



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022, 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
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee V. Johnson

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

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE Vice-President
Simon Adams, COPAC President
Cayden Jensen, DSC Representative

There was no representative from COPVPA.

**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 6:03 pm.

AGENDA

Main 22P-171

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of November 23, 2022 be adopted.
CARRIED.**

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - October 26, 2022

Main 22P-172

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 26, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Johnson and Trustee Guderyan

Inaugural Board Meeting - November 9, 2022

Main 22P-173

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting of November 9, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Creating a Caring Community at École Bellevue Creek Elementary School

Jamie Robinson, Assistant Superintendent; Josh Currie, Assistant Director of Operations and Raelyn Larmet, Principal, École Bellevue Creek Elementary School showed a presentation on the journey of reopening École Bellevue Creek Elementary School for English and French Immersion Kindergarten and Grade One students. The presentation highlighted the course of action taken by the Operations Department to bring the school to where it is today – a bright, welcoming, and beautiful educational space for young learners and the community.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introduction

Kate Cumming, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO introduced Kate Cumming, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Kate previously worked within the public sector and is excited to join the District.

Catherine Sullivan, Executive Assistant, Office of the Executive Director of Human Resources

The Executive Director of Human Resources introduced Catherine Sullivan, Executive Assistant, Office of the Executive Director of Human Resources. Catherine has been with the District for 30 years in various roles.

PRESENTATIONS

Crystal Waters Road - Highway 97 Safety Presentation

Presenter: Pam Dana, Lake Country – Highway 97 Safe Traffic Flow Working Group

On behalf of the Highway 97 Safe Traffic Flow Working Group, Pam Dana presented on the safety issues along a 3 km stretch of Crystal Waters Road that runs alongside Highway 97. There are safety concerns regarding the entrance into high-speed traffic flow off Crystal Waters Road onto Highway 97. This presentation is in response to the Notice of Motion of Trustee Geistlinger at the October 26, 2022 Public Board Meeting requesting 'the Board of Education send letters to the Province of BC and Federal Government requesting they address the safety issues along Highway 97 (the Crystal Waters Road section), noting that it impacts the ability for Central Okanagan Public Schools to provide busing to students living on Crystal Waters Road'.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Crystal Waters Road - Highway 97 Safety

Main 22P-174

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education send letters to the Province of BC and Federal Government requesting they address the safety issues along Highway 97 (the Crystal Waters Road section), noting that it impacts the ability for Central Okanagan Public Schools to provide busing to students living on Crystal Waters Road.

Trustee Geistlinger advised that further to the presentation by Pam Dana, the Crystal Waters community lies within our School District boundaries, yet the District is not able to offer busing to the students who live in this area. Trustee Geistlinger answered queries from Trustees regarding the motion to write a letter, and whether it was necessary to write a letter to the Federal government at this point in time.

Amendment 22P-175

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Province of BC ~~and Federal Government~~ requesting they address the safety issues along Highway 97 (the Crystal Waters Road section), noting that it impacts the ability for Central Okanagan Public Schools to provide busing to students living on Crystal Waters Road.

CARRIED

The Question was called on Main 22P-174 as amended by Amendment 22P-175

CARRIED

Appointment of Board Standing Committee Trustee Representatives

Main 22P-176

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Representatives to Board Standing Committees, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 23, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the District Indigenous Education Council

Main 22P-177

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education defer the appointment of the Trustee Representatives to the District Indigenous Education Council to the December 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Appointment of Board Representatives to District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies

Main 22P-178

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education defer the appointment of the Board Representatives to District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies to the December 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Appointment of Alternate to BCSTA Provincial Council

Main 22P-179

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education defer the appointment of the alternate Trustee Representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council to the December 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Appointment of Alternate to BCSPEA Representative Council

Main 22P-180

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education defer the approval of the alternate Trustee Representative to the BCSPEA Representative Council to the December 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Appointment of Trustee Liaisons

Main 22P-181

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Trustee Liaisons for the 2022/2023 school year.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Simon Adams, COPAC President: Mr. Adams made a statement expressing disappointment with the ballot vote process at the November 9, 2022 Inaugural Meeting.

Sacheen Collecutt: Ms. Collecutt shared her story as a concerned citizen, and as the parent of an autistic child with gender identity matters. Ms. Collecutt expressed concerns with the SOGI curriculum and its influence, the use of masks, and mandatory vaccinations.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Board Policy and Regulations 631 - School Closures/Consolidations

The Board reviewed the information, and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised no school closures or consolidations are recommended for the 2023/2024 school year.

Board Policy and Regulations 632 - School Reconfigurations

The Board reviewed the information, and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised no school reconfigurations are expected for the 2023/2024 school year, other than the addition of Grade 2 to École Bellevue Creek Elementary School, as previously planned.

7:01 pm: The Deputy Superintendent left the meeting.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – October 26, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - November 15, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

District Student Council 2022-2023

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Fraser advised that she had attended the Safe Schools Community Meeting and there was an update on the School Resource Officers for the Westside, Lake Country and Kelowna. The School Officers have been invaluable partners and incredibly responsive to school safety concerns.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: None

Received:

- 2022-10-18 - 2022-10-26 emails from D. Buckna (Oreo Pagus) with various links re: civic election
- 2022-10-21 email from P. Barns re: Central Okanagan School District 23 School Library concerns
- 2022-10-21 letter from R. Smith re: George Pringle name
- 2022-11-10 Email from C. Gawley re New Requirements for Graduation
- 2022-11-12 Email from L. Bowen to editor of InfoNews and Board of Education

Main 22P-182

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: At the November 23, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees spoke of their experiences at the Remembrance Day assemblies at various schools and the civic Remembrance Day ceremonies in Lake Country, Rutland, Kelowna, West Kelowna and Peachland.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of:

- The Yukon First Nations group visiting the District this week and participating in several events.
- KSS is hosting the 2022 Provincial AAA Boys Volleyball Championships November 30 – December 3, 2022. Everyone is invited to attend.
- OKM is hosting the Provincial Quad A Volleyball Championships December 1-3, 2022. Everyone is invited to attend.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Trustee Academy

December 1-3, 2022, Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

March 3-4, 2023, Kelowna

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

General Affairs Committee: *cancelled* ~~Wednesday December 7, 2022 at 4:00 pm~~

Planning and Facilities Committee: Wednesday December 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South, Kelowna

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Deferred Items:

- Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the District Indigenous Education Council
- Appointment of Board Representatives to District Committees and Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies
- Appointment of Alternate to BCSTA Provincial Council
- Appointment of Alternate to BCSPEA Representative Council

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO