



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Dave Tether, CUPE President
Tamalee Middleton, COPVPA Secretary
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC Co-President
McKinley Kemp, DSC Co-President - Grade 12 at MBSS

**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 20P-073

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of May 13, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - April 22, 2020

Main 20P-074

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 22, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Tiede

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Messages from the Heart

A video presentation was shared which was prepared by the staff of Oyama Traditional School with the intent to express to their students how much they were being missed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared that this video represents one of the many videos, co-produced by Principals/Vice-Principals, teaching and support staff, sending messages of hope and kindness to students and families. The Board Chairperson said that families really appreciate the efforts of staff to send these heartwarming messages to their school communities.

RECOGNITION

Continuity of Educational Opportunities Team

In attendance:

Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Learning Technology

Jamie Robinson, District Principal of Leadership in Learning & Innovation

The Board of Education congratulated the Continuity of Educational Opportunities Team, comprised of members of our District's various consultant departments and members of the senior education team, who recently received Provincial recognition from the Ministry of Education for the Together We Learn Continuity of Educational Opportunities website and the Together We Learn Newsletter. These District resources and newsletters provide educators with opportunities to network with each other as well as create and share learning resources.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared that these collaborative efforts have enabled other Districts (provincially and nationally) to access high quality, on-line learning resources.

DECLARATION

Brain Bright Day - May 14, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 14, 2020 as Brain Bright Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser queried why the secondary school survey regarding the partial return to in-class instruction indicates only one day a week for in-class instruction.

The Superintendent stated that currently, Stage 3 of the BC Education K-12 Restart Plan indicates that twenty percent of instruction needs to be in-class for both middle and secondary students (one day a week). The Provincial Announcement later this week will clarify this point.

ACTION ITEMS

Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget (2020-2021 Fiscal Year)

The Deputy Superintendent stated that the Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year was vetted through the Indigenous Education Council and the Finance and Audit Committee prior to coming forward to the Board. The slight increase to the Indigenous targeted funding received by the Ministry of Education has enabled the District to hire additional supports.

Main 20P-075

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed 2020/2021 Indigenous Education Program Preliminary Budget, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 13, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Carla Parker: Ms. Parker queried how the Board will address future communication to employees to ensure staffs' voices are heard.

The Board Chairperson stated that the Board tries their best to send communications sent to parents to staff as well. The recent communication sent on Monday, May 11, 2020 inadvertently didn't go out to staff until Tuesday, May 12, 2020. The Board will ensure that doesn't occur going forward and sends their apologies to staff.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent stated that he had no emergent issues to report.

Superintendent's Pandemic Update

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided an update on government's five-stage phased-in approach to returning to on-site instruction. Last week, the Ministry of Education announced a date of June 1, 2020 for Districts to move to Stage 3, which includes in-class learning for students in elementary schools on a part-time basis and one day a week of on-site instruction for middle/secondary students. Senior staff and school teams are engaged in beginning the planning for a gradual return to on-site learning and some form of continued remote learning. Safety remains the District's number one priority. The District is reviewing and revising safety plans with WorkSafe BC to accommodate this transition to on-site learning.

A survey has been sent to families/caregivers to determine how many students will be returning to their schools. It is recognized that some parents/caregivers will choose to keep their students at home for the remainder of the school year. As such, some form of remote learning will continue.

More information will be forth coming from the Ministry of Education by Friday, May 15, 2020. Parents/caregivers can expect further communications from the District to clarify the Stage 3 Plan.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Update - March 31, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

The COTA President commended the District for their International Education Program measured approach. Some school districts in the province are having to deal with potential cuts due to their heavy reliance of revenue streams from International students.

The Board Chairperson stated that the District's focus on a 'boutique' International Education Program has resulted in a low reliance of the revenue for District programming.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO thanked the COTA President for her comments and commended Dr. Rick Oliver, Assistant Superintendent, for leading the International Education Program.

General Statement – April 16, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – April 22, 2020

The Board reviewed the information. Trustee Desrosiers stated that the April 22, 2020 General Statement needs to be amended to reflect that Trustee Geistlinger was in attendance. This amendment will be made for the corporate file.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Message to Families, April 17, 2020

A. Milnes, April 18, 2020, Response Re Proposed Increase in Compensation for School Board Members

T. Lister, April 26, 2020, Response Re School Reopening

RMS PAC President, April 29, 2020, Response to RMS PAC Letter to Provincial Government Re PAC COVID-19 Concerns

R. Nagy, May 1, 2020, Response to Question Regarding 2020 Graduation

J. King, May 7, 2020, Response to Grad 2020

Received:

A. Milnes, April 17, 2020, Re Proposed Increase in Compensation for School Board Members

RMS PAC President, April 21, 2020, Copy of Letter Sent to Provincial Government Re PAC COVID-19 Concerns

T. Lister, April 26, 2020, Re School Reopening

Copy of Premier's Response to RMS PAC President, April 28, 2020, Re PAC COVID-19 Concerns

RMS PAC President, April 29, 2020, Board's Response to RMS PAC Letter to Provincial Government Re PAC COVID-19 Concerns

R. Nagy, April 30, 2020, Question Regarding 2020 Graduation

M. Howell, May 4, 2020, Re Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting May 6, 2020 - RMS Project

R. Volk, May 5, 2020, Re Replacement of RMS

J. King, May, May 6, 2020, Grad 2020

M. Howell, May 6, 2020, Re Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting May 6, 2020 - RMS Project

BCSTA President, May 7, 2020, Thank-You to Trustee Baxter Re Work on Ad Hoc Committee - BCSTA Directors Terms of Office

COPVPA, May 7, 2020, Letter of Appreciation

J. July, May 7, 2020, ESchool Due to Virus Outbreak

Main 20P-076

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: At the May 13, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Board of Education Trustees and the District Student Council Representative reported the following:

1. The Board of Education Chairperson recognized the hard work and cooperation of staff, students, and parents in navigating through this difficult time. Board of Education Trustees also shared that it is wonderful to see everyone coming together to support students and families in a variety of ways.
2. Parents, around the province, hope to organize a province wide "Shout-Out" for 2020 graduates on June 20, 2020. The plan for a "Shout-Out" at 8:20 p.m. includes Grade 12 students throwing their caps in the air while others around the province cheer them on with horns, signs, and noisemakers.
3. The District Student Council Student Representative recognized the efforts of the Board of Education and staff to support graduates during this pandemic.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting Synopsis - April 2020

The information was reviewed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee

Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- BCSTA 2020-2021 Board of Directors

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the media.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO