



BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

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 (*via teleconference*)

Staff: Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Rhonda Ovelson, Assistant Superintendent

Absent: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Margaret Varga, CUPE Vice-President
Barrie MacLeod, COPVPA - BCPVPA Chapter Council Representative
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC Co-President

There were no representatives from the District Student Council.

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

Main 19P-139

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of October 23, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - October 9, 2019

Main 19P-140

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 9, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Shannon Lake Elementary School - The Harvest

In attendance:

Barrie MacLeod, Principal, Shannon Lake Elementary School

Mary Berg, Vice-Principal, Shannon Lake Elementary School

Teachers:

Cyndy Sawatzky, Patti Malone

Students:

Alexa Shalley, Aavie Donoghue, Oliver Meyers, and Chloe Martin

The Harvest Program started at Shannon Lake Elementary School in 2014. The current program has students in grade 3 planting vegetables such as potatoes, carrots, squash, zucchini and tomatoes in their own school garden in the Spring. In the Fall, the next grade 3 class takes part in the harvesting of the vegetables. The students prepare soups and baking from the results of the harvest and/or sell produce to local restaurants. Throughout the project, the students are engaged in the three core competencies of Communication, Thinking and Personal and Social.

Okanagan Mission Secondary School - Implementation Day Learning

In attendance:

Nina Ferguson, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Jasmine Lemon, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Doug Tam, Teacher, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

On the Friday, October 11th Administrative Implementation Day, the staff of Okanagan Mission Secondary School held a day of learning. The learning intentions for the day included:

- To introduce the lens of the Four Food Chiefs
- To deepen their understanding of the 'WHY' for Truth and Reconciliation
- To explore OKM's story through perspective taking

Hanna Hartwick, a grade 11 student and award winning published writer, provided a student voice by presenting "Whole". Teacher Doug Tam expressed how the teachings/stories expressed by Elders Grouse and Pamela Barnes throughout the morning have affected his teaching practice.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introduction of Newly Appointed COSBO Members

The Board of Education welcomed and congratulated the following newly appointed Central Okanagan School Business Officials (COSBO) Members:

- Kafi Wahidunnabi, Project Manager
- Trisha Kasawski, Human Resources Manager

Meeting Recess (Five Minutes)

6:34 pm: The meeting recessed.

6:41 pm: The meeting reconvened.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Geistlinger queried what the H.S. Grenda Middle School construction timeline looks like.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO confirmed that the project is on schedule. The tender closed and was awarded to the successful bidder. Construction is scheduled to begin mid-November/beginning of December.

Trustee Baxter stated that the Board of Education will write congratulation letters to the re-elected/elected Members of Parliament (MP) in the Central Okanagan region as well as a thank-you letter to the outgoing Kelowna-Lake Country MP. The letter to the two elected MPs will remind them of the Board's vaping concerns.

ACTION ITEMS

New Policy 438 - Provision of Menstrual Products to Students

Trustee Tiede stated that the Policy Committee is recommending new *Policy 438 - Provision of Menstrual Products to Students* due to amendments to the Support Services for Schools Order. The template was provided by the BCSTA.

Main 19P-141

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 438 - Provision of Menstrual Products to Students, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 23, 2019 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 351 - Respectful Workplace and Regulations 351R - Respectful Workplace (Regulations)

Trustee Tiede stated that the amendments are recommended by the District Health and Safety Manager to bring the Policy and Regulation into alignment with the amendments to the Administrative Procedure as approved by WorkSafe BC.

Main 19P-142

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 351 - Respectful Workplace and Regulations 351R - Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 23, 2019 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment 19P-143

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 351 - Respectful Workplace and Regulations 351R - Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 23, 2019 Public Board Meeting, except the amendment to item 3.5 in Regulations 351R - Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*).

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 19P-142 AS AMENDED BY 19P-143

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 351 - Respectful Workplace and Regulations 351R - Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 23, 2019 Public Board Meeting, except the amendment to item 3.5 in Regulations 351R - Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*).
CARRIED**

Amendments to Policy 470 - Transportation Services Management

Main 19P-144

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 470 - Transportation Services Management, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 23, 2019 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED**

Amendments to Policy 455 - Discipline

Main 19P-145

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 455 - Discipline, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 23, 2019 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED**

Proposal to Support the Canadian Under-age Substance Abuse Prevention (CUSP) Trial and Preventure Program Student Survey

Main 19P-146

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

**THAT: The Board of Education approve Grade 10 student participation in the Canadian Under-age Substance Abuse Prevention (CUSP) Trial and Preventure Program Student Survey, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 23, 2019 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED**

Amendments to Policy 140 - School Board Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Main 19P-147

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 140 - School Board Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 23, 2019 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

There were no Superintendent Emergent Issues.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – October 9, 2019

The information was reviewed.

Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Kelowna - Trustee Fraser and Trustee Tiede

Rutland - Trustee Bowman and Trustee Cacchioni

Lake Country - Trustee Geistlinger

Peachland - Trustee Baxter

West Kelowna - Trustee Desrosiers

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Tiede provided the following report from the Safe Schools Committee:

The Board of Education referred to the Safe Schools Committee the recommendation from the August 21, 2019 Planning and Facilities Committee regarding Cannabis Outlets and concern regarding a rezoning application for a Government Operated Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Outlet - specifically the one located at 2475 Dobbin Road in West Kelowna.

The Safe Schools Committee reviewed the status of Drug Free Zones around schools and there was discussion around the Board's previous request for all cannabis stores to be a minimum separation distance of 500 meters from Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The Safe Schools Committee further discussed the following:

- Although some laws remain in effect regarding drug trafficking offences near schools, the Drug Free Zone initiative has faded over the last 10 years. The belief being that education is more effective than enforcement.
- Mr. Lalonde and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared research from several sources, which revealed that there is no common theme or evidence based research to support any specific distance that Cannabis Stores should be from schools.
- Throughout the discussion, it became very apparent that many factors still need to be considered by municipalities when approving Cannabis Stores with regard to the impact on our youth (e.g. distance from school, retail or residential area locations, and within a designated retail area).

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

MP Candidates, October 10, 2019, Addressing the Dangers of Vaping

WFN Chief and Council, October 10, 2019, Congratulations on Election/Re-election

WFN Chief and Council, October 10, 2019, Invite to Meet with the Board

WFN Former Chief and Council, October 10, 2019, Thank-You

Response to Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club, October 15, 2019, Fascieux Creek Restoration at Ecole KLO Middle School

Response to Kootnekoff Family, October 17, 2019, Appeals Question

Local MLAs, Provincial Government, and Local Municipal Governments, October 18, 2019, Addressing the Dangers of Vaping

Received:

MLA Todd Stone, October 4, 2019, Vaping

Minister of Health Response, October 11, 2019, Room for Improvement Recommendations

J. Kulik NDP MP Candidate, October 12, 2019, Response to Board's Letter Re Addressing the Dangers of Vaping

Kootnekoff Family, October 13, 2019, Appeals Questions

T. Ashley Green Party MP Candidate, October 14, 2019, Response to Board's Letter Re Addressing the Dangers of Vaping

A. Duncan PPC MP Candidate, October 15, 2019, Response to Board's Letter Re Addressing the Dangers of Vaping

Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club, October 15, 2019, Fascieux Creek Restoration at Ecole KLO Middle School

D. Williams, October 15, 2019, Busing Survey

Ministry of Education, October 17, 2019, Notifications under the Teachers Act

*MP Stephen Fuhr and MP Dan Albas wrote letters to the Daily Courier Re Addressing the Dangers of Vaping

Main 19P-148

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the October 23, 2019 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at events throughout the District including the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) Mingler, the Central Schools Programs & Services annual Back to School Barbeque, Art Unveiling at Raymer Elementary and the Peachland Elementary Pajama/Drop Everything and Read Day.
2. Chairperson Baxter also mentioned her attendance at the BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting last Thursday (October 17th), as well as the Ministry of Education Partner Liaison Meeting with the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and the Secretary-Treasurer on Friday, October 18th.
3. Transportation Review Community Meetings will be held at:
 - o Canyon Falls Middle School – December 3 (6:00PM-7:30PM)
 - o George Elliot Secondary School – December 5 (6:00PM-7:30PM)
 - o Mount Boucherie Secondary School – December 9 (6:00PM-7:30PM)
 - o Rutland Secondary School - December 10 (6:00PM-7:30PM)
 - o École Dr. Knox Middle School - December 12 (6:00PM-7:30PM)
4. Central Okanagan Public Schools is proud to be participating in the **National 25th Anniversary of Take Our Kids to Work Day** on Wednesday, November 6th. This grade nine career experiential learning opportunity has brought our schools, families and communities together to give our students school-to-work connections. This career development opportunity has helped many students understand the importance of planning a career path, to better understand their parents and to experience what a workplace is like.

5. Teachers and staff from throughout the Central Okanagan will be participating in the **Teacher Professional Day** being held on Friday, October 18th. The Central Okanagan Teachers' Association will be hosting their October Pro-D Conference at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.
6. The Central Family of Schools will be hosting their **Community Forum** on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at École Dr. Knox Middle.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA Representative Council Meeting

November 8, 2019, Vancouver, BC

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

October 25-26, 2019, Vancouver, BC

Trustee Fraser, BCSTA Provincial Council Representative, provided information regarding the three action items and two motions coming forward at the upcoming BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting and requested direction from Trustees on how she should vote on behalf of the Board.

The Board of Education discussed the items and determined to vote in favour of Motion 9.1 *Delay of Enrolment of International Students in Provincial Medical Services Plan* and 9.2 *Vape Awareness and Vape Cessation Resources for Youth* as well as approve the BCSTA budget.

BCSTA -Trustee Academy 2019

November 28-30, 2019, Vancouver, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/District of Lake Country Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Joint Board/District of Peachland Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Board Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, at 6:30 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 27, at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

CANCELLED General Affairs Committee

~~Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South~~

Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 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

There were no items for a future agenda.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

No media representatives were present for this item.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO