



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 6:00 pm
School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chair
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Delta Carmichael, Acting Secretary-Treasurer
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
David Tether, CUPE President
Simon Adams, COPAC President
Jasmine Lemon, COPVPA Member-at-Large
Grace Mallette, DSC Co-President - Grade 12 at RSS

**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.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER

Main 22P-058

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: Due to the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO vacancy, the Board appoint Delta Carmichael, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, as the Acting Secretary-Treasurer for all Public Board Meetings until the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO position is filled.

CARRIED

AGENDA

Main 22P-059

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of April 13, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - March 9, 2022

Main 22P-060

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

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

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Seamless Day Kindergarten

In attendance:

Jamie Robinson, Acting Assistant Superintendent

Joan Szewczyk, Early Learning Team Teacher

The Seamless Day Program is a pilot initiative in the Government of British Columbia's effort to make child care accessible, affordable and seamless. The Seamless Day Program was initiated in 2019 and began in four elementary schools in British Columbia and has now expanded to twenty-one schools across the Province. Bankhead Elementary School is offering the first program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools. The Seamless Day Programs allow Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) to work alongside the teachers in the classroom throughout the school day, and to provide high-quality before and after school care within the same

Kindergarten classroom setting. With minimum transition for the students, and team collaboration for the educators, younger students excel in all aspects of their development.

The Board requested a breakdown of revenue and expenses for the Seamless Day Program. The Acting Secretary-Treasurer stated that she will bring a report forward to a future Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.

DECLARATIONS

National Volunteer Week - April 24-30, 2022

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 24-30, 2022 as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Day of Mourning - April 28, 2022

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 28, 2022 as a Day of Mourning in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Flags will be lowered to half-mast, at the Operations yard and School Board Office, to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no questions/comments during the first public question/comment period. A second question/comment period was added to the agenda after Board Correspondence.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported that he had no emergent issues to report.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022

The Board reviewed the information.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised the Board that a late field study request has come in for the École Glenrosa Middle School Hockey Academy to travel to Vancouver from April 25, 2022 through to April 26, 2022.

Main 22P-061

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board approve that the field study request for the École Glenrosa Middle School Hockey Academy to travel to Vancouver from April 25, 2022 through to April 26, 2022 be added to the Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022 (Item 9.2 on the Agenda).

CARRIED

General Statement – March 9, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

Trustee Bowman stated that had she been present for the Bargaining Update, she would have recused herself.

General Statement - March 15, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - March 17, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

Change in Name of Ministry of Education to Ministry of Education and Child Care

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported the Government of British Columbia recently announced that the accountability for child care would transition to the Ministry of Education at the beginning of April 2022. *"Bringing childcare under the umbrella of the Ministry of Education acknowledges that it is part of a child's learning journey, delivering important early learning opportunities, and supporting future educational success"*, says the letter from the Minister of Education and Minister of State for Child Care dated February 8, 2022. As such, there has been a name change from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. An announcement about additional funding to support extra costs associated with any new responsibilities regarding child care is expected in May.

New Indigenous-Focus Graduation Requirement

The Ministry of Education and Childcare, in collaboration with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC), recently announced that as part of the Province's commitments to truth, reconciliation, and anti-racism, the Ministry of Education and Child Care is implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all students. Implementation of the new requirement is expected to involve a phased-in approach that would come into full effect in the 2023/2024 school year.

The Board discussed concerns with the effective date of the new Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement. One of the concerns being that Grade 10 students will already have made their course selections and may not have the new Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement. The province is garnering feedback on the new graduation requirement via an online survey. The Board encouraged the public to provide their feedback on the provincial survey, prior to the April 22, 2022 deadline.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

There were no Board/District Committee queries/comments or reports.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

C. Desrosiers Response to J. Kirkey, March 2, 2022, Re French Immersion Program in West Kelowna

M. Baxter Response to J. Kirkey, March 2, 2022, Re French Immersion Program in West Kelowna

Response to B. Whitt, March 13, 2022, Re Universal Bathrooms

Response to B. Hewson, March 16, 2022, Re Parking - Dorothea Walker Elementary - Gordon

Response to S. Styles, March 16, 2022, Re 4th Request for Information - Questions Answered

Response to A. Frost, March 21, 2022, Re Regarding CBC Interview

Response to L. Burma, April 6, 2022, Re Board Chairperson Position Question

Received:

R. Durant, February 19, 2022, Please support before and after school childcare

C. Hills, February 20, 2022, Please support before and after school childcare

D. Delcourt, March 7, 2022, The school vaccine mandates

Action4Canada, March 10, 2022, School Staff Member Vaccination Status Reporting, Mandated COVID-19 Vaccination and Rapid Testing

C. Broughton, March 10, 2022, Student access to washrooms

B. Witt, March 13, 2022, Universal Bathrooms

K. Klassen, March 15, 2022, Vaccine Mandate

B. Hewson, March 16, 2022, Parking - Dorothea Walker Elementary - Gordon

L. Manchester, March 16, 2022, Artron COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests - Harms and Concerns

S. Styles, March 16, 2022 and March 17, 2022, 4th Request for Information/Questions Answered

A. Frost, March 20, 2022 and March 21, 2022, Regarding CBC Interview

D. Elliot, March 21, 2022, Ontario Doctor and Public Health Officer reveals the science behind not masking to avoid COVID-19

L. Manchester, March 25, 2022, Dangers of Artron Covid-19 Rapid Antigen Test Kits

L. Manchester, March 26, 2022, City of Kelowna Vaccination Policy

K. Quigley, March 27, 2022, End Vaccine Mandate City of West Kelowna

L. Manchester, March 27, 2022, End Vaccine Mandate City of West Kelowna

M. Ashton, March 27, 2022, Safeguarding concerns and parental rights

M. Quigley, March 27, 2022, End Vaccine Mandate City of West Kelowna

Concerned Citizens Against Medical Tyranny, March 28, 2022, What is your acceptable risk threshold?

A. Brisson, March 29, 2022, Re Article 'School students pave the way for inclusivity'

V. Chung, March 29, 2022, Mask Mandates & Human Rights

L. Burma, April 6, 2022, Board Chairperson Position Question

Main 22P-062

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: At the April 13, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Terry Robertson queried if the Board will consider mandating masks in schools.

The Board Chair stated that the Board has not discussed mandating masks in schools. Currently, the Board follows Provincial Health Orders.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that if the Board exceeds provincial health advice, there is a potential risk that the Board of Education would not be covered by the Schools Protection Program in the event that harm was caused by their decision.

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair, Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Davidson Road Elementary School hosted their School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation today.
- Informal visits to schools on the Westside.
- The Early Years Partnership Committee recently met where there was discussion about Kindergarten registration and transition.
- The recognition of Rod Belinski, former Central Okanagan Public Schools volleyball coach, into the 2022 Volleyball BC Hall of Fame.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA AGM

April 21-24, 2022

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/City of Kelowna Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

There were no items for a future agenda.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Chair

Acting Secretary-Treasurer