



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 22, 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

Absent: Trustee L. Tiede

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO  
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools  
Delta Carmichael, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Joanne De Guevara, District Principal of Indigenous Education  
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President  
David Tether, CUPE President  
Ryan Ward, COPVPA Middle School Liaison  
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC Co-President  
McKinley Kemp, DSC Co-President - Grade 12 at MBSS

**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**

*Add: Material for scheduled Information Item 11.2 Superintendent's Pandemic Update  
Add: New Information Item 11.7 Postponement of Indigenous Education Graduation Due to  
COVID-19 Pandemic*

**Main 20P-067**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of April 22, 2020 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**Public Board Meeting - April 8, 2020**

**Main 20P-068**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 8, 2022 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

**Messages from the Heart**

A video presentation was shared celebrating the great work of Central Okanagan educators and support staff in adapting to online learning. This video is posted on the Continuity of Educational Opportunities website for viewing. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO also shared the students' messages of hope found written on rocks which have been placed throughout the community.

**RECOGNITION**

**Investing in Sustainable, Education and Empowerment Solutions (ISEE) – Sustainable Development Challenge Winners**

The Board of Education congratulated the following teams on their placement in the Investing in Sustainable, Education and Empowerment Solutions (ISEE) – Sustainable Development Challenge:

- Team 'education4her' from École Dr. Knox Middle School (Bianca Cole, Isabel Gramiak, Zahara Groenewald and Anna Spraggs) who won the top prize of \$5,000 for the Sustainable Development Challenge donated by Kelowna Rotary. Their project is to set up four women in Lokung, Northern Uganda, with a tailoring business to make and sell sanitary kits and tailoring for others.
- Team 'Hands4Homeless' from École Dr. Knox Middle School (Rachel Callon, Amelie Guignard, Tenny McCarth, Isla MacPherson, Brooklyn Widdess and Jocelyn Stone) for winning third place in the Global Sustainability Challenge. Their \$1,000 winnings are going towards refurbishing a room at Metro, a warming room and café.

## **DECLARATION**

### **"National Day of Mourning - April 28, 2020"**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 28, 2020 as a Day of Mourning in the Central Okanagan Public Schools to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties.

### **"Mental Health Week - May 4-10, 2020"**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of May 4-10, 2020 as Mental Health Week in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

## **TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS**

There were no Trustees queries/comments.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Trustee Indemnity for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year**

Trustee Cacchioni introduced the recommendation from the April 1, 2020 Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.

#### **Main 20P-069**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 2.3% for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 thereby setting the stipends at: Trustee - \$21,650, Vice Chair - \$22,866, Chair - \$24,713.**

#### **Amendment 20P-070**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

**THAT: The Board of Education defer the discussion regarding the setting of the Trustee indemnity for the period ending June 30, 2021 to a meeting in September 2020.**

**CARRIED**

**The question was called on Main 20P-069 as amended by 20P-070.**

**CARRIED**

**Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2020/2021 Budget Recommendations**

Trustee Cacchioni introduced the recommendation from the April 15, 2020 Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.

**Main 20P-071**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni  
SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO Budget Recommendations, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the April 22, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer presented the Budget Recommendations and responded to questions.

**The question was called on Main 20P-071.**

**CARRIED**

The Preliminary Budget will come to the Board at the June 24, 2020 Public Board Meeting for final approval before submission to the Ministry of Education.

**PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

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

**Superintendent's Pandemic Update**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided updated highlights of the District's response to the four priorities as set out by the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Officer. The memo provided to the Board of Education is posted on the District's website.

The Board of Education acknowledged all of the supports being provided to meet the needs of each student in our District.

**Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

**General Statement – April 7, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

**General Statement – April 8, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement - April 9, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Postponement of Indigenous Education Graduation Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Indigenous Education Graduation and Dinner, that was originally scheduled for May 14, 2020, is postponed and will be re-imagined in order to adhere to all safety protocols and procedures outlined by British Columbia's Provincial Health Authorities.

The Deputy Superintendent of Schools stated that District staff will work with the local Indigenous communities to determine how to re-imagine the celebration and acknowledgement of the achievements of our Indigenous students and the support of their families and communities.

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Sent:**

Message to Families, April 3, 2020, Remote Delivery Model

Indigenous Services Canada, April 8, 2020, Letter of Support - Okanagan Indian Band

#### **Main 20P-072**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

**THAT: At the April 22, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

### **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

Trustees reported on the following:

#### **1. National Volunteer Week April 19-25, 2020**

National Volunteer Week celebrates Canadians who give back to their communities. Here in the Central Okanagan Public Schools, we are blessed with countless volunteers who help to make our schools stronger. These volunteers may be parents or community members who support our students in many ways. As well, many of our employees volunteer their time and expertise in extra- curricular activities that enrich their students' lives. We are very thankful for all of our volunteers! During the current COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers, service clubs, and community members continue to support our schools and students, especially with providing meals to many of our students.

2. Today is **National Administrative Assistants Day**. On behalf of all Administrative Assistants in Central Okanagan Public Schools, a donation was made to the Kelowna Community Food Bank.
3. Trustees expressed their condolences, empathy, care and thoughts to the citizens of the Province of Nova Scotia, on the recent senseless tragedy that occurred this past weekend. The Board of Education will send a letter of sympathy to the corresponding School District.
4. Trustees, along with members of all the partner groups, expressed their appreciation on the contributions of everyone in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 6:00 pm, (Location to be determined.)

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

## **MEDIA QUESTIONS**

There were no media questions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO