



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

(Second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July and August, and the third Wednesday in March and the second Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office, at 6:00 PM.)

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

DATE: Wednesday, April 25, 2018
TIME: 6:00 pm
LOCATION: School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC

In attendance:

Board of Education:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee L. Mossman
Trustee L. Tiede

In attendance:

Staff:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
T. Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent
E. Sadlowski, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
L. Parker, Executive Assistant (*Recorder*)
M. Essler, Executive Assistant

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	No representative
COPVPA	Brad Kuhn, Member-At-Large
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	David Tether, President
DSC	Riko Mizushima, Co-President

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add: Information Item 12.5 Transportation Fees for the 2018/19 Fiscal Year

Main

18P-050

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,

THAT: The Agenda for the April 25, 2018 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – April 11, 2018

Amendment: Page 7

Information under General Statement be added to reflect the following:

February 28, 2018 Incamera Meeting

Trustee Gorman advised that had he been present for that portion of the meeting he would have recused himself from the Human Resources Action Items portion of the Incamera Board Meeting due to a potential Conflict of Interest.

March 14, 2018 Incamera Meeting

Trustee Gorman advised that had he been able to attend the March 14, 2018 Board of Education Incamera Meeting, he would have recused himself from the Human Resources Action Items due to potential conflict of interest.

Amendment: Page 8

Remove the word Acting beside Chairperson.

Main

18P-051

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of March 14, 2018 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Central Okanagan Public Schools Payroll and Finance Departments

In attendance:

Delta Carmichael, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Val Dougans, Finance Manager

Cindy Kennedy, Payroll Coordinator

Cheryl Howden, District Accounts Clerk

Lorna Wentland, Accounts Payable Clerk

Delta Carmichael, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided background information on the Payroll and Finance Departments in the Central Okanagan Public Schools. There are currently twelve staff in the two Departments. Each of the members of the Departments in attendance provided an overview of their duties. The Secretary-Treasurer expressed her appreciation to all the Payroll and Finance Staff.

INTRODUCTION / RECOGNITION

Valerie Dougans, Finance Manager

The Board of Education welcomed Valerie to the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

6:18 pm: The Deputy Superintendent left the meeting.

Katrina Billintin and Katya Torin, Grade 11 Students, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

In attendance:

Brad Kuhn, Vice-Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Richard Hohl, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The Board of Education congratulated Katrina Billinton and Katya Torin on receiving Government of Canada History Awards. Katrina and Katya provided an overview of their essays on the topic of Residential Schools. The awards honour the exceptional work of high school students who, through their writing, have shown an interest in great moments in Canadian history.

6:20 pm: *The Deputy Superintendent returned to the meeting.*

DECLARATION

"National Day of Mourning – April 28, 2018

On behalf of the Board of Education, the Chairperson made the following declaration:

"The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares April 28, 2018 as a Day of Mourning in the Central Okanagan Public Schools and observes a moment of silence to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties."

It was noted that as all the Trustees will be out of the district on April 27, 2018 the Deputy Superintendent will attend the Day of Mourning Ceremony on behalf of the Board of Education.

6:28 pm: *A moment of silence was observed.*

PRESENTATIONS

DELEGATIONS

6:28 pm: *The meeting was recessed.*

6:28 pm: *The District Student Council Co-President left the meeting.*

6:32 pm: *The meeting was reconvened.*

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The purpose of this public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any items on the agenda. The total time for this period shall normally be 15 minutes. A person wishing to speak is requested by the Chairperson of the Board to state his/her name and provide, if possible, a written copy of the comments.

Mr. James Miller – Editor, Kelowna Daily Courier

- Mr. Miller had some questions and comments regarding transportation fees.
Trustee Baxter explained that on the Board of Education Public Website under School Bus Transportation there is a process in place for parents to enter their address and find out the student's catchment school and fee amounts.
There is a discount provided if fees are paid prior to June 30 of each year.
- Mr. Miller inquired what the Board of Education is doing to make a statement against The Fraser Institute's school evaluation system and whether the Board has considered following the suggestion of refusing to administer the test.
Trustee Baxter replied that letters have been written to the Ministry of Education expressing concerns regarding the Fraser Institute's ranking of schools. The Board of Education has taken an oath to abide by The School Act and cannot refuse to administer the test. Parents are able to opt their children out from taking it.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that schools are using other standardized assessment methods based on research to properly assess a student's knowledge and understanding.

- Mr. Miller queried who on the Board of Education is attending the National Trustee Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and what the associated costs would be.
Trustee Baxter and Trustee Butler confirmed they will be attending.
Trustee Baxter noted that the Canadian School Board Association made the decision that the convention would remain in Halifax. Trustees will use their Personal Travel Account.

Sarah Neukomm – Rose Valley Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee President

- Ms. Neukomm asked about the purchase and moving of portables for the Westside, and if the 3 from elementary schools on the Westside were still slated to go to Mount Boucherie Secondary School.
The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO advised that is still the plan.
- Ms. Neukomm queried if Rose Valley Elementary School has been capped.
Assistant Superintendent Dr. Oliver stated that Rose Valley Elementary School has not been capped.
Trustee Baxter stated that capping student enrollment at schools doesn't happen very often, or without the Board of Education approval.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser:

Trustee Fraser asked if the Board should make a public statement about the Fraser Institute's ranking of schools.

The Board Chair stated that the Board has been very clear on its position.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reiterated that the report has been questioned by universities regarding the validity of their use of data and as a tool for ranking schools. Central Okanagan Public Schools students are being evaluated using standardized research based assessments and are performing well.

Trustee Baxter:

In response to Mr. Miller's earlier question Trustee Baxter explained that since 2012, grant money received in this District marked for Unique Geographical Factors has been used towards transportation services. Boards can decide to utilize these funds elsewhere. The District has a Hardship Policy where families can apply for subsidy.

ACTION ITEMS

6:32 pm: *The Board Chairperson, Trustee Baxter, relinquished the Chair to Trustee Cacchioni.*

Review of Policy and Regulation 631 – School Closures/Consolidation

(Notice of Motion: Trustee Baxter - April 11, 2018 Public Board Meeting)

Trustee Baxter introduced her Notice of Motion from the April 11, 2018 Public Board Meeting.

Main
18P-052

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education review and amend Policy 631 – School Closures/Consolidation and Regulation 631R – School Closures/Consolidation to provide clarification on reconfiguration.

Trustee Gorman queried the timeline for this item to return to a Public Board Meeting.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that this item could be discussed at the May 2, 2018 Policy Committee Meeting.

Amendment

18P-053

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education ~~review and amend~~ refer Policy 631 – School Closures/Consolidation and Regulation 631R – School Closures/Consolidation to the Policy Committee to provide clarification on reconfiguration.

CARRIED

The question was called on Main Motion 18P-052 as Amended by 18P-053:

THAT: The Board of Education refer Policy 631 – School Closures/Consolidation and Regulation 631R – School Closures/Consolidation to the Policy Committee to provide clarification on reconfiguration.

CARRIED

Review of Policy and Regulation 405 – Student Placement

(Notice of Motion: Trustee Baxter - April 11, 2018 Public Board Meeting)

Trustee Baxter introduced her Notice of Motion from the April 11, 2018 Public Board Meeting. The review of this Policy pertains to the Board's role regarding capping of schools.

Main

18P-054

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education review Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulation 405R – Student Placement to clarify the Board's role.

Amendment

18P-055

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education ~~review~~ refer Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulation 405R – Student Placement to the Education and Student Services Committee to clarify the Board's role.

CARRIED

The question was called on Main Motion 18P-054 as Amended by 18P-055:

THAT: The Board of Education refer Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulation 405R – Student Placement to the Education and Student Services Committee to clarify the Board's role.

CARRIED

7:06 pm *The Acting Chairperson, Trustee Cacchioni, relinquished the Chairperson role back to Trustee Baxter.*

Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2018/2019 Budget Recommendations

Trustee Fraser introduced the recommendation from the April 18, 2018 Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded to queries from the Trustees on the surplus carry-forward and calculation for Teacher Salary Differential.

Main

18P-056

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2018/2019 Budget Recommendations as attached and as presented at the April 25, 2018 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2018/2019 through 2022/2023

Trustee Gorman introduced the recommendation from the February 21, 2018 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

Main

18P-057

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2018/2019 through 2022/2023, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the April 25, 2018 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement – Rose Valley Elementary School

Trustee Gorman introduced the recommendation from the February 21, 2018 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

Main

18P-058

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the Rose Valley Elementary School PAC for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the April 25, 2018 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Trustee Indemnity for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year

Trustee Fraser introduced the recommendation from the April 4, 2018 Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.

Main

18P-059

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 2.1%, for the period effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 thereby setting the salaries at:

Trustee: \$18,964

Vice Chair: \$19, 924

Chair: \$21, 381

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

This public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any matter pertaining to public education.

David Tether – CUPE President

- Mr. Tether highlighted that the Rose Valley Elementary School Enhancement Agreement was the type of project that requires a CUPE jurisdiction.

James Miller – Editor, Kelowna Daily Courier

- Mr. Miller commented on pay raises of Senior Staff, COTA and CUPE members and the increase of the trustee indemnity.
The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO confirmed that from 2010 to 2015 there were no changes to Trustee wages, as well as confirmed amounts received for 2016 and 2017.
Trustee Baxter explained that this item is budget-related and according to Policy will come forward each year at Budget Recommendation time.

Susan Bauhart, COTA President,

- Ms. Bauhart responded to Mr. Miller's comments on wage increases and expressed her inability to condone that all staff, both funded and unfunded, have gone without wage increases for such a length of time.

Chantelle Desrosiers, Parent

- Ms. Desrosiers expressed her appreciation to the Board of Education for agreeing to review Policies 631 and 405.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Unless directed otherwise, staff will be ensuring classes across the District are filled to capacity, where necessary, within the requirements of the Collective Agreement and the Memorandum of Agreement LOU #17. Classes will be organized in a similar manner as this past year. Staff will report back to the Board if a school whose enrolment is capped by the Board is exceeded.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2017/2018

General Statement – April 11, 2018

Westside French Immersion Consultation Process and Timeline

- Trustee Butler questioned the need for more consultation. She suggested that there was enough data analyzed that could be presented for discussion at the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.
The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that staff is prepared to present an action memo to the Board regarding the placement of the Grade 4 middle immersion program, based on the consultation completed to date and the district's planning information. Public will have opportunity for comment at the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting where the Committee will have the opportunity for discussions and recommendations for the Board. Parent Advisory Councils will be meeting in September.
- Trustee Butler recommended that this go to the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting in May, 2018 in lieu of the suggested online survey.

7:43 pm Trustee Gorman exited the meeting.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO will update the memo for the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

7:45 pm Trustee Gorman returned to the meeting.

Trustee Baxter asked that the memo be updated and posted to the District website.

Transportation Fees for the 2018/19 Fiscal Year

Discussion occurred on the information provided regarding family rates and discounts if fees are paid prior to June 30, 2018

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: The Honourable Adrian Dix – Support of Lake Country Health Club

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Main
18P-060

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: At the April 25, 2018 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported on the following:

- The **2018 Okanagan Regional Heritage Fair** was held today (April 24, 2018) with approximately 70 students from Okanagan School Districts participating. Students from grade 4 to 10 presented their heritage projects to interviewers, their peers and the public as well as participated in workshops. Several students were selected to participate in the Provincial Fair.
- The **Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society** held their Information/Appreciation Tea today to recognize the generous support of their many donors.
- The **Firefighting Bootcamp 2018** conference was held last week at the Firehall on Enterprise.

The conference provided students with hands-on experience with a number of firefighting responsibilities. Appreciation was expressed to the Kelowna Fire Department for arranging this amazing opportunity for students.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 26 to Sunday, April 29, 2018

Location: Vancouver, BC

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Policy Committee

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 4:00pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road

Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 6:00pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer