



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 6:00 pm  
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson  
Trustee N. Bowman  
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)  
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President  
David Tether, CUPE President  
Violeta Malfair, COPVPA Social Representative  
Deannie Zahara, COPAC Representative  
Grace Mallette, DSC - Grade 11 at RSS

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA**

Main 21P-053

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of April 14, 2021 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

## MINUTES

### Public Board Meeting - March 10, 2021

Amendment: Page 5 - Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

*The Board Chairperson and Superintendent of Schools/CEO expressed their gratitude to all staff, students and families for their courage and patience over the past year.*

*6:05 pm: Trustee Bowman left the meeting.*

Main 21P-054

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of March 10, 2021 be adopted as amended.  
CARRIED**

*6:06 pm: Trustee Bowman rejoined the meeting.*

## **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"**

### Volunteers

Presenter: Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent

Members of the District Public Education Awareness Committee discussed creating information on volunteering in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Justin Schneider, Communications Advisor, created a new rack card "How to become a Volunteer" to serve as both an advertisement and introduction to volunteering in schools. This rack card was created with input from the Board of Education and the education partner groups, including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, District Student Council, Canadian Union of Public Employees (Support Staff), Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice- Principals', Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, along with the Retired Teachers Association. The rack card shows some of the many creative ways in which school community members can support students. The intent of the card is to welcome and thank people for considering volunteering and provide them with a simple guide to first steps. The brochure will appear on front office desks and bulletin boards, as well as online. Central Okanagan Public Schools looks forward to once again welcoming our volunteers into schools.

## **INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION**

### **Recognition: Jordyn and Kyla Bear, Grade 12 Students, George Elliot Secondary School - Recipients of NCAA Division 1 Hockey Scholarships**

Participating by Zoom: Darryl Smith, Vice-Principal, George Elliot Secondary School

The Board of Education congratulated Jordyn Bear and Kyla Bear, Grade 12 students at George Elliot Secondary School, for recently being accepted to play hockey with the NCAA's Rochester Institute of Technology Tigers in New York, USA. Jordyn and Kyla grew up on the Ochapowace First Nation, near Yorkton, Saskatchewan. With hopes of playing hockey at a higher level, they moved to BC and are a part of the RINK Academy in Kelowna.

## **DECLARATION**

### **National Volunteer Week - April 18-24, 2021**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of April 18 – 24, 2021 as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers, present and future, in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The National Volunteer Week theme for 2021 is "The Value of One, The Power of Many". As stated on the National Volunteer Week website, this theme 'reflects on the awe-inspiring acts of kindness by millions of individuals AND the magic that happens when we work together towards a common purpose'.

### **National Day of Mourning - April 28, 2021**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 28, 2021 as a Day of Mourning in the Central Okanagan Public Schools and observes a moment of silence to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties.

The flags at the Operations Department and the School Board Office will be flying at half-mast on the 28th in honour and memory of those workers.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

**Stephanie Hammar:** Ms. Hammar requested an update on the progress/timing for when the District is anticipating approval of Capital expenditures/projects.

*The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the provincial government is meeting the week of April 19, 2021 regarding the province's budget and will issue a response letter to the District's Capital Plan submitted in June 2020 shortly thereafter.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **New Policy 616 - Child Care**

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - March 3, 2021

Main 21P-055

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 616 - Child Care, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the April 14, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **Amendments to Regulations 351R - Respectful Workplace (Regulations)**

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - March 3, 2021

Main 21P-056

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Regulations 351R - Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the April 14, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **Amendments to Policies Regarding Board Operation**

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - March 3, 2021

Main 21P-057

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 135 - School Board Operation, Policy 140 - School Board Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and Policy 715 - Consultation with Partners in Education, as attached the Agenda and as presented at the April 14, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Amendments to Policy 367 - Employee Wellness and Policy 175 - Executive Staff Management Committee**

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - March 3, 2021

Main 21P-058

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 367 - Employee Wellness and Policy 175 - Executive Staff Management Committee, as attached the the Agenda and as presented at the April 14, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Amendments to Policy 650 - Public Use of School Facilities and Amendments to Regulations 650R - Public Use of School Facilities (Regulations)**

Recommendation of the Policy Committee - March 3, 2021

Main 21P-059

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 650 - Public Use of School Facilities and amendments to Regulations 650R - Public Use of School Facilities (Regulations), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the April 14, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Property Bylaw No. 154 - Fortis BC Inc. Statutory Right-of-Way on Dilworth No. 1 Site**  
Staff Recommendation

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that currently the District's property referred to Dilworth No. 1 site is leased to the YMCA for a childcare centre. The childcare centre requires an electrical upgrade and the Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of FortisBC is required for the electrical upgrade and future maintenance of FortisBC's equipment on the site.

Main 21P-060

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 154 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way), in favour of FortisBC on Lot G, Section 28, TWP 26, Plan 31716, ODYD, known as Dilworth Site No. 1.**

**CARRIED**

Main 21P-061

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 154 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted;**

**AND THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) grant approval for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of FortisBC on Lot G, Section 28, Township 26, ODYD, Plan 31716 known as Dilworth Site No. 1.**

**CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported that on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, a complex under construction across from North Glenmore Elementary School was consumed by fire. North Glenmore Elementary School remained open at all times and had a few challenges due to the smoke and ventilation. As a result of the fire, the roads in the area were closed for a week due to the structural integrity of a crane on the site. The crane has since been removed and the roads in and around the school are now open.

#### **Superintendent's COVID-19 Update**

The Board Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Education, stated they are in full support of all staff in the Central Okanagan Public Schools receiving their vaccinations as soon as possible. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated he hoped to receive notification soon about the prioritization of school staff for the vaccine.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that there has been a rise in exposures in schools and the School District is working closely with Interior Health to monitor the increasing numbers.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO encouraged everyone to follow the medical advice of Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Ministry of Health to bring down the number of exposures in our community and schools.

#### **Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

#### **General Statement – March 10, 2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Board Standing Committees - Updated Trustee Representatives**

Due to the passing of Trustee Rolli Cacchioni, Trustee Bowman will become a Committee Member on the Planning and Facilities Committee and Trustee Desrosiers will become a Committee Member of the Finance and Audit Committee.

### **Public Town Hall Meeting - Strategic Plan**

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Via Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/67139343998>

### **By-election Timelines**

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that under the *School Act*, if an electoral boundary is within a municipality, the municipality runs both the election and by-election. The timelines for the upcoming by-election, due to the vacancy of a Kelowna area school trustee, have been set by the City of Kelowna's Chief Election Officer and were outlined. Further information regarding the School Trustee By-election will be available on both the City of Kelowna's and School District's websites on Friday, April 16, 2021.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO invited interested candidates to attend an information session on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Pre-registration is required by emailing [Secretary.Treasurer@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:Secretary.Treasurer@sd23.bc.ca).

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Rutland Middle School Advocacy Video**

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO shared a video that was prepared to advocate for the building of a new Rutland Middle School.

### **Social Media Campaign: 'Together We Build'**

Starting April 15, 2021, the Central Okanagan Public Schools Board of Education will be commencing a social media campaign. A banner will be added to the School District website for all advocacy messages. The Rutland Middle School video will be posted to enable members of the public to share the information throughout the community.

The Board of Education and the community is encouraged to use the #TogetherWeBuild hashtag.

### **Priority Project Information Sheets**

The Board of Education reviewed the one-page priority sheets for:

- an addition to Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
- an addition to École Dr. Knox Middle School
- the replacement of École Glenmore Elementary School
- a new Glenmore Secondary School
- a new elementary school in Wilden

- the replacement of Rutland Middle School
- a new Westside Secondary School

The priority information sheets contain pertinent information including the background of the project, opportunities and the project plan. The information sheets will be posted on the School District website under Advocacy.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Sent:**

Ministry of Education, March 30, 2021, Request for Update - Six Recommendations from the RCY 2017 Report

G. Jennens, April 1, 2021, Response Re School Masks

### **Received:**

P. Gambell, March 6, 2021, Sincere Sympathies to the School District and Family of Rolli Cacchioni

MP T. Gray, March 12, 2021, Tribute to Trustee Cacchioni in the House of Commons

G. Jennens, March 19, 2021, School Masks

S. Hunter, March 19, 2021, Petition - Including Information About Eating Disorders in the High-School Curriculum

COTA, March 27, 2021, Urgent Request Re Fraser Health's Mandated Improved Mask Requirements

D. Bee, April 5, 2021, Where are the Rapid Tests

R. Volk, April 5, 2021, Bush Parties, School Counselling, and Community Services

Main 21P-062

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: At the April 14, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

## **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

The Board Chair and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported on the following:

### **1. Education Week – April 12 to 16, 2021**

The Ministry of Education has declared April 12th to 16th as Education Week.

### **2. Flags at Half Mast – Prince Philip**

Flags are currently being flown at half-mast due to the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh and will continue until sunset on the day of his funeral (Saturday, April 17th). Flags in Central Okanagan Public Schools will be raised on Monday morning, April 19, 2021.



3. **Flags at Half Mast – Anniversary of Opioid Overdose Crisis in BC**  
Today, the Ministry is also acknowledging, by flying flags at half mast, the five-year anniversary of the Opioid Overdose Crisis in BC being declared a Public Health Emergency and in memory of all the British Columbians whose lives have been lost due to this crisis.
4. **Dr. Rick Oliver** is participating in his last Board Meeting due to his upcoming retirement. On behalf of the Board of Education, the Board Chairperson expressed their appreciation to Dr. Oliver for his service to the students of Central Okanagan Public School over the years, and wished him a happy retirement.

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSTA Annual General Meeting**

April 15-18, 2021 via Zoom

### **BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting**

April 15, 2021 via Zoom

### **BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Annual General Meeting**

April 17, 2021 via Zoom

## **BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

### **Joint Board/District of Lake Country Meeting**

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 4:00 pm, via Zoom

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm, via Zoom

**\*Please note that the General Affairs Committee Meeting scheduled on May 5, 2021 has been replaced with a Policy Committee Meeting.**

**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 questions from the media submitted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO