



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 11, 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, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
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
Jennifer Adamson, COPVPA Elementary Liaison
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Zach Johnson, DSC - Grade 11 at KSS

**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.

AGENDA

Main 22P-077

MOVED by Trustee Tiede
SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of May 11, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - April 27, 2022

Main 22P-078

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 27, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Bowman

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Upstream Project

In attendance: Alan Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent

Sherri Roche, District Principal – Learning Support Services

Philippa (Philly) Putlitz, Upstream Coordinator, BGC Okanagan

In partnership with the City of Kelowna's "The Journey Home Strategy" to address homelessness in the city, the Central Okanagan Public Schools partnered with several agencies to launch the Upstream for Youth pilot project. The Upstream Project is an innovative initiative aimed to prevent, rather than respond to, youth homelessness in Canada. Using a population-screening tool, the project identifies at-risk youth and connects them to supports that help them remain in school and maintain stable housing. Ultimately, the goals are to improve student's overall mental well-being, increase school engagement and decrease youth homelessness. The project was piloted with Grade 8 students at École KLO Middle School and Springvalley Middle School and is completely voluntary. The lead partner, the Boys and Girls Club, has helped in consultation with school staff to help over 50 students and their families into coordinated supports.

DECLARATION

National Food Allergy Awareness Month - May

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

As per the national campaign website: "Food allergy is one of the leading causes of potentially life- threatening anaphylactic reactions and a public health concern in Canada, especially among children. Over 3 million Canadians are affected by food allergy, that's 7.5% of the population. The impact of food allergy is far greater, with an estimated 50% of households being either directly or indirectly affected by food allergy. That means 1-in-2 Canadian households are impacted by food allergy. As there is no way of predicting how severe an allergic reaction may be and no known cure for food allergy, avoiding the allergenic food is required to prevent a reaction."

For more information and food allergy education, visit:

<https://foodallergycanada.ca/campaign/food-allergy- awareness-month/>

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2022/2023 Budget Presentation

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a brief PowerPoint outlining the highlights of the 2022/2023 budget recommendations. The 2022/2023 Annual Budget Bylaw will come to the Board of Education for final approval at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting before submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by June 30, 2022. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2022/2023 Annual Budget Presentation is posted on the District website:

(<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Publications/Superintendent%20of%20Schools-CEO%202022-2023%20Annual%20Budget%20Presentation.pdf>).

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Shane Styles queried if the District has researched how many students may not enroll in Central Okanagan Public Schools for the 2022/2023 school year and requested confirmation on the anticipated budget pressure for the 2022/2023 school year.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the 2022/2023 budget pressure is \$3.332 million and the District uses several measures/data collection tools to predict future student enrolment numbers. The student enrolment projections are accurate to 98%.

Shane Styles referenced the \$1 billion spent by the provincial government related to the COVID-19 pandemic and queried who is responsible for holding the provincial government accountable on how they spend/allocate their budgets.

The Board Chair shared that the Board of Education does speak to the provincial government about funding; however, the Board has not specifically written to the provincial government regarding monies spent on the COVID-19 pandemic measures.

Juanita Neufeld expressed concerns with the spirituality and Medicine Wheel teachings outlined in the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposals for Wellness 11 and 12.

The Deputy Superintendent of Schools stated that the word spirituality does not speak to religion or religious practices and invited Ms. Neufeld to follow-up with her after the meeting.

Brian Banman queried if the District has any proactive thought regarding staff absences and how to support staff with their overall health.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared that employees have health benefits. Senior staff, led by the Human Resources Department, are working with our employee groups.

ACTION ITEMS

Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2022/2023 Budget Recommendations Report

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee - May 4, 2022

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO responded to questions from partner group representatives and Trustees.

Main 22P-079

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools/CEO Budget Recommendations, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 11, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustees Bowman and Geistlinger

8:26 pm: The meeting recessed.

8:33 pm: The meeting reconvened.

Trustee Indemnity for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee - April 20, 2022

Main 22P-080

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 3.1% for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 thereby setting the stipend at: Trustee - \$22,478, Vice Chair - \$23,740, Chair - \$25,657.

8:35 pm: The Superintendent of Schools/CEO rejoined the meeting.

Amendment 22P-081

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in alignment with the most recent COTA's Collective Agreement salary increase of 2%, for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 thereby setting the stipend at: Trustee - \$22,238, Vice-Chair - \$23,486, and Chair - \$25,383.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustees Baxter, Bowman, Broughton, Desrosiers, and Fraser

The question was called on Main 22P-080.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustees Desrosiers, Geistlinger, and Tiede

Indigenous Education Preliminary Budget (2022/2023 Fiscal Year)

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee - May 4, 2022

Main 22P-082

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve staff's proposed 2022/2023 Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 11, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposals - Wellness 11 and 12

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee - April 20, 2022

Main 22P-083

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Wellness 11 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 11, 2022 Public Board of Education Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal – Wellness 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 11, 2022 Public Board of Education Meeting.

CARRIED

Okanagan Mission Secondary School - Soccer Academy Fee Increase

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee - April 20, 2022

Main 22P-084

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase of \$100 (from \$550 to \$650/student/semester) for the Soccer Academy (Okanagan Mission Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 11, 2022 Public Board of Education Meeting.

CARRIED

Health Promoting Schools Review - Level 1

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee - April 20, 2022

Main 22P-085

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Health Promoting Schools Review (Level 1), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 11, 2022 Public Board of Education Meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Heather Payne queried who holds staff with discretionary accounts accountable.

The Board Chair stated that senior staff with discretionary accounts are held accountable by either the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and/or the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO.

Heather Payne queried if gender being taught in biology class contradicts gender discussions in other classes.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that biology teachers teach human anatomy and other gender discussions are about sexual health and taught by the Sexual Health Coordinators.

Brenda Mallach expressed concerns with the air quality in the numerous portable classrooms around the District.

The Board Chair and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that all District portable classrooms have been tested and meet all the air quality guidelines. Unlike portables in other school districts, all portables in Central Okanagan Public Schools are equipped with HVAC systems to ensure air flow.

Brenda Mallach queried if there is a plan to remove portables.

The Board Chair stated that the District has a Capital Plan which would eventually remove portables; however, this depends on the provincial government to provide funding.

Brian Banman expressed his concerns and provided his opinion regarding a variety of public education topics.

Shane Styles stated that people in all roles should be paid properly, queried if Trustees were interested in receiving a recent report from Dr. Steven Pelech, and requested that a Trustee make a motion to webcast Public Board Meetings.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

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

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022 and 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – April 27, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

École George Pringle Elementary School - Student Transition Plan

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

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

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Minister of Education and Child Care, April 29, 2022, Additional AFG Funding

Received:

COPAC, April 26, 2022, Request Regarding Live Streaming of Board and Board Standing Committee Meetings

Main 22P-086

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: At the May 11, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees spoke of the following:

- Participation in the Capstone presentations at Okanagan Mission Secondary School.
- Attendance at the École H.S. Grenda Middle School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 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 9:16 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO