



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 22, 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

Absent: 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
Scott Sieben, COPVPA President
Simon Adams, COPAC 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 6:02 pm.

AGENDA

Main 22P-115

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of June 22, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 8, 2022

Main 22P-116

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 8, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Nature Based Learning

In attendance: Jordan Kleckner, Acting Director of Instruction: Learning and Innovation
Sarah Gallo, Instructional Leadership Team
Marnie Birkeland, Instructional Leadership Team
Lynn White, Teacher, Pearson Road Elementary School
Nicole Holland, Teacher, Pearson Road Elementary School
Tess Perry, Teacher, Quigley Elementary School
Claire Barclay, Teacher, Springvalley Elementary School
Erin Burton, Teacher, North Glenmore Elementary School
Sheri Gervais, Teacher, North Glenmore Elementary School
Katie Hewitson, Teacher, Davidson Road Elementary School
Emily Mitchell, Teacher, Davidson Road Elementary School

This year, eight educators from five different schools formed a team as a part of the ILT's Nature Network. The educators met with each other every two weeks in each other's special nature spaces and had an opportunity to learn with each other. As a part of this learning, they made a commitment to sit alongside each other's students to collect their ideas, questions, and thoughts as they practiced pedagogical documentation together.

Westside Kindergarten Students' Advice to Graduates

This project involved elementary schools on the Westside featuring primary students providing their advice by video to Mount Boucherie Secondary School graduates. The videos are posted on the Mount Boucherie Secondary School Instagram page. The graduates have enjoyed the messages and advice and look forward to the posts made each day. This has been an amazing way to build community in West Kelowna.

RECOGNITION

Years of Coordinating the Elementary District Track Meet - Extraordinary Leadership

In attendance: Barrie MacLeod, Principal, Shannon Lake Elementary School
Dean Sader, Retiring Teacher, Shannon Lake Elementary School
Jim Bradshaw, Retired Teacher

The Board of Education thanked Dean Sader and Jim Bradshaw for coordinating both the elementary track meet and the Westside Cross Country Challenge over the past number of years to ensure elementary students have opportunities to be student athletes at their schools and within the District. Their focus has always been on inclusivity and the participation of students in athletics.

In 2015, Jim Bradshaw became the Director of the District Track and Field Meet that brought all elementary schools together for a one-day event. When Jim retired in 2018, Dean Sader became the meet Director, and the meet became a two-day event to provide all elementary students a full track and field experience. This year, over 1200 athletes from 35 District schools and 5 independent schools participated.

In 2004, Jim and Dean also revived cross-country running by organizing a cross-country run called the Westside Cross Country Challenge. The cross-country run is organized for schools on the Westside with a course starting at Rose Valley Elementary and running in the hills of Rose Valley Regional Park.

BC Association of Physics Teachers - Gordon Gore Award Winner

In attendance: Scott Sieben, Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Michael Hagan, Science Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The Board of Education congratulated Michael Hagan for recently receiving the Gordon Gore Award from the BC Association of Physics Teachers. The Gordon Gore Prize consists of a special plaque and a \$600 CAD award.

Michael was nominated for the award by two science teachers and the Principal of Mount Boucherie Secondary School for his leadership with the Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Science Department through the pandemic. In order to be considered for the award, nominees had to meet the following criteria:

1. incorporate hands-on science activities and demonstrations
2. inspire students in science
3. bring humour and creativity to science teaching
4. share their love of science with the students
5. share resources with their colleagues

PRESENTATIONS

Sanctuary Schools

Presenter: Amy Cohen, Volunteer Organizer, RAMA Okanagan and Professor of Anthropology, Okanagan College

Amy Cohen, Volunteer Organizer for Radical Action with Migrants in Agriculture (RAMA), presented to the Board on the development of a Sanctuary Schools Policy. The Policy would ensure schools cannot share information, for students with precarious or no status, with federal authorities, ensuring all children can enroll in school without fear, and would provide a safe place for families.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO Report on Student Achievement 2022

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a summary PowerPoint presentation of the Report on Student Achievement 2022. The report highlights improvements in graduation rates, Indigenous student graduation rates, and dual credit course completion rates. To view the full Report on Student Achievement 2022 please visit the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Documents and Publications.

Main 22P-117

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO Report on Student Achievement 2022.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Superintendent of Schools/CEO Year in Review

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an overview of the 2021/2022 school year identifying student achievements, special events, and business involving the Board of Education. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO thanked the Board of Education, all staff members, partner groups, and the community for their efforts to support student achievement this year. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO Year in Review is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Documents and Publications.

Main 22P-118

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO Year in Review.
CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The COPAC President, on behalf of parents, thanked the Superintendent of Schools/CEO for his report on student achievement and expressed his gratitude to all District staff members for their work during a challenging year.

Mitch Ward expressed his support for adopting a Sanctuary Schools Policy in Central Okanagan Public Schools and commented that there is a need for a Sanctuary School Policy in all school districts.

Perla G. Villegas commented that all children deserve an education and expressed her support for a Sanctuary Schools Policy.

ACTION ITEMS

Sanctuary Schools Policy

Notice of Motion by Trustee Bowman at the Public Board Meeting - June 8, 2022

Main 22P-119

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: Central Okanagan Public Schools develop a Sanctuary Schools Policy to support students living with precarious immigration status.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

2022/2023 Annual Budget Bylaw

Recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee - June 15, 2022

Main 22P-120

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of \$303,663,762.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Bowman

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Main 22P-121

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of \$303,663,762.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Main 22P-122

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of \$303,663,762.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Main 22P-123

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of \$303,663,762 on the 22nd day of June 2022.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Bowman

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposals - Mountain Biking 10, 11, and 12

Recommendations from Education and Student Services Committee - June 15, 2022

Main 22P-124

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Mountain Biking 10 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Main 22P-125

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Mountain Biking 11 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Main 22P-126

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Mountain Biking 12 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Proposal for Substantive Change - Mountain Biking Academy (Mount Boucherie Secondary School)

Recommendation from Education and Student Services Committee - June 15, 2022

Main 22P-127

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change - Mountain Biking Academy (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Parks and Recreation 12

Recommendation from Education and Student Services Committee - June 15, 2022

Main 22P-128

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Parks and Recreation 12 (Okanagan Mission Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Proposal for Substantive Change - Academy for Parks and Recreation (Okanagan Mission Secondary School)

Recommendation from Education and Student Services Committee - June 15, 2022

Main 22P-129

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change - Academy for Parks and Recreation (Okanagan Mission Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 19 - Election 2022

Main 22P-130

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 19 - Election 2022 at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Main 22P-131

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 19 - Election 2022 at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Main 22P-132

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 19 - Election 2022 at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Main 22P-133

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 19 - Election 2022 at the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Tasha Arnall expressed concerns with a book called 'It Is Perfectly Normal' that is available in elementary school libraries.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO requested that the information be sent to him via email and he will look into the matter.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared 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 – June 8, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - June 14, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

District Student Council 2022-2023 Co-Presidents

The Board of Education congratulated the following who were declared Co-Presidents of the District Student Council for the 2022-2023 school year:

Zach Johnson, Student at École Kelowna Secondary School

Mehak Parihar, Student at Rutland Senior Secondary School

COPVPA Executive 2022-2023

The Board of Education congratulated the Executive of the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association for the 2022-2023 school year, including Scott Sieben, President (Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary School).

2021/2022 Estimated Accumulated Operating Surplus

Trustee Fraser, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, stated that the 2021/2022 Estimated Accumulated Operating Surplus is a preliminary report. A final report will come forward for approval in September.

Trustee Candidate Information Session

Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm, Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road South

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

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

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

West Kelowna Mayor and Council, June 9, 2022, Comments Made at May 24, 2022 West Kelowna Council Meeting

Received:

A. Cohen, RAMA Okanagan, June 10, 2022, Support for Sanctuary Schools Policy

S. Shawlee, June 15, 2022, Bonks on the head

Main 22P-134

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Attendance at a Roots of Empathy ceremony, PAC Carnival, graduation ceremonies for elementary, middle and secondary schools, teacher appreciation events, and the Kelowna Pride Festival.
- An art exhibit is taking place at the Urgent Care on the Westside and Art in Action at the Kelowna Art Gallery.
- On June 21st students and staff celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day. Staff shared knowledge about the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples in Canada with our learners. Through celebration and education of the diverse cultures in Canada, there is hope for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners throughout the District. We are grateful to our many community partners, including members of the Westbank First Nation and the Ki-Low-Na Friendship society, who came to our schools and welcomed students to events in the community. Thank you to the Elders and Knowledge Keepers who took the time to visit and share with our learners.
- The spring issue of Together We Learn – Our Shining Moments is now available to view on the School District website. The shining moments feature includes: welcoming newcomers, developing communication skills, and sharing identity, along with scholarships, awards and graduations.
- The iGen finale was held last week at the Innovation Center. Of the 110+ high school teams (270+) students who competed in the iGen challenge this year, the eight final teams pitched their business idea before 5 VIP judges for \$5,000 cash prizes. The top 3 entrepreneurial teams were:
 - 1st Place (\$2500) – Twisted Cereal, Gurdit Sidhubrar (RSS)
 - 2nd Place (\$1500) – Ominplex, Noah Garcia (OKM)
 - 3rd Place (\$1000) – Steavia Teas, Skylar Banman (RSS)
- Thank you to Career Life Programs and all the teachers who mentored Central Okanagan Public School's best entrepreneurial minds.
- The District SumoBot competition took place on Thursday, June 9th, 2022. Students between grades 4 and 9 competed on 48 different robot teams. First place went to the team of "The Bob" from South Rutland Elementary, second place to the team of "Mr. Roboto" also from South Rutland Elementary School, and third place to team "Blade Runners" from eSchool23.
- Thank you to all Graduation Coordinators, staff and parents who have done so much to support the virtual and in person graduation activities this year.
- Congratulations to Quigley Elementary School who was awarded \$50,000 from Indigo's Love of Reading Foundation. The grant will provide the opportunity to diversify content and strengthen literacy materials throughout the school, over a three-year period.
- A reminder of the performance to aid the Ukrainian relief effort that is being held on Sunday, June 26th from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm at Prospera Place involving over 450 students. Admission is by donation and there will also be a vendor fair with local artisans,

crafters, business, and food trucks also donating a portion of their proceeds to the fundraising effort. A variety of bands and choirs will also be performing during the vendor fair.

- The Board of Education expressed appreciation to Michelle DesRochers, the Executive Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and Board of Education, as she moves on to a new position.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

General Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 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 9:13 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO