



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 25, 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 zoom and telephone*)
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee V. Johnson

Staff: Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Alan Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO (*attending conference*)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by zoom at 6:46 pm*)
Simone Gauthier, CUPE Executive
Sue Stevenson, COPVPA Executive
Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Cayden Jensen and Sarah Kovacs, DSC Co-Presidents

**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 6:00 pm.

AGENDA

Add: Material for scheduled item 13.1 Approval of School Community Learning Plans.

Main 23P-118

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of October 25, 2023 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - October 11, 2023

On page 1, correct the title of the District Student Council representative to read "DSC Co-President".

Main 23P-119

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 11, 2023 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

A.S. Matheson Elementary - Reflecting on our Actions for Reconciliation

In attendance from A.S. Matheson Elementary School:

Monique West – Principal

Michelle Newman - Vice-Principal

Aaron Veenstra – Teacher

Kade Parnell - Grade 6 Student

Ronika Nejatifard - Grade 6 Student

Last year, A.S. Matheson Elementary students collaborated with a Grade 11/12 class from École Kelowna Secondary School, with the goal of trying to make a sustainable difference in the community. Students were motivated to reflect on their actions and decided to focus on A.S. Matheson Elementary to make a transformational change. The students ended up conducting a waste audit at A.S. Matheson Elementary and sourcing funding to re-vamp the waste

management system to be more sustainable. They reflected on how this was a reconciliatory action, as it would be a step forward in treating our land with kindness and reciprocity and understanding that our own well-being is connected with that of the earth.

The work has continued into this year where the students have reflected on the state of emergency in our community over the summer, their waste audit last year and the connections to their learning about our Local Indigenous communities. The students believe strongly in taking action for reconciliation and are committed to reducing the carbon footprint at A.S. Matheson Elementary and teaching younger grades to do the same.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introductions

The Board of Education congratulated Wynter Oakes, District Vice-Principal, International Education and Settlement Services, and Elise Saraceni, Director of Instruction, International Education, Anti-Racism and Equity, on their new positions with the District.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:41 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:46 pm.

6:46 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting by zoom.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Geistlinger commented on the Inside 23 presentation on sustainability and queried the feasibility of implementing a recycling and composting program at all schools in the District.

Trustee Fraser extended her condolences to the family, friends and school communities of the student who recently lost his life.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of School Community Student Learning Plans

Main 23P-120

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education approve the School Community Student Learning Plans, as provided in summary at the October 25, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function: Policy 168 - Policy Committee

Recommendation from the Policy Committee Meeting - October 4, 2023.

Main 23P-121

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 168 - Policy Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 25, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Review of Policy 105 – Policies

Recommendation from the Policy Committee Meeting - October 4, 2023.

Main 23P-122

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 105 - Policies, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 25, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Regulations 470R - Transportation Services Management (Regulations)

Recommendation from the Policy Committee Meeting - October 4, 2023.

Main 23P-123

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Regulations 470R - Transportation Services Management (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 25, 2023 Public Board 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 – October 11, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

The Board Chair attended a Provincial Advocacy Day in Victoria on October 19, 2023 that brought together Board Chairs with Members of the Legislative Assembly. The Board Chair will provide a report on the Advocacy Day at the General Affairs Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2023-10-05 Email from N. Smith re: Exclusion of students with Down Syndrome in BC School
- 2023-10-14 Email from M. Penner re Social Media Literacy Classes

Sent: None

Main 23P-124

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the October 25, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including the BCSTA Branch Meeting held recently in Merritt, BC, the very successful BC Student Leadership Conference held at Rutland Secondary School last week, the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council Meeting on October 16, 2023, and the Central Okanagan Leadership Team Management Meeting on October 17, 2023.
- The Board Chair and Deputy Superintendent will be attending the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education ceremony in Victoria, BC on October 26, 2023. Six employees from Central Okanagan Public Schools are being recognized.
- Appreciation was expressed to Barry Gerding, Senior Regional Reporter with the Capital News, who consistently covers Board of Education meetings and is also out in the field covering the exceptional learning opportunities for students, including at the recent BC Student Leadership Conference.
- Central Okanagan Public Schools/Career Life Programs is hosting a Dual Credit Information Night on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at École Kelowna Secondary School.
- Trustee Tiede expressed appreciation for the updates completed to make the accessibility to the gym available for all at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School.
- Take our Kids to Work Day will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.
- The Deputy Superintendent referenced a recent Media Release distributed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care outlining the systemic change to improve outcomes for K-12

Indigenous students. The changes are intended to support better education outcomes for First Nations and other Indigenous students attending public schools and more effective relationships between Boards of Education and First Nations. The changes include:

- Applying of a Local Education Agreement with Boards of Education should a First Nation request it. *Central Okanagan Public Schools and Westbank First Nation have entered into eight Local Education Agreements and are in year two of the current five-year Local Education Agreement.*
- Require all Boards to establish an Indigenous Education Council (IEC). *Central Okanagan Public Schools first established an Aboriginal Education Committee in 2003 which has been renamed to Indigenous Education Council.*
- First Nations will be able to decide which school First Nations students will attend who live on reserve, self-governing or Treaty Lands.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

2023 Symposium

November 2-3, 2023

Coast Coal Harbour Hotel

Vancouver, BC

Attending: ~~Trustee Fraser~~ Trustee Desrosiers

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION

Trustee Fraser gave a report on the Resolutions Committee roundtable discussion at the BCSTA Okanagan Branch meeting in Merritt, BC.

Trustee Broughton gave a report on the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting he attended in Vancouver, BC.

BCSTA Trustee Academy

November 23-25, 2023

Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, November 8, 2023
 - AGM at 6:00 pm
 - Public Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

- Wednesday November 1, 2023
 - General Affairs Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
 - Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday November 15, 2023
 - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 29, 2023
 - Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO