



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

(Second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July and August, and the third Wednesday in March and the second Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office, at 6:00 PM.)

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

DATE: Wednesday, June 14, 2017
TIME: 6:00 pm
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Board of Education:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee R. Cacchioni (*absent*)
Trustee J. Fraser (*left the Meeting at 7:01 pm*)
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee L. Mossman
Trustee L. Tiede (*absent on Board business*)

Staff:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent (*absent*)
J. Rever, Assistant Superintendent
H. Wendt, Executive Assistant (*Recorder*)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	No representative
COPVPA	Raelyn Larmet, Executive, Pro-D Programs
COTA	No representative
CUPE	Margaret Varga, Vice President
DSC	Saul Rosal, Co-President, George Elliot Secondary School

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

17P-076

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Agenda for the June 14, 2017 Public Board Meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – May 24, 2017

Main
17P-077

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 24, 2017 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Potential Flooding at George Elliot Secondary School

Mike Daley, Central Okanagan Public Schools Grounds Coordinator, provided an overview of the steps that were taken in early May 2017 as the nearby Vernon Creek was breaching its banks and threatening to flood George Elliot Secondary School. A large-scale sand-bagging operation, which utilized assistance from both students and staff, allowed sufficient sand bags to be filled and then appropriately placed to keep the waters at bay.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO highlighted pictures taken during that time at the school which showed the rising creek and the potential breach of the banks.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition: Rotary / Central Okanagan Public Schools Public Speaking Competition Award Recipients

The Board recognized the following students on their achievement in the recent Public Speaking Competition:

Grade 6:

- 1st Sara Sowinski, South Kelowna Elementary School
- 2nd William Hay, Dorothea Walker Elementary School
- 3rd Ava Sowinski, South Kelowna Elementary School (unable to attend)

Grade 7:

- 1st Ethan Gray, Okanagan Mission Secondary School (unable to attend)
- 2nd Hannah Friesen, Dr. Knox Middle School
- 3rd Tia Jordo, École KLO Middle School

Both Sara Sowinski and Tia Jordo presented their speeches to the Board and the other students provided an overview of the competition, their feelings and aspirations as they entered the competition, and what they learned about their ability to speak in front of others.

Russ Bischoff, Vice-Principal of George Elliot Secondary School and Competition Coordinator for the 5th consecutive year, congratulated the students for their hard work in achieving 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the District competition.

Recognition: Rotary Students

The Board recognized the following Rotary Exchange students:

- Petra Juhasz (Hungary), Mount Boucherie Secondary School
- Cristina Dura Lahoz (Spain), Kelowna Secondary School
- Matteo Schelbli (Switzerland), Kelowna Secondary School
- Eeva Hemming (Finland), George Elliot Secondary School
- Unable to attend was Alejandro Alonso Becerro de Bengoa (Spain), attending Kelowna Secondary School.

The students took the opportunity to speak to the Board about their cultural and learning experiences while attending Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Recognition: George Elliot Secondary School Boys Golf Team – Provincial Championship

The Board recognized the Boys AA Golf Team for achieving the Provincial Championship held recently in Castlegar. Coaches Tim Frechette and Doug Meraw, both teachers at George Elliot Secondary School, provided an overview of the difficult competition and introduced the players:

- Brandon Frechette, Grade 10
- Logan Libke, Grade 10
- Jesse Stoesz, Grade 12
- Benson Mackney, Grade 10
- George Wilkins, Grade 11

Kathy Weninger, Principal at George Elliot Secondary School, congratulated the team and coaches for their exemplary performance and lauded the work required to get to this level of competition.

6:44 pm: The meeting was recessed.

6:53 pm: The meeting was reconvened.

Superintendent of Schools/CEO – Report on Student Achievement

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the annual Report on Student Achievement, reviewing the District's Mission and Vision statements as well as the Central Okanagan Public Schools' Cultural Values. It was noted that the District serves over 195,000 citizens throughout the Central Okanagan and has a strong relationship with its Partner Groups (Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Central Okanagan Principals and Vice-Principals Association, Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council and District Student Council). The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided grade distribution data for the District's 23,004 students.

Early Learning Programs, including preschools and StrongStart, serve more than 600 families each year. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO also reviewed the process for transitioning young learners to Kindergarten, the Early Learning Profile, and Grade 3 reading levels (ensuring that foundational decoding skills are in place prior to the end of grade two to facilitate reading comprehension and to foster the joy of reading literature independently at grade 3). The transfer of Literacy Foundational Skills and building upon the foundational skills, and the resulting achievements District-wide were reviewed. The District's combined six-year completion rate (with Evergreen successes) is 96.4%. Information pertaining to students' transition to post-secondary institutions was reviewed. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted that BC is currently the 2nd highest performing education jurisdiction in the world and that Central Okanagan Public Schools' students achieve above both national and provincial measures.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised the presentation will be posted to the District's website.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The purpose of this public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any items on the agenda. The total time for this period shall normally be 15 minutes. A person wishing to speak is requested by the Chairperson of the Board to state his/her name and provide, if possible, a written copy of the comments.

7:01 pm: Trustee Fraser left the meeting.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Oyama Traditional School Learning Garden

Main
17P-078

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Board of Education approve in principle the Oyama Traditional School's Parent Advisory Council's request to establish a Learning Garden, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the June 14, 2017 Public Board Meeting.

Trustee Butler, a Planning and Facilities Committee member, provided an overview of the discussions that had taken place at the May 17, 2017 Planning and Facilities Committee meeting. It was reported that the approval in principle will allow Oyama Traditional School's Parent Advisory Council to move forward and seek community funding and donations in order to gather the material necessary to build the garden prior to requiring an Enhancement Agreement.

**MAIN 17P-078
CARRIED**

Naming of the New Okanagan Mission Middle School

The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that further details will be presented at the June 28, 2017 Public Board Meeting.

Main
17P-079

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to bring back to the June 28, 2017 Public Board Meeting the comprehensive process by which public input will be solicited from the residents of the attendance area, and the community, regarding naming of the new Okanagan Mission Middle School, pursuant to Board Policy 630 – "Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities", as attached to the Agenda and presented at the June 14, 2017 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

2018/2019 Five Year Capital Plan Submission

Main
17P-080

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the Capital Plan Resolution for the 2018/2019 Capital Plan as outlined on the attached summary, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the June 14, 2017 Public Board Meeting.

In response to queries from the Board, the Secretary-Treasurer confirmed a list of portables, showing the order of priority, will be provided to the Board.

MAIN 17P-080

CARRIED

Chute Lake Elementary School Organization 2017-2018

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Main
17P-081

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: An additional Kindergarten division be added to Chute Lake Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year.

In response to queries from the Board, the Secretary-Treasurer confirmed the additional space will allow the school to accept approximately twenty students from the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 waitlists. It was also confirmed that the grade level of students that will be in the portable is yet to be determined.

MAIN 17P-081

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

This public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any matter pertaining to public education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

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

Ministry Response to the 2017/18 Request for Additional Education Space

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Annual Report to the Human Rights Tribunal for Special Programs

The Board reviewed the information provided.

COPVPA Executive Members – 2017-2018

The Board reviewed the information provided and extended congratulations to the incoming Executive. The Board requested that a letter be sent to the COPVPA Executive on behalf of the Board of Education.

Month End Enrolment – May 2017

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2016/2017

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement – May 24, 2017

The Board reviewed the information provided.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia, May 24, 2017, extending congratulations on recent re-election.

Dan Ashton, MLA for Penticton, Naramata, Summerland and Peachland, May 24, 2017, extending congratulations on recent re-election.

Steve Thomson, MLA for Kelowna-Mission, May 24, 2017, extending congratulations on recent re-election.

Norm Letnick, MLA for Kelowna-Lake Country, May 24, 2017, extending congratulations on recent re-election.

S. Bauhart, President, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, June 1, 2017, extending congratulations to Executive Committee on recent election.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Kelowna Museums, May 23, 2017, expressing appreciation to the Board for support of the annual Okanagan Regional Heritage Fair.

Ministry of Education, Capital Delivery Branch, May 23, 2017, regarding Okanagan Mission Middle School – Capital Funding Project Agreement.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Ministry of Education, Capital Delivery Branch, May 19, 2017, regarding Ministry Response to the 2017/18 Request for Additional Education Space.

WorkSafeBC, May 23, 2017, regarding 2016 Certificate of Recognition Incentive.

Vancouver Island University, June 5, 2017, regarding Student Teacher Placements – 2016-2017

Ministry of Education, Office of the Deputy Minister, June 6, 2017, regarding Ministry Staffing Update.

Ministry of Education, Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister, June 6, 2017, regarding Ministry Staffing Update.

Main
17P-082

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: At the June 14, 2017 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board of Education noted:

- National Aboriginal Day is Wednesday, June 21, 2017.
- The 'Chefs in the Classroom' field trips, which took place on Monday, June 12, 2017.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted:

- The summer 2017 edition of *Together We Learn* has been distributed to parents. The theme of this edition is *Using Tech Tools to Deepen Learning*.

- The top five teams in the iGen Challenge presented their pitches at the Jr. Metabridge event on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. The iGen Challenge is for Central Okanagan Public Schools grade 7 to 12 students. The winner of the event will be recognized at the June 28, 2017 Public Board Meeting.
- Over 2,200 students from 34 schools participated in the District Track and Field Meet on Wednesday, June 7 and Thursday, June 8. Appreciation was extended to the coaches and staff who prepared the students for the various events and, in particular, to Jim Bradshaw, teacher at Rose Valley Elementary School, for his many years of providing leadership to this event as Meet Director.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal
Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., School Board Office

Planning and Facilities
Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- *Naming of the new Okanagan Mission Middle School*

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer