



BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education: Trustee J. Fraser, Vice-Chair
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee V. Johnson

Absent: Trustee L. Tiede, Chair (*attending BCSTA Education Partner Meeting*)

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE Vice-President
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Michelle Kaupp, COPVPA Executive
Mehak Parihar, DSC Co-President

**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

Trustee Fraser was appointed as Acting Chair due to Trustee Tiede being in Vancouver for the BCSTA Education Partner Meetings.

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

AGENDA

Move Item 14 Trustee Queries & Comments to follow Item 11, 1st Public Question/Comment Period.

Switch the order of Inside 23 presentations.

Main 23P-011

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of February 8, 2023 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - January 25, 2023

Main 23P-012

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 25, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

6:09 pm the Superintendent of Schools/CEO joined the meeting.

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Primary Winter Gathering

In attendance:

- April Strickland, District Vice-Principal – Indigenous Education
- Deanna Necan, Cultural Coordinator – Indigenous Education
- Christina Verhagen, Indigenous Advocate
- Asher Albenez, Grade 3, Quigley Elementary School
- Christie Russell, Indigenous Early Learning Teacher

The Indigenous Education's Primary Winter Gathering was held from January 10-13, 2023. It was an opportunity for all Grade Three Indigenous students to experience Indigenous cultures. The

intentions of the day were to explore what it means to be Indigenous and to be proud of who they are, to learn about and celebrate their culture (regalia, dance, captikwl, drumming, song, and storytelling), and to connect with Elders, community, friends and teachers. The students had an opportunity to dance to the drumming from local drummer group "Birch Creek". Asher described the highlights of participating in his first Primary Winter Gathering.

American Sign Language

In attendance:

- Michelle Kaupp, District Principal – Inclusive Education
- Chelsea Thompson, American Sign Language Instructor, Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Lauren Abney, American Sign Language Instructor, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
- Kayla Malito, American Sign Language CEA
- Scott Anderson, Teacher, Rutland Senior Secondary School (former American Sign Language instructor)
- Jessica Carroll, Interpreter

The American Sign Language (ASL) program offers secondary level courses to hearing, hard of hearing and deaf high school students. These courses are offered at Mount Boucherie Secondary, Rutland Senior Secondary and École Kelowna Secondary Schools. ASL is accepted as a second language requirement for University and Central Okanagan Public Schools is one of the only school districts in the province to offer in-person instruction. The program is supported by a member of the deaf community. The ASL program began in 2000 with one class and it continues to grow. This school year, there have been over 20 classes offered between the three high schools. The ASL instructors shared information about the program and took Trustees and staff through a brief learning activity to build awareness.

6:46 pm: meeting recessed.

6:48 pm: meeting resumed.

DECLARATION

Harmony Day - February 15, 2023

The Acting Chair proclaimed:

WHEREAS Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan bring unique gifts to this community through their diversity; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan Public Schools community to celebrate diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day allows the Central Okanagan Public Schools to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and,

THEREFORE I, Julia Fraser, as Vice-Chair of the Board of Education of the Central Okanagan Public Schools, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2023 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Bullying Awareness (Pink Shirt) Day - February 22, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday February 22, 2023 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PRESENTATIONS

British Columbia Student Leadership Conference 2023

In attendance:

- Jarret Atkins, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Lindsay Reynoldson, Teacher, Rutland Senior Secondary School (Conference Chairperson)
- Jacqueline Groat, Teacher, Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Ryan Wakefield, Vice-Principal, George Elliot Secondary School
- Al Hopgood, Teacher, Springvalley Middle School

The British Columbia Association of Student Activity Advisors (BCASAA) has awarded Rutland Senior Secondary School (RSS) to be the host school of the 2023 British Columbia Student Leadership Conference (BCSLC). The conference is scheduled to take place October 19 to 22, 2023 with the theme of Back to Leadership – Recharge, Reconnect, Reimagine. BCASAA has held an annual student leadership conference at various sites across the Province since 1991, with the goal to promote and enhance the development of student leadership in schools, and empowering youth to be leaders in their communities.

It is anticipated that 30 to 40 British Columbia provincial schools will be in attendance, represented by 350 to 450 student leaders and 30 to 40 advisors. Total attendance from Central Okanagan Public Schools will be approximately 204 students. The presenters arranged to date include Kevin Lamoureux, Tei Street, Sam Demma and Jacklyn Uweh. This is a cost neutral venture and will be funded by student registration and BCASAA sponsorship.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

None.

TRUSTEE QUERIES AND COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser advised that CUPE ratified the 3-year Collective Agreement on February 4, 2023. Trustee Fraser was pleased that both parties negotiated a settlement which ensures the best learning environment for students.

ACTION ITEMS

Central Okanagan Public Schools Student Reporting Guidelines (K-12)

Recommendation from the Education and Student Services Committee – January 18, 2023

Main 23P-013

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Central Okanagan Public Schools Student Reporting Guidelines (K-12) (to be fully implemented the 2023-2024 school year), as attached to the Agenda and presented at the February 8, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Affirmation of Policy 160 - Finance and Audit Committee

Recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee – January 18, 2023

Main 23P-014

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 160 - Finance and Audit Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 8, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Student and Family Affordability Fund

Notice of Motion by Trustee Fraser – January 25, 2023

Main 23P-015

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care requesting them to commit to ongoing funding of the Student and Family Affordability Fund past the expiry of June 30, 2023.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Linda Dueck asked for information on why just a single day was designated as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The Deputy Superintendent shared some background information on Harmony Day, which is a day that recognizes that citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world. Harmony Day provides a yearly opportunity for the community to celebrate our culturally diverse society and commit ourselves to mutual respect and sensitivity to our differences.

INFORMATION ITEMS

British Columbia Student Leadership Conference 2023

The Board reviewed the information, further to the presentation earlier in the evening.

Financial Update - December 31, 2022

The Board reviewed the information.

2023/2024 Budget Survey Questions

The Board reviewed the information.

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – January 25, 2023

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:

- 2023-01-27 Letter to Indigenous Education Council re: Trustee appointments

Received:

- 2022-01-24 Letter from Hon. Rob Fleming re: Hwy 97 and Crystal Waters safety issue

Main 23P-016

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: At the February 8, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Attendance at the exciting 48th Annual Interior Savings Western Canada Basketball Tournament hosted by École Kelowna Secondary School, and the RSS Senior Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament.
- OKM Triple Threat Theatre presentation of "The Addams Family".
- Mount Boucherie Secondary Music Winter Concert, including bands from Constable Neil Bruce Middle and École Glenrosa Middle Schools.
- École Glenrosa Elementary Winter Carnival.
- Central Okanagan Public Schools will be hosting Kelowna's FIRST LEGO League "Superpowered" Regional Qualifying Tournament at UBC Okanagan's Engineering, Education, and Management Building on Saturday, February 11th starting at 8:30 am.
- On Friday, February 17th, CUPE and COTA will be hosting their professional development days and therefore school will not be in session.
- Monday, February 20th is Family Day and schools will again not be in session.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council

February 24-25, 2023, Vancouver

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

March 3-4, 2023, Coast Capri Hotel

BCSTA AGM

April 27-30, 2023, Vancouver

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/MLA Meeting: February 24, 2023

Joint Board/District of Peachland Meeting: March 30, 2023

Joint Board/Westbank First Nations Meeting: April 24, 2023

Joint Board/District of West Kelowna Meeting: May 4, 2023

Joint Board/District of Lake Country Meeting: May 30, 2023

Joint Board/MPs Meeting: May 23, 2023

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

- Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

- Policy Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media present.

ADJOURNMENT

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Acting Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO