



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 14, 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
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
David Tether, CUPE President
Derek Lea, COPVA Contract Advisory Chair
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Zach Johnson, DSC – Grade 12 at KSS
Mehak Parihar, DSC – Grade 12 at RSS

**The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held
on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

Announcement:

On September 13, 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced that Monday, September 19, 2022 would be a holiday for federal government employees to mourn Queen Elizabeth II on the day of her state funeral. Subsequently, the Ministry of Education and Child Care informed

Superintendents that B.C. would follow the lead of the federal government and join with other provinces in observing the national day of mourning to commemorate the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Therefore, all Central Okanagan Public Schools, Learning Centers, operations and business buildings will be closed on Monday, September 19, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

AGENDA

Add: Material for item 9.1 Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2022 School Opening Report – Part 1

Add: New item 9.2 Second Annual Equity in Action Report for Truth and Reconciliation

Main 22P-135

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 14, 2022 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 22, 2022

Main 22P-136

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

Abstained: Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 22, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Operations Department

In attendance:

- Rob Drew, Director of Operations
- Josh Currie, Assistant Director of Operations
- Kafi Wahidunnabi, Project Manager

A presentation was made to the Board of Education on the reopening of Webber Road Elementary School on the Westside. Highlighted were the scope of work, opportunities, challenges and successes. The Board of Education and senior staff expressed appreciation to all staff (senior management, COTA and CUPE) on the successful reopening of Webber Road Elementary School.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introduction

The Board of Education congratulated the following staff on their new positions and welcomed those who are new to the District:

- Rob Drew, Director of Operations
- Brenda Kirsch, Acting District Principal of Early Learning and Childcare
- Troy White, District Principal of Learning Technology Services
- Jessica Anjos, Principal, Helen Gorman Elementary School
- Kimberley Grimwood, Principal, Quigley Elementary School
- Steven Labrie, Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School (*not in attendance*)
- Sarah Watson, Principal, Canyon Falls Middle School (*not in attendance*)
- Kevin Auclair, Vice-Principal, École Dr. Knox Middle School
- Brett Beaudry, Vice-Principal, École Glenmore Elementary School
- Rani Gandham, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Laura Wiemken, Vice-Principal, École KLO Middle School (*not in attendance*)
- Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant to Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Recognition:

Megan Frederick, Music Director, Okanagan Mission Secondary: Fundraiser for Ukraine

The Board of Education recognized Megan Frederick, Music Director at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, for her extraordinary leadership in coordinating the musical tribute and fundraiser for Ukraine held at Prospera Place on June 26, 2022. Over \$12,000 was raised through the fundraiser.

DECLARATION

Truth and Reconciliation Week: September 26 - 30, 2022

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared September 26 - 30, 2022 as 'Truth and Reconciliation Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2022

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared September 30, 2022 as 'National Day for Truth and Reconciliation' and Orange Shirt Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

6:34 pm: meeting recessed

6:40 pm: meeting resumed

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2022 School Opening Report - Part 1

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the Central Okanagan Public Schools, presented the 2022 School Opening Report - Part 1. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO expressed his gratitude for all staffs' efforts to support a smooth and welcoming opening to the school year. The report covers the time period of September 6, 2022 through to September 12, 2022 (unless otherwise noted) and provides an update regarding the first days of the school year. A more accurate count of student enrolment will be provided in Part 2 of the School Opening Report at the September 28th Public Board Meeting, as well as following the September 30th 1701 submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. (The School Opening Report – Part 1 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website – www.sd23.bc.ca.)

Main 22P-137

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2022 School Opening Report - Part 1.

CARRIED

Second Annual Equity in Action Report for Truth and Reconciliation

Presenters: Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent
April Strickland, District Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education
Jasmine Lemon, Acting District Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education

A presentation was provided to the Board of Education outlining the contents of the Second Annual Equity in Action Report for Truth and Reconciliation. The Report reflects the shared responsibility and progress towards equitable opportunities for the District's Indigenous K-12 learners.

Main 22P-138

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Second Annual Equity in Action Report for Truth and Reconciliation.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Formation of the Webber Road Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Main 22P-139

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the application from the Webber Road Elementary School parents for the establishment of the Webber Road Elementary School Parent Advisory Council in accordance with Section 8 of the BC School Act.

CARRIED

Formation of the École Bellevue Creek Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Main 22P-140

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the application from the École Bellevue Creek Elementary School parents for the establishment of the École Bellevue Creek Elementary School Parent Advisory Council in accordance with Section 8 of the BC School Act.

CARRIED

George Pringle Secondary School

Main 22P-141

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The renovated/reconstructed Westside secondary school return to the name George Pringle Secondary School.

CARRIED

Portables

Main 22P-142

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: Regarding the purchase and placement of portables on School District sites, the Board of Education remind the Minister of Education and Childcare that the burden on the District's operating budget is unacceptable and cannot be sustained.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Shane Styles: Mr. Styles commended the Board for their motion regarding portables. Mr. Styles enquired on the status of having the public board meetings streamed online.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO responded that staff will be meeting with the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) and District Student Council (DSC) to discuss their concerns regarding broadcasting of Board and Committee Meetings. Staff will also be meeting with the Technology Department to examine available options.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Student and Family Affordability Fund

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – June 22, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - August 11, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

District Student Council Meetings - 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council Meetings - 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- R. Forrest, June 26, 2022, Westbank Centre Dog Park closure
- Webber Road Elementary PAC, June 20, 2022, request to establish Parent Advisory Council
- Bellevue Creek Elementary PAC, July 8, 2022, request to establish Parent Advisory Council
- Minister of Education, July 12, 2022, Dr. Knox Middle School project approval
- Le Petit Hibou Preschool Society, July 27, 2022, issues with licensing
- Kasugai City card, August 11, 2022, thank you to Board for gift
- L. Bell, August 22, 2022 Email with link to video regarding mask mandate
- S. Hansen, August 23, 2022 thanking Board Chair for years of service
- L. Southern, August 23, 2022 thanking Board Chair for years of service
- J. Fraser, August 23, 2022 best wishes to Board Chair
- D. Buckna, August 28, 2022, city council meet & greet
- Minister Whiteside, August 29, 2022 regarding Student and Family Affordability Fund
- D. Buckna, August 29, 2022, ads for Basran election campaign paid for with our tax dollars

Sent:

- R. Forrest, June 26, 2022, Westbank Centre Dog Park closure
- Webber Road Elementary PAC, July 6, 2022, establishment of PAC
- Bellevue Creek Elementary PAC, July 26, 2022, establishment of PAC
- Le Petit Hibou Preschool Society, July 27, 2022, licensing issues

Main 22P-142

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: At the September 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair and Trustees spoke of the following:

- Appreciation to all staff on the smooth opening of schools.
- The following are finalists from Central Okanagan Public Schools in the Premier's Award for Excellence in Education:

Outstanding New Teacher

- Rupinder Aujla, teacher, Ellison Elementary School
- Rob Bennett, teacher, École Kelowna Secondary School
- Carmen McDowell, teacher, Rutland Middle School

Outstanding Support – School Community

- Nicole Rishaug, student success team advocate, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The award winners will be announced at a ceremony at Government House in Victoria on October 14, 2022 and they will be invited to a future Public Board meeting for recognition.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Trustee Orientation and Academy

December 1-3, 2022, Westin Bayshore, Vancouver.

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Wednesday September 21, 2022 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting - CANCELLED Wednesday, September 21, 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

Superintendent of Schools/CEO School Opening Report – Part 2 – September 28, 2022.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO