



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 10, 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
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee V. Johnson

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

Absent: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President
Jared Birkeland, COPVPA Executive
Simon Adams, COPAC President
Zach Johnson, DSC Co-President

**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 23P-061

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of May 10, 2023 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED**

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - April 26, 2023

On page 6, Board correspondence was inadvertently not listed. Add:

*Received: 2023-04-17 Email from S. Gallivan re: criminal records checks for volunteers
2023-04-17 Letter from S. Kootnekoff re: bussing for French immersion students*

Sent: None

Main 23P-062

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 26, 2023 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED**

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Red Dress Day - May 5, 2023

In attendance from Mount Boucherie Secondary School:

Toni Owens, Vice-Principal

Mary Redfearn, Teacher – Indigenous Academy

Carlee Mills-Doherty – Teacher

Xavier Robinson, Student

May 5, 2023 is Red Dress Day, also known as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day. Red is worn to pause, remember and reflect on the lost lives and continued violence against Indigenous women and girls in Canada. Student, Xavier Robinson, spoke on how the day was originally established in remembrance of the missing women and girls along the Highway of Tears. Mary Redfearn, Academy of Indigenous Studies teacher, assisted Xavier in the presentation, reflecting her advocacy for Indigenous leadership. Teacher, Carlee Mills-Doherty,

spoke of the CBC podcast she has been teaching her students on "Who Killed Alberta Williams" who was found dead along the Highway of Tears near Prince Rupert.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:29 pm.

The meeting resumed at 6:31 pm.

DECLARATION

National Food Allergy Awareness Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May as Food Allergy Awareness Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Laurie Bowen, a resident of West Kelowna, queried the Sexual Health Education Program Review and the differences on the Parent and Student surveys. She also asked for information on how the recommendations in the memo involving program delivery and parents (improving communications, expanding resources, topics of instruction) came to be.

The Deputy Superintendent advised that Ms. Bowen's questions would likely be answered when the Motion was presented to the Board for approval under Item 13.4 of the Agenda.

Richard Delaney, a grandparent, queried the materials used to deliver the Sexual Health Education Program, which included content relating to gender identity, transgender reflections, procedures and therapies. Mr. Delaney asked if the School District endorsed and supported the transgender ideology.

The Chair accepted Mr. Delaney's written question. Trustee Desrosiers stated that she supported all students in the District.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser advised that École Okanagan Mission Secondary School is hosting a Relay for Life fundraiser on June 1, 2023 from 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm. The information will be forwarded to Trustees if anyone would like to join Trustee Fraser on a team.

Trustee Broughton stated that he supported all students, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

ACTION ITEMS

Indigenous Education Preliminary Budget (2023/2024 Fiscal Year)

Recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee meeting – April 19, 2023.

Main 23P-063

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve staff's proposed 2023/2024 Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 10, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Mount Boucherie Secondary School - Hairstylist Academy Fee Increase

Recommendation from the Education and Student Services Committee meeting – April 19, 2023.

Main 23P-064

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase of \$100 (from \$850 to \$950/student) for the Hairstylist Academy (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 10, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Mount Boucherie Secondary School - Mountain Biking Academy Fee Increase

Recommendation from the Education and Student Services Committee meeting – April 19, 2023.

Main 23P-065

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase of \$60 (from \$265 to \$325/student) for the Mountain Biking Academy (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 10, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Sexual Health Education Program Review (Level 1)

Recommendation from the Education and Student Services Committee meeting – April 19, 2023.

Main 23P-066

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Sexual Health Education Program Review (Level 1), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 10, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Deputy Superintendent advised that she had no emergent issues to report on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools/CEO.

Financial Update - March 31, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – April 26, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

The Board Chair advised that she had a discussion with the Minister of Education and Child Care Rachna Singh, and her Ministerial Advisor, at the recent BCSTA AGM, and is hopeful that Central Okanagan Public Schools will be added to her itinerary for an upcoming tour.

The Board Chair offered thanks to COPAC for supporting the ordinary resolution passed at the BCCPAC AGM which advocated for the Ministry of Education and Child Care to fully fund the purchase, maintenance, and relocation costs of portables.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2023-04-21 Email from L. Dueck regarding SHEP Presentation information
- 2023-04-21 Email from K. Gowan regarding rezoning in Kettle Valley
- 2023-04-25 Email from S. Bradley regarding admission to KSS

- 2023-04-26 Email from L. Dueck regarding Wilbur Turner Presentation
- 2023-04-27 Email from S. Harrison regarding French Immersion Kindergarten waitlist in Lake Country
- 2023-04-30 Letter from L. Baird of Action4Canada re SD 23 to Remove SOGI123
- 2023-05-01 Email from L. Bowen re Follow up to Wednesday Board Meeting re student enrollment

Sent: None

Main 23P-067

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the May 10, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair, Trustees, Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various events throughout the District including:
 - o School Community Student Learning Plan Conversations at Anne McClymont Elementary, École Peter Greer Elementary and Shannon Lake Elementary Schools,
 - o The Mount Boucherie Secondary School theatre performance of "Failure: A Love Story", and
 - o École Okanagan Mission Secondary Capstone presentations.
- Trustees, along with the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, recently attended the BCSTA AGM in Vancouver, BC. Congratulations were expressed to Trustee Julia Fraser on her appointment as Vice-President of the BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch of the BCSTA.
- The Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) recently celebrated 52 years of financially assisting local graduates in pursuit of post-secondary education by hosting a Donor Appreciation & Information Tea on Monday, May 1, 2023. In 2022, generous donors gave 585 awards for a value of \$545,315.
- May is Child Care Month and Friday, May 12th is Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. This is an opportunity to celebrate the work of thousands of caring and committed childcare providers and early childhood educators.
- May 12th is Celebration of Women in Math Day.

- Mount Boucherie Secondary School will be hosting their first student community visual art show at the Peachland Art Gallery opening on May 27, 2023 and running until the end of June 2023.
- Central Okanagan Public Schools recently hosted nine educators visiting from Sweden. The group spent a day at three schools to gain inspiration and to learn how to engage children in reading and writing. The Swedish educators observed classes, took part in assemblies, attended support meetings and spent much time in discussion and reflection with our educators.
- The Instructional Leadership Team is currently hosting Symposium 2023 - What Could School Be? This Symposium is a celebration of the work that teachers are engaged with in the District. The morning is spent hearing learning stories from various educators throughout the District. The afternoon is spent visiting the educator's classrooms to observe, reflect on, and (re)imagine hopes and dreams for fostering student agency in schools.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 14, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday May 17, 2023

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

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

Wednesday June 7, 2023

- Policy 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 7:24 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO