**MAIN MOTION 20P-185 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 20P-186**

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 740 – Distribution of Information from Outside Sources and Regulations 740R – Distribution of Information from Outside Sources (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda and as amended at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting, with the original wording of 'outside sources' in section 1 under the Policy heading.**

**CARRIED**

**Amendments to Policy 210 – Superintendent of Schools/CEO Role Description**

**Main 20P-187**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 210 – Superintendent of Schools/CEO Role Description, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Amendments to Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students**

**Main 20P-188**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Amendments to Policy 480 - Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule**

**Main 20P-189**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 480 - Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule and the deletions of Form 480A - Application for Exemption and Form 480A - Appeal, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**



**Letter to Capital Management Branch - Additional Funding for Playground Equipment Program**

The Board decided to move the last paragraph to the beginning of the letter.

**Main 20P-190**

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education send a Letter to the Ministry of Education's Capital Management Branch requesting additional funding for the Playground Equipment Program, as attached to the Agenda and as amended at the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Property Bylaw No. 152 - BC Hydro Statutory Right-of-Way on H.S. Grenda Middle School Site**

**Main 20P-191**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 152 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way), in favour of BC Hydro on Lot A, District Lot 118, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan KAP48997, known as H.S. Grenda Middle School.**

**CARRIED**

**Main 20P-192**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 152 (registration of a Statutory-Right-of-Way) be read a first, second, and third time and finally adopted:**

**AND THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) grant approval for the registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot A, District Lot 118, Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan, KAP48997, known as H.S. Grenda Middle School.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

In response to a query from the COTA President, Trustee Bowman, as Chair of the Education and Student Services Committee, confirmed that the topic of the Foundation Skills Assessments will come forward to the December 9, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

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

### **Superintendent's COVID-19 Update**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in Central Okanagan Public Schools. The majority of exposures are resulting from family gatherings and community events. The District continues to collaborate with Interior Health.

### **Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – November 10, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **District Student Council 2020-2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes - November 10, 2020**

The Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes will be approved at the November 10, 2021 Annual General Meeting.

### **Board Policy and Regulation 631 - School Closures/Consolidation**

There are no school closures recommended for the 2021/2022 school year.

### **Board Policy and Regulation 632 - School Reconfigurations**

The District continues to grow at a rapid rate in most of its communities and many schools are significantly over capacity. There may be grade reconfigurations or catchment changes for the 2021/2022 school year. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education on December 9, 2020 and a final decision by the Board of Education is expected by January 13, 2021.

### **eSchool23 (formerly referred to as eSchoolBC) Update**

The change of name from eSchoolBC to eSchool23 is in progress with the intent for confirmation in the spring of 2021.

There are currently (as of November 20, 2020) 683 students registered in the newly established synchronous K-9 Program. For students in grades 10 to 12, eSchool23 is providing 1,268 courses to 651 students. The majority of students are taking 1-2 courses. Sixty-seven students are taking 4 or more courses. At the end of the transition period on November 13, 2020, there were 96 students on the waitlist. As of November 20, 2020, 94 students were placed in classes with 2 students remaining on the waitlist. The remaining 2 students were to be accommodated the following week.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Sent:**

Response to K. Johnston, November 20, 2020, SKE Move of Catchment

### **Received:**

D.B., Various Emails November 12-19, 2020, Re COVID-19

S. Mustard, November 16, 2020, Health and Safety in Schools

A. Dorion, November 18, 2020, French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School - Lake Country

K. Johnston, November 18, 2020, SKE Move of Catchment

E. Buss, November 19, 2020, French Immersion at H.S. Grenda Middle School

C. Wheeler, November 19, 2020, 'Schools are safe' - Vernon Morning Star Article

Copy of K. Kaardal's Response to C. Wheeler, November 19, 2020, 'Schools are safe' - Vernon Morning Star Article

J. Buss, November 20, 2020, French Immersion in Lake Country at H.S. Grenda Middle School

J. Rowe, November 20, 2020, French Immersion in Lake Country

### **Main 20P-193**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: At the November 25, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

## **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

The Board Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Education, expressed their appreciation for all of the work being done in the schools by all staff.

## **BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSPEA AGM**

January 28, 2020 - Virtual

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSTA Trustee Academy**

November 27-28, 2020 - Virtual

### **BCSTA Provincial Council**

February 20, 2021

### **BCSTA AGM**

April 17, 2021

**BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

**Joint Board/District of Lake Country**

December 22, 2020

**Joint Board/District of Peachland**

January 12, 2021

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

**Board Standing Committee Meetings**

General Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 4:00 pm - **CANCELLED**

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motions.

**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 8:41 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO