



**Central Okanagan  
Public Schools**  
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 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 (*by Zoom*)  
Trustee A. Geistlinger  
Trustee L. Guderyan  
Trustee V. Johnson

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

*Absent: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO (travelling to College Board of Canada meeting)*

Partner Groups Nicola Baker, COPAC President  
Jamie McEvoy, COPVPA Executive  
Grace Sweet, DSC Student Representative  
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:31 pm*)  
*There was no representative from COTA*

**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 6:04 pm.

## **AGENDA**

### **Main 24P-059**

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of May 22, 2024 be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - May 8, 2024**

#### **Main 24P-060**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 8, 2024 be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED**

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

### **Indigenous Mentorship: Sharing Stories of Our Ways with the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate**

In attendance: Jesse Bruce, Director of Instruction – Indigenous Education

Christie Russell, District Vice-Principal – Indigenous Education

Nathen Elliot, Principal, Central Programs and Services

Simone Gauthier, Lead Advocate

Tyna Smith, Indigenous Student Advocate

Central Okanagan Public Schools' Indigenous Education Department and the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED) have collaborated to share promising practices and cultural teachings for the past six years. During Spring Break of 2024, Nathan Elliott, Simone Gauthier, Christie Russell and Tyna Smith journeyed to the 5th Annual First Nation Education Conference in Yukon to present at the pre-conference and learn from the people and the land of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. The team from Central Okanagan Public Schools were graciously hosted by Melanie Bennett, YFNED Executive Director, and team, and were deeply honoured to engage in reciprocal learning in the Yukon. Central Okanagan Public Schools staff engaged in learning around the theme of mentorship within Indigenous communities and schools, with the intent of fostering holistic educational environments.

**CCUNESCO Schools - National Executive Members from Mount Boucherie Secondary School**

In attendance from Mount Boucherie Secondary School (MBSS):

Scott Sieben, Principal  
Derek Smith, Teacher  
Delaney Neukomm, Grade 11  
Anaka Fuller, Grade 11  
Jayden Stead, Grade 11  
Misha Pikola, Grade 11

In 2023, MBSS joined the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) School Network which includes over 12,000 schools in 182 countries, including 100 schools from Canada. As a Canadian UNESCO school, the students engage in student-led initiatives, and school-wide events that serve four thematic action areas: UNESCO's mission and the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, Global Citizenship Education, Education for Sustainable Development and Climate Action, and Indigenous Education and Reconciliation. One of the goals of the MBSS Sustainability Plan is to give back to the environment. This includes a composting project that allows the school community to connect with the land and learn more about composting and the positives of it, as well as planter boxes to grow fruits, vegetables and flowers.

The four students presenting were selected to be a part of the 25-member, Canadian Commission UNESCO National Youth Council and therefore had the opportunity to attend the CCUNESCO National Conference in Toronto.

**RECOGNITION**

**Delaney Neukomm, Chair of MBSS Walk for Mental Health**

The Board of Education recognized Delaney Neukomm, Grade 11 student at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, for organizing the student-led Mount Boucherie Secondary School Walk for Mental Health, which was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. After raising \$6,400 last year, the Walk exceeded their fundraising goal by raising over \$13,806 this year with the proceeds to Foundry Kelowna.

**MEETING RECESS**

The meeting recessed at 6:48 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:59 pm.

## **DECLARATIONS**

### **National AccessAbility Week - May 26 - June 1**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares the week of May 26 through June 1, 2024 as "AccessAbility Week" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### **Pride Month**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares June as "Pride Month" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Kelowna Integrated Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit**

Presenters: RCMP Cpl. James Jenkins RCMP Cst. Jason Tymofichuk

The mission of Kelowna ICE is dedicated to reducing the sexual exploitation of children. This includes the continued effort to identify and rescue children being offended against, and to identify, pursue and disrupt online offenders who possess and traffic in Child Sexual Abuse material. Kelowna ICE investigates online offences involving child victims, including child pornography offences, online luring, sextortion, and physical offences such as sexual interference, sexual assault, and child luring. The presentation made to the Board of Education is similar to the presentation by Crown Counsel and the RCMP to Law classes in all five of the Central Okanagan Public Schools secondary schools.

The meeting recessed at 7:50 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:54 pm.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

## **TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS**

None.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **2025/2026 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission**

#### **Main 24P-061**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Capital Plan Resolutions for the 2025/2026 Capital Plan as outlined on the attached summary as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 22, 2024, Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-01**

#### **Main 24P-062**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-01.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Main 24P-063**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-01.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Main 24P-064**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-01 at the May 22, 2024 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Main 24P-065**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-01.**

**CARRIED**

**Community Rental Program Review - 2024/2025**

**Main 24P-066**

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

**THAT: The Board of Education set the community rental rates, and approve the amendments to Appendix 650A *Public Use of School Facilities – Schedule of Rental Fees*, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the May 22, 2024 Public Board Meeting, effective July 1, 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**Main 24P-067**

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 650 – *Public Use of School Facilities* and Regulations 650R – *Public Use of School Facilities* as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the May 22, 2024 Public Board Meeting, effective July 1, 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

None

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

The Board reviewed the information.

**Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025**

The Board reviewed the information.

**General Statement – May 8, 2024**

The Board reviewed the information.

**Sustainability Initiatives for the 2023/2024 School Year**

Trustee Fraser summarized the information from the Sustainability Initiatives Report for 2023/2024 presented at the Planning and Facilities Committee meeting on June 6, 2024.

## **2023/2024 Transportation Services Update**

Trustee Fraser summarized the information from the 2023/2024 Transportation Services Update presented at the Planning and Facilities Committee meeting on June 6, 2024.

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

Trustee Broughton advised that the Finance and Audit Committee had received an initial report from Tyler Neels of Grant Thornton, regarding the annual audit process. The Committee had also reviewed information on the CommunityLink funding, the International Education Program and proposed changes to the Community Rentals Program.

Trustee Broughton also advised that he had attended the District Student Council Meeting where anti-vaping and anti-smoking initiatives were discussed among students, as well they received a presentation on the AP Land Based Inquiry Course "What Could Schools Be". He also reported that students shared very positive feedback on the Mount Boucherie Secondary School 'Walk for Mental Health' and the École Okanagan Mission Secondary School 'Relay for Life' events.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Received:**

- 2024-05-02: Email from S. Bauhart re: link to Article regarding teacher shortages
- 2024-05-06: CC Email from L. Manchester re Unknown ingredients in Foray 48B
- 2024-05-06: CC Email from L. Manchester re: WorkSafe BC pesticide regulations
- 2024-05-06: Email from L. Manchester follow up to April 25th letter to the Board of Education re aerially spraying.
- 2024-05-07: CC Email from L. Manchester re Press Release West Kelowna Aerial Moth Spray
- 2024-05-10: CC Email from L. Manchester re: BC EAB denies a halt to BTK Aerial Pesticide Use Permit
- 2024-05-13: Email from L. Manchester re: Aerial Spraying of four West Kelowna Schools Imminent.
- 2024-05-16: CC Email from L. Manchester re: Unknown ingredients in Foray 48B

### **Sent:**

None

**Main 23P-068**

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: At the May 22, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

**ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

Trustees, the Assistant Superintendent of Westside Schools, and the COPAC President spoke of the following:

- Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the following:
  - Central Programs & Services Annual Spring Community Barbecue,
  - École George Elliot Secondary School Capstone presentations,
  - Board of Education annual meeting with the District of Lake Country,
  - École Okanagan Mission Secondary School's presentation of A Midsummer Night's Dream,
  - School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation at Chute Lake Elementary School.
- Best wishes were conveyed to all Central Okanagan Public School students participating in the Okanagan Valley Track and Field Championships being held in Kamloops.
- Nicola Baker, President of the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC), expressed appreciation to Troy White (District Principal of Learning Technology Services), Tobias Blaskovits (District STEAM/Learning Technology Consultant), and their team, for organizing the SumoBot Competition held that morning at UBC Okanagan.
- As declared by the Board of Education, June is Pride Month. Part of the celebrations include the annual Pride Festival being held on Saturday, June 8th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in City Park, where Central Okanagan Public Schools will be hosting a booth. Partner groups COTA and CUPE will also be hosting their own booths.
- Upcoming school/District events to note include:
  - Art Starts Performance – Cirque de la foret at Peachland Elementary School on May 30, 2024 at 6:00 pm,
  - Mount Boucherie Secondary School dancers performing at the Rotary Centre for the Arts on June 1, 2024.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

- Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Wednesday June 5, 2024 (*meetings cancelled*)

- ~~-General Affairs Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm~~
- ~~-Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm~~

Wednesday June 19, 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.

## **MEDIA QUESTIONS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO