



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 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 (*by telephone, disconnected at 6:50 pm*)
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee V. Johnson

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Kate Cumming, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO (attending BCASBO conference)

Partner Groups: Jennifer Adamson, COPVPA Executive
Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Em Monsale, DSC Representative
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*by Zoom, joined meeting at 6:17 pm*)
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*by Zoom, joined meeting at 6:31 pm*)

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.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER

Main 23P-131

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: Due the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, the Board appoint Kate Cumming, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, as the Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the November 22, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

AGENDA

Main 23P-132

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of November 22, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - November 8, 2023

Main 23P-133

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of November 8, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Remembrance Day - Tri-Lingual Recognition - École Glenrosa Elementary

In attendance: Laurie Fraser, Principal, École Glenrosa Elementary School
Gwen Plitt, Music Teacher, École Glenrosa Elementary School

While teaching at South Rutland Elementary School, music teacher Gwen Plitt wrote a song inspired by the words of newcomer Syrian students talking about having the "freedom to go outside and

play." Six years later, students across the District continue to perform "Thank You" at Remembrance Day ceremonies. This year, Ms. Plitt's students at École Glenrosa Elementary added ASL to this special vocal performance.

6:17 pm: The CUPE President joined the meeting by Zoom.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introductions

The Board of Education congratulated Jennifer Adamson on her new role as Principal of Chief Tomat Elementary School, and welcomed Ankita Sharma to the District in her role as Business Process Manager.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:25 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:28 pm.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

There were no Trustee Queries or Comments.

6:31 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting by Zoom.

ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Board Standing Committee Trustee Representatives

Main 23P-134

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the following Board Representatives to Board Standing Committees, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 22, 2023 Public Board Meeting:

Education and Student Services Committee: Trustee Johnson, Trustee Geistlinger
Finance and Audit Committee: Trustee Johnson, Trustee Guderyan
Planning and Facilities Committee: Trustee Broughton, Trustee Desrosiers
Policy Committee: Trustee Fraser, Trustee Desrosiers

CARRIED

Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the Indigenous Education Council

The Board discussed the Trustee representatives to the Indigenous Education Council and determined the following:

Representative #1: Trustee Desrosiers
Representative #2: Trustee Fraser
Alternate: Trustee Guderyan

Appointment of Trustee Representatives to District Committees

The Board discussed the Trustee representatives to District Committees and determined the following:

District Early Years Partnership Committee: Trustee Tiede (*Alternate: Trustee Guderyan*)
District Health Promoting Schools Committee: Trustee Guderyan (*Alternate: Trustee Broughton*)
District Human Rights Committee: Trustee Johnson (*Alternate: Trustee Desrosiers*)

Trustees will rotate attendance on the Public Education Awareness Committee and District Safe Schools Community Network.

Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function: Policy 146 - General Affairs Committee

Recommendation from the General Affairs Committee – November 1, 2023.

Main 23P-135

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 146 - General Affairs Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the November 22, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee – November 1, 2023.

Main 23P-136

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education accept the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM), as attached to the Agenda and presented at the November 22, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Public Education Awareness Committee - Amended Terms of Reference

The Deputy Superintendent provided information on the Amended Terms of Reference recommended for the Public Education Awareness Committee.

Main 23P-137

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amended Public Education Awareness Committee's Terms of Reference, as attached to the Agenda and as presented and the November 22, 2023 Public Board of Education Meeting.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – November 8, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

6:50 pm: Trustee Fraser left the meeting (by telephone).

Board Policy and Regulations 632 - School Reconfigurations

The Board reviewed the information. There are no school reconfigurations recommended.

Board Policy and Regulations 631 - School Closures/Consolidation

The Board reviewed the information. There are no school closures/consolidations recommended.

District Student Council Committee Representatives - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

DSC Representative Em Monsale introduced himself and shared that he had just recently moved to Canada from the Philippines, and was excited to be on the District Student Council Committee so he could help other students.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2023-11-06 Email from S. Bauhart (COTA) re: portables
- 2023-11-06 Email from S. Bauhart (COTA) re: please clarify student numbers
- 2023-11-09 Email from C. McMillan re: new report - Dyslexia

Sent:

- 2023-11-16 letter to City of West Kelowna - invitation to meet with the Board
- 2023-11-16 letter to District of Peachland - invitation to meet with the Board
- 2023-11-16 letter to DSC - invitation to meet with the Board
- 2023-11-16 letter to MLA Ashton - invitation to meet with the Board
- 2023-11-16 letter to MLA Letnick - invitation to meet with the Board
- 2023-11-16 letter to MLA Merrifield - invitation to meet with the Board
- 2023-11-16 letter to MLA Stewart - invitation to meet with the Board
- 2023-11-16 letter to MP Dan Albas - invitation to meet with the Board
- 2023-11-16 letter to MP Tracy Gray - invitation to meet with the Board
- 2023-11-16 letter to WFN - invitation to meet with the Board

Main 23P-138

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: At the November 22, 2023 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 at various meetings and events throughout the District, including school communities respectful and moving Remembrance Day Ceremonies, attendance at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies held in Peachland, West Kelowna, Kelowna, Rutland and Lake Country, the Lake Country Native Association 26th Annual Winter Family Gathering Traditional Pow Wow, and various sporting events.
- On Thursday, November 16, 2023, the Honourable Grace Lore, Minister of State for Child Care, and honoured guests, celebrated the opening of hundreds of new childcare spaces in the Central Okanagan. The ceremony was held at the BGCO Childcare Facility at Anne McClymont Elementary School.
- On Friday, November 17, 2023 schools in the District celebrated the diversity of our community during Harmony Day celebrations.
- At The BCSSA Fall Conference, held last week, two presentations were made by representatives of Central Okanagan Public Schools. The first presentation was: "Fostering Equity and Inclusion Through Shane Safir's Equity Transformation Cycle". The team, including Jamie Robinson, Assistant Superintendent, presented the work going on in the Mission and Lake Country Family of Schools. The focus on creating pedagogies of agency and inclusion for students was particularly powerful. The second presentation, which included Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent, told the story to date of our partnerships and the progress made on the Social Studies Humanities and Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Grant with UBC-O School of Education – Co-Curricular Making: Honouring Indigenous Connections to the Land, Culture and Relational Self. This work is changing the educational experiences for staff and students and serves as one of the powerful examples of our District's journey towards Truth and Reconciliation.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

January 25, 2024
(Virtual)

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Trustee Academy

November 23-25, 2023
Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

Annual General Meeting

April 18-21, 2024

Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Currently being scheduled.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday November 29, 2023

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

Wednesday December 6, 2023

- General Affairs Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Chair

Acting Secretary-Treasurer