



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 9, 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: Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Yvonne Hildebrandt, Executive Assistant

Absent: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Ryan Ward, COPVPA Middle School Representative
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Danielle Nelson, DSC - Grade 12 at GESS

There was no representative from CUPE.

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.

The Board Chair acknowledged the distressing circumstances surrounding the war in Ukraine and encouraged people to think about a way to support those affected.

AGENDA

Main 22P-050

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of March 9, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - February 23, 2022

Main 22P-051

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 23, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Equity Club

In attendance from École Glenrosa Middle School:

Staff: Jesse Bruce, Principal
Stephanie Read, Vice-Principal
Serina Penner, Teacher
Anyssa Allen, Teacher

Student: Gen Gendron, Grade 9 Student

The École Glenrosa Middle School (GMS) team presented a video that shared insights into the Equity journey at GMS. Staff and students provided a window into the school's Student Equity Club and how it inspired the creation of the Staff Equity Club. The Equity Club's central messages are diversity, inclusion, belonging, community outreach, and living and leading a culture of equity.

Meeting Recess (if necessary)

6:25 pm: The meeting recessed.

6:27 pm: The meeting reconvened.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

2022-2023 and 2023-2024 School Calendars

The Executive Director of Human Resources outlined the process of developing the Local School Calendars for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. This is the first year that a two-year calendar is coming forward. This change was due to community feedback.

Main 22P-053

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years as identified in the attached calendar proposal and make the calendars available to the District and the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2022.

CARRIED

Main 22P-054

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT:

1. **The Superintendent of Schools/CEO direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.**
2. **In establishing such calendars, principals must:**
 - A. **Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan Public Schools) Board Policy.**
 - B. **Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.**
 - C. **Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.**

CARRIED

Review of Transportation Fees for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee - February 16, 2022

Main 22P-055

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation fee to \$350/year for each bus rider for the period effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Bowman

Funding and Advocacy Plan for Universal Washrooms

Notice of Motion by Trustee Desrosiers at the Public Board Meeting - February 26, 2022

Main 22P-056

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education advocate to the Ministry of Education for special purpose funding for the creation of universal washrooms in existing schools;

AND THAT: The Board of Education work with their partner groups to support an advocacy plan for funding of universal washrooms.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Danielle Nelson, DSC Representative, queried where the funding for electric school buses comes from.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the provincial government funds the purchase of new school buses. The District also earns carbon credits through energy initiatives that is allocated back to the purchase of electric buses.

Erica Massey made queries on the proper disposal of rapid tests, the distribution of rapid tests to healthy students, and the lack of information regarding the rapid test ingredient list.

The Board Chair stated that the District is following the Provincial Health Officers guidelines that rapid tests should be available for students. The testing program for staff, for employee vaccine mandates, was negotiated provincially.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the District Health and Safety Officer has advised that the rapid tests sent home to families are safe if used as intended and used under parental supervision.

Shane Styles stated that he has yet to receive a response from the questions he asked at the previous Board Meeting and expressed concerns with the mismanagement of budgets provincially.

The Board Chair stated that the Board has asked staff to respond to Mr. Styles inquiries.

Mr. Styles recommended that Public Board Meetings be available via Zoom.

The Board Chair stated that the Board will be discussing webcasting Public Board Meetings in the future; however, a hybrid model is unlikely.

Lloyd Manchester expressed his concerns over vaccine mandates and the masking of students.

The Board Chair stated that the Board follows provincial guidelines.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Deputy Superintendent of Schools stated that she had no emergent issues to report.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – February 23, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

2022-2023 School Fees Summary

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:

Response to Lisa, February 24, 2022, Re Urgent - Toxic concerns over the rapid test ingredients sent to our SD23 schools

Message to All Staff and Families, February 28, 2022, New Westside Secondary School Announcement

Message to All Staff, March 1, 2022, Announcement - Departure of Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

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

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

Received:

Lisa, February 24 and 25, 2022, Urgent - Toxic concerns over the rapid test ingredients sent to our SD23 schools

S. Styles, February 27, 2022, Question Follow-up - SD23 February 23 Board of Education Public Meeting

K. Hardy-Guarducci, February 28, 2022, Testing

C. Leonard, March 1, 2022, Halt further distribution of rapid antigen tests in schools

C. Reiger, March 1, 2022, Test Kits

J. Forman, March 1, 2022, Rapid Tests

K. Hein, March 1, 2022, Antigen tests

A. Knittig, March 2, 2022, I do not think this decision was planned properly Re Rapid Tests

J. Kirkey, March 2, 2022, French Immersion in West Kelowna

J. Wannop, March 2, 2022, Rapid antigen tests
L. Hiebert, March 2, 2022, Mandate concern
A. Martin, March 3, 2022, Question Follow-up - SD23 February 23 Board of Education Public Meeting
B. Dougall, March 3, 2022, Toxic Test Kits
D. MacRae, March 3, 2022, Covid test kits: please don't give the children these test kits
J. McEwan, March 3, 2022, Recall Rapid Antigen Test Kits

Main 22P-057

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: At the March 9, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, was recognized for his leadership in Central Okanagan Public Schools and gifted with a money clip carved with an Eagle by local Cree Artist, Justin Rivard. The Eagle represents wisdom and strength which Mr. Stierman has demonstrated through his work with the District since August 2019. Mr. Stierman has decided to move on to other opportunities and his last day with the District will be April 1, 2022.
- On Friday, March 4, 2022, the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC), announced an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all students. This is an important policy decision in the education sector on Truth and Reconciliation that is inclusive of all students and reflects the importance of learning Indigenous knowledges, teachings, and history for our students to become educated citizens. Meetings with K–12 partners will be scheduled in March and April, to gather feedback on a proposed model for the requirement, and a public engagement process will launch on March 7th. Implementation of the new requirement is expected to involve a phased-in approach that would come into full effect in the 2023/24 school year.
- On Friday, March 4, 2022, representatives from the Nisga'a First Nations educational team visited schools to learn more about the District's Indigenous Education Programs. After a full day of meeting with the Indigenous Education staff, school teams, secondary Indigenous students, and the Land-based Learning team, the Nisga'a team gifted the Central Okanagan School District with a beautiful print, created by a local Nisga'a artist, which represents the love of teaching.

- Trustees spoke of their attendance at the BCSTA Branch Meeting, the Mama Mia performance at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, a guided tour of the Greenhouse Project at École KLO Middle School, and the School Community Student Learning Conversation at Helen Gorman Elementary School.

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 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 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 7:43 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO