



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 6:00 pm
School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S
Kelowna, BC**

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

Staff: Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent
Alan Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO (*attending National Conference*)
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools (*attending Ministry meeting*)

Partner Groups Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President
Jodi Everett, COPVPA Executive
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Zach Johnson, 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

AGENDA

Main 23P-068

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of May 24, 2023 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED**

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - May 10, 2023

Under Trustee Queries/Comments, add "Trustee Broughton stated that he supported all students, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity".

Main 23P-069

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 10, 2023 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED**

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

2023 Symposium – What Could School Be?

In attendance from Black Mountain Elementary School:

Janet Slaney, Principal

Keely Flannigan, Teacher-Librarian (and member of Learning and Innovation at
Hollywood Road Education Services)

Shivy Dhesi (Grade 5 teacher)

Jenna Fryatt (Grade 4 teacher)

Amanda L'henaff (Grade 4 teacher)

Students:

Hunter Pfitzenmaier, Grade 5

Rowan Herd, Grade 5

Austin Taverner, Grade 5

Rhea Boparai, Grade 4

Natalie Liboiron, Grade 4

Amelia Wilkinson, Grade 4

Deagan Stewart, Grade 4

The Instructional Leadership Team recently hosted Symposium 2023 - What Could School Be? This Symposium was a celebration of the work that teachers are engaged with in the District. The mornings were spent hearing learning stories from various educators throughout the District. In the afternoons, the educators opened their classrooms for participants to observe, reflect on, and (re)imagine hopes and dreams for fostering student agency in schools.

One of the schools who shared two learning stories presented at the Symposium were the students and educators at Black Mountain Elementary School. Circle has been an important space for learning and students build on each other's thinking in beautiful, generous and generative ways. A deep relationship is formed with Knowledge Keepers, Elders and community members.

MEETING RECESS

6:40 pm: the meeting recessed.

6:43 pm: the meeting reconvened.

DECLARATIONS

National AccessAbility Week - May 28 - June 3, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 28, 2023 to June 3, 2023 as National AccessAbility Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools

Pride Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June as Pride Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Johnson spoke of Pride Month, and what it means to her personally. The role of the Board of Education is to support students, staff and the community and she hopes everyone can take time during Pride Month to provide leadership, guidance and encouragement on this important issue.

Trustee Fraser reminded the Board of Education that Central Okanagan Public Schools has a booth at the Pride Festival in City Park on June 10, 2023 and hopes that all can attend. As this is also the date of the École Kelowna Secondary School graduation, there are some members who will be unable to attend the Pride Festival.

Trustee Broughton spoke about Pride Month and how there has been much in the news that can be frightening for LGBTQIA2S+ students, since political parties in the U.S. and now in Canada are targeting transgender people. It is important to continue speak up for them, make them feel heard, and make it understood that transgender kids are not an ideology. Transgender students in Central Okanagan Public Schools have supportive teachers and administrators who allow them to feel included and safe.

ACTION ITEMS

Property Bylaw No. 159 - Fortis BC Statutory Right-of-Way on North Glenmore Elementary School Childcare site

Main 23P-070

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 give first reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 159 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC on Lot A Section 4 Township 23 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan KAP91818, known as North Glenmore Elementary School Childcare.

CARRIED

Main 23P-071

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 give second reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 159 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC on Lot A Section 4 Township 23 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan KAP91818, known as North Glenmore Elementary School Childcare.

CARRIED

Main 23P-072

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 give all three readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 159 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC on Lot A Section 4 Township 23 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan KAP91818, known as North Glenmore Elementary School Childcare, at the May 24, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 23P-073

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 give third reading and grant approval for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC on Lot A Section 4 Township 23 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan KAP91818, known as North Glenmore Elementary School Childcare.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS**Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

None.

Harmony Day - Change of Date

Senior staff proposed to the Board of Education that Harmony Day be moved to coincide with BC's Multiculturalism Week which is the third week of November. Every year in British Columbia the third week in November is proclaimed as Multiculturalism Week. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our multicultural communities and to appreciate the way diversity

enriches British Columbia. Multiculturalism strengthens our province and puts us on the map as a society that values inclusion and cultural diversity. Harmony Day has traditionally been scheduled during Human Rights Month (February). Harmony Day's true essence is celebrating diversity and building cultural competencies which connects with multiculturalism. Valentine's Day and Anti-Bullying Day are already big events in February, in addition to Inclusive Education Month, Black History Month, and Human Rights Month. The actual date for Harmony Day in the 3rd week of November will be confirmed.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2022/2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – May 10, 2023

The Board reviewed the information. Trustee Geistlinger noted a correction for the adjournment time – edit to 5:36 pm.

ADVOCACY

Trustees spoke of their meeting with the Honorable Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care. Minister Singh toured École H.S. Grenda Middle School, and the new childcare facility at Black Mountain Elementary School. The needs of Rutland Middle School were also discussed as well as future capital projects.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received: 2023-05-11 Thank you Email from M. West / A.S. Matheson Elementary School
2023-05-16 Email from R. Delaney re: transgender ideology

Sent: None

Main 23P-074

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the May 24, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair and Trustees spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various events throughout the District including a School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation at École Casorso Elementary School, the George Elliot Secondary School Capstone presentations, and the Mount Boucherie Secondary and École Kelowna Secondary Grad Walks.
- Central Schools Programs & Services hosted their Annual Spring Community Barbecue. This was an opportunity to recognize the many community partners, volunteers, and donors who enrich the lives of students at Central School.
- The Honourable Rachna Singh spent over two hours last week with the Board of Education and senior staff to discuss capital pressures and the opportunities that exist in the Central Okanagan School District as we support our community partners by providing new spaces for childcare.
- Central Okanagan Public Schools' music teachers have organized a District-wide collaboration to celebrate music on Monday, May 29, 2023. Music Monday will take place at Prospera Place starting at 7:00 pm. Over 500 students from Lake Country to West Kelowna will be coming together to perform in a mass band and choir to demonstrate the power music has to bring people together. Proceeds will go towards supporting music programs and students across the District.
- Mount Boucherie Secondary School will be hosting their first student community visual art show at the Peachland Art Gallery opening on May 27, 2023 and running until the end of June.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday June 7, 2023

- Policy Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm
- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesday June 21, 2023

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO