



**Central Okanagan  
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 6:00 pm**

**School Board Office**

**1040 Hollywood Road S**

**Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee L. Tiede, Chair  
Trustee C. Desrosiers  
Trustee J. Fraser  
Trustee A. Geistlinger  
Trustee L. Guderyan  
Trustee V. Johnson

Absent: Trustee W. Broughton

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: Shelley Yost, CUPE Recording Secretary  
Nicola Baker, COPAC President  
Kevin Auclair, COPVPA Executive  
Emme Trong, DSC Representative  
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom 6:40 pm*)

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

## **RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING**

### **National Day of Mourning - April 28, 2024**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education observed 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.

## **AGENDA**

### **Main 24P-039**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of April 24, 2024 be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - April 10, 2024**

#### **Main 24P-040**

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 10, 2024 be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton

## **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"**

### **Forestry Program**

In attendance from Rutland Senior Secondary School:

- Adam Miller, Acting Vice-Principal
- Marshall Corbett, Forestry Teacher
- Students: Jayden Shkrabuik, Grade 11  
Nova Kidder, Grade 11

The Rutland Senior Secondary School Forestry Program has been running for at least the last 34 years. This authentic learning program allows students to build life skills while learning about

many different forestry related careers. The program is based at Rutland Senior Secondary School where there is a shop/classroom along with a compound containing a sawmill. The wood from the sawmill is available for any student enrolled in woodworking classes in the District. This Dual Credit Program is unique in that it allows students to explore an industry without committing to a specific career. There are students that have gone on to university learning alongside students who are on an evergreen pathway. The unique methods of delivery (the forest being the main teacher, for example) allow the program to be tailored to meet the needs of a diverse range of students.

On Thursday, April 11, 2024 Grade 3 students from École Glenmore Elementary School joined the Grade 11 Forestry Class from Rutland Senior Secondary School to plant trees and explore the forest. Tree planting occurred 8 km up the Blue Grouse Forestry Service Road, in a recently burned area due to the McDougall Creek Wildfire. Students started with a safety presentation, learned why they were planting the trees, how to do it, and then went out planting before they used the field study for other math, science, and social emotional learning.

## **RECOGNITION**

- **Caleb Trudeau, Grade 9, École George Elliot Secondary School**

The Board of Education recognized Caleb Trudeau for his 1st place finish at the recent Canadian National Wrestling Championships (48kg Freestyle and 48kg Greco-Roman divisions).

- **Max Sabey, Grade 8, Rutland Middle School**

The Board of Education recognized Max Sabey for receiving gold and silver medals at the recent Canadian National Wrestling Championships.

- **Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent, UBC Alumni Builder Award**

The Board of Education expressed congratulations to Deputy Superintendent, Terry-Lee Beaudry, on receiving the UBC Alumni Builder Award. This award recognizes her dedication to students, her many contributions to transforming education, and her work with UBC and the Okanagan School of Education.

*6:40 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting.*

## **DECLARATIONS**

### **TTOC Appreciation Week - May 6-10, 2024**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares May 6-10, 2024 as TTOC Appreciation Week and recognizes all Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

**National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls - May 5, 2024**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares May 5, 2024 as a Day of Awareness in Central Okanagan Public Schools, of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

**PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

Laurie Bowen commented on the process for public input on items on the Public Board Meeting Agenda. Since the question and comment period occurs *before* Trustees debate on any Action items, Ms. Bowen shared said that it would be appreciated if staff reports were included with the Agenda on items such as policy amendments, to provide the rationale for anyone reviewing the Agenda. This process would result in more transparency, accountability and trust.

**TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS**

Trustee Fraser wished a happy Administrative Professionals Day to the Executive Assistants who support the Board of Education.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Amendment to Policy 135 - School Board Operation**

**Main 24P-041**

**MOVED by Trustee Johnson**

**SECONDED by Trustee Fraser**

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 135 - School Board Operation, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the April 24, 2024 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Amendment to Policy 125 - Trustee Code of Ethics**

**Main 24P-042**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers  
SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 125 - Trustee Code of Ethics, as attached to the Agenda, and as further amended at the April 24, 2024 Public Board Meeting.**

**Amendment 24P-043**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger  
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the additional edits to the amendments to item 3 of Policy 125 - Trustee Code of Ethics:**

3. **Make decisions** with regard to the individual needs of all children, regardless of their gender identity, sexual orientation, race, sex, creed, social standing or diversability, and ~~although elected from a particular area of the District, a responsibility~~ to ensure that decisions are made in the best interests of the District as a whole.

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton

**Amendment 24P-044**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger  
SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the additional edits to the amendments to item 6.1 of Policy 125 - Trustee Code of Ethics:**

6. Maintaining the integrity, confidence, and dignity of the office of the Board of Education.

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton

**Amendment 24P-045**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the additional edits to the amendments to item 6.4 of Policy 125 - Trustee Code of Ethics,**

- 6.4 Attending, *when possible*, educational conferences, workshops, and training sessions made available by local or provincial affiliations. Through participating in professional development opportunities, Trustees can enhance their knowledge of Trustee roles and responsibilities and become acquainted with current educational topics and trends.

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton

**The question was called on Main Motion 24P-042 as amended by Amendment 24P-043, Amendment 24P-044 and Amendment 24P-045.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton

**Trustee Indemnity for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year**

**Main 24P-046**

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

**THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 3.7%, thereby setting the stipend at: Trustee - \$24,941, Vice-Chair - \$26,341, Chair - \$28,469.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton

**Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2024/2025 Budget Recommendations Report**

**Main 24P-047**

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2024/2025 Budget Recommendations, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the April 24, 2024 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

None

### **Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024**

The Board reviewed the information.

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The Board reviewed the information.

### **Okanagan Indian Band Flag Displayed with Westbank First Nation Flag**

The Deputy Superintendent shared that members of the Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) have asked, in the spirit of goodwill and partnership, if the Board of Education would like to also display the OKIB flag in the board room. The Westbank First Nation (WFN) flag was installed during the pandemic, so a ceremony was not possible. The hope is that both the OKIB and WFN Councils can attend a board meeting in the near future to gift their flags in a ceremony.

### **Westbank First Nation Council Resolution – Schools of Choice (Bill 40)**

The Deputy Superintendent shared information about the Westbank First Nation Council Resolution regarding Schools of Choice, under the new Bill 40.

After consultation with families, Westbank First Nation Council has chosen Chief Tomat Elementary School, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, and Mount Boucherie Secondary School for the 2024/2025 school year.

### **Board Evaluation**

The Board Chair explained that the purpose of the Board Evaluation is to assess the effectiveness and performance and overall functioning of the Board. The Board Evaluation will occur once every two months – four times per year.

**General Statement – April 10, 2024**

The Board reviewed the information.

**ADVOCACY**

Trustee Fraser reported that the three motions taken to the BCSTA AGM on April 20, 2024 were passed. Motion 26 – Funding CleanBC goals; Motion 28, Increase Annual Facilities Grant to address Deferred Maintenance; and Motion 32, Accessible and Affordable Internet Connectivity.

**BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Trustee Johnson attended the District Human Rights Committee meeting where they heard information on the Feeding Futures Program and an update to District's efforts on the new Accessibility Act.

Trustee Fraser reported on the Board's meeting with the District Student Council on April 15, 2024.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Received:

- 2024-04-12 Email from D. Hunt re: Crosswalk safety for Constable Neil Bruce School on Daimler
- 2024-04-12 Email from L. Manchester re: Aerial Spraying of Bacterial Pesticide BTK over West Kelowna

Sent: None

**Main 24P-048**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

**THAT: At the April 24, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**



## ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the following:
  - BCSTA AGM meeting held last week in Vancouver, BC
  - Windscares Band Festival (formerly Kiwanis Music Festival)
  - Building project at North Glenmore Elementary School
  - School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation at École Dr. Knox Middle School
  - Delivery of the Volunteer stickers to schools in honor of Volunteer Week
  - Living Museum at Canyon Falls Middle School
  - Participation in selection of Medicine Wheel Award recipients
  - Lion King performance at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
- Upcoming events:
  - Mount Boucherie Secondary School Theatre performance of Puffs: The Play on Wednesday, May 1 through Friday, May 3, 2024.
  - Mount Boucherie Secondary School Walk for Mental Health on May 8, 2024.
- After a student vote, students excitedly took to Rutland Senior Secondary's PA system last week to announce the school's new team name: Rutland Thunder. Students led the process of the latest name change for the school and will now go on to select a logo. Rutland will keep its familiar blue and gold colours and continue to focus on their identity as a diverse school at the heart of a proud community.
- April 24, 2024 is National Administrative Assistants Day, recognizing the contributions of administrative assistants and library assistants who provide outstanding support to students, staff, parents, and community members. Thank you to our exceptional team of District and site-based Admin Professionals and our library assistants!
- The Okanagan Wildfire Responders Gratitude Event is being held Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Memorial Park in West Kelowna from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. to honour the commendable efforts of the people who selflessly assisted during the McDougall Creek Wildfire last August. Several Central Okanagan Public Schools will have representatives participating in the Walk of Heroes. This is a family-oriented event with a Walk of Heroes, live music, entertaining performances, and a barbecue.
- The 49th Annual Civic and Community Awards is taking place April 24, 2024 at the Laurel Packinghouse. Congratulations to all students and teams who are finalists.

**BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

**Appointment of Alternate to BCPSEA Representative Council**

**Main 24P-049**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

**THAT: Trustee Guderyan and Trustee Desrosiers swap their alternate roles as follows:**

- Trustee Guderyan - now Alternate Representative to BCSTA Representative
- Trustee Desrosiers - now Alternate Representative to BCPSEA Representative Council

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Trustee Broughton

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

- Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

**Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Wednesday May 1, 2024

- ~~General Affairs Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm~~ cancelled
- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

Wednesday May 15, 2024

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

None

**MEDIA QUESTIONS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO