



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
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
Michelle Kaupp, COPVPA Climate Representative
Deannie Zahara, COPAC Representative
Grace Mallette, DSC - Grade 11 at RSS
Mehak Parihar, DSC - Grade 10 at RSS

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

*Prior to calling the meeting to order, the Board Chairperson made a statement on the recent
passing of fellow Trustee Rolli Cacchioni and called for a moment of reflection.*

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

AGENDA

Add: New Action Item 7.4 By-election

Main 21P-046

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of March 10, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - February 24, 2021

Main 21P-047

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 24, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Baxter

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Sustainability Development Challenge

Carmen Denby, the Coordinator of the Sustainability Development Challenge, provided an introduction of the history of the Sustainability Development Challenge.

Students from the top 3 teams provided an overview of their projects.

Third Place: **ZED ED** - École Kelowna Secondary School

Establish a podcast Studio to give voice to youth about issues they face with the hopes of spreading the Podcast district wide.

- Team members: Cameron Simon, Hanna Howard, Helen Kang, and Heather Ikesaka
- Support Teacher: Dayna Margetts

Second Place: **OKM Composting** - Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Set up a composting program at OKM.

- Team members: Avery Ford, Madeleine Darlington, and Taylor Blenkin
- Support teachers: Mike Ross and Jasmine Lemon

First place: **Our Voice for Change** - Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Reduce or eliminate the use of animal dissection in the Science classes

- Team members: Lexie Pfenning, Annabelle Lee, Erin Work, and Caitlin Mahony
- Support Teacher: Mike Dornian

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Advocacy for Children in Care - Part I

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee - February 17, 2021

Main 21P-048

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting an update on the Ministry of Education's progress towards responding to the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) Report: *Room for Improvement: Toward Better Education Outcomes for Children in Care (2017)*.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - Glenrosa Elementary School GaGa Ball Court

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee - March 3, 2021

Main 21P-049

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Glenrosa Elementary School for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

2021-2022 School Calendar

The Executive Director of Human Resources outlined the process of developing the Local School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

The President of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3523 stated the union's opposition to the two-week spring break due to serious hardship to 10 month employees during the extra week.

Main 21P-050

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year as identified in the attached calendar proposal and make the calendar available to the District and the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2021;

AND THAT:

- 1. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.**
- 2. In establishing such calendars, principals must:**
 - a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan Public Schools) Board Policy.**
 - b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.**
 - c. Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.**

CARRIED

By-election

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that a by-election is required to be conducted by the City of Kelowna to fill the Board of Education vacancy due to the recent passing of Trustee Rolli Cacchioni. Staff will be requesting that mail-in voting be permitted and that the election be held prior to the end of the school year.

Main 21P-051

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education notify the City of Kelowna of the required by-election to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education.

CARRIED

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 COVID-19 Update

The Board Chairperson and Superintendent of Schools/CEO expressed their gratitude to all staff, students and families for their courage and patience over the past year.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported that the number of exposures in Central Okanagan Public Schools have significantly declined. In the past two-week period there have been ten exposures.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – February 24, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

2021-2022 School Fees Summary

The Board reviewed the information.

The Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report - October 1 to December 31, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

Long Term Facilities Plan Consultation - Survey III Results

The Board reviewed the information.

Trustee Desrosiers, Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, stated that the draft Long Term Facilities Plan recommendations will be presented at the May 5, 2021 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting. She also encouraged everyone to review the detailed results of Survey III.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

COTA President, February 19, 2021, Superintendent's Newsletter - February 19, 2021

O. McOuat, February 19, 2021, In Response to Your Decision Re Devra Davis

R. Rampsey, February 21, 2021, Copy of email to B. Gerding - Misstatements in Article

S. Noble, February 22, 2021, Copy of email to B. Gerding - Misstatements in Article

S. Noble, February 22, 2021, Unwillingness to Address Significant Issues by Trustees of SD23

Main 21P-052

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: At the March 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Trustees reported on attendance at School Community Learning Plan Conversations, and provided a reminder that schools will be closed Monday, March 15, 2021 through to Friday, March 26, 2021 for Spring Break.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Annual General Meeting

April 15-17, 2021 via Zoom

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

There were no items for a future agenda.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the media submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO