



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 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: 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: Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Jasmine Lemon, COPVPA Representative
Em Monsale, DSC Representative
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:25 pm*)
George York, CUPE Vice-President (*joined meeting at 6:30 pm*)

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 6:03 pm.

AGENDA

Add: Revised Material for Scheduled Item 13.2 – Level 4/5 Field Study Summary – 2023/2024 (addition of item #51)

Add: Inside 23: Learning from Nature

Main 24P-029

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of March 13, 2024 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED**

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - February 28, 2024

Main 24P-030

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 28, 2024 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED**

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Pre-Employment Program: Extending Learning Horizons through Job Readiness, Academic Support and Community Integrated Employment

In attendance: Kyla Bresch, Pre-Employment and YPP Program, English and Debate Teacher, École Kelowna Secondary School

The goals of the Pre-employment Program (PEP) are to provide students with valuable opportunities to build job readiness skills in caring, connected, and well-established professions. Moreover, PEP seeks to strengthen students' social/emotional competencies by increasing confidence and connection to the community. PEP's work experience component is a community-integrated approach as employers collaborate with PEP coordinators to strengthen students' skills, giving meaningful feedback that is brought back to classroom learning. This program is for students who struggle to succeed in academic classes and are interested in developing job-related skills and experience. At the same time, this program offers academic support by creating a PEP English and PEP Math component where learning is differentiated to meet students at their level.

All students entering this program must be at least 15 years old and go through an information consultation, including students and parents, to determine suitability for the program. PEP is a versatile program as students may enter in one grade and stay in the program or transition out. All students in the program will cover a curriculum with coursework in Math and English geared to their appropriate performance level with differentiated instruction. This coursework includes 10-week job placements within the community. Students will rotate 10 weeks of learning at KSS, including Math, English, and other elective courses, then complete 10 weeks of work experience on a job placement. Students completing the program obtain an Evergreen Completion Certificate or, in unique circumstances, transition to an Adult or Dogwood Graduation certificate.

Learning from Nature

In attendance from South Kelowna Elementary School:

Teachers:	Leanne Kirschner Kymberly Jennejohn
Grade 2 Students:	Siena Tootoo Farley Luckhurst Rhodes Davy Walker Tomlinson

Guided by their teachers, Siena, Farley, Rhodes and Walker each shared their journey of taking risks and getting out of their comfort zone by going outside, following their voices, and learning from nature. Ms. Kirschner and Ms. Jennejohn also shared that through listening to student voices and engaging in Nature Learning, they saw that there were many curricular connections to science, literacy, social emotional learning, social studies, Indigenous learning and art.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:40 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:44 pm.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Laurie Bowen offered words of appreciation to the Board of Education regarding Agenda item 13.2 – Amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation. The amendment to Section 8 of the Policy will allow members of the public to comment on any item on the Public Board Meeting Agenda, and not just Action items. Ms. Bowen also suggested that it be made clear that members

of the public can also address the Board by following the steps to request a formal presentation to the Board of Education.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser shared that the motion to increase the Annual Facilities Grant had been approved by the BCSTA for the upcoming AGM in April 2024. There are two other BCSTA motions: Funding Clean BC Goals and Accessible and Affordable Internet Connectivity.

Trustee Fraser also shared that she was pleased to hear that plans are now underway with the George Pringle Secondary School build.

ACTION ITEMS

Review of Transportation Fees for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year

Recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee, February 7, 2024.

Main 24P-031

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation fee to \$450/year (increased from \$400/year) for each bus rider, for the period effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 135 - School Board Operation

Recommendation from the Policy Committee Meeting - February 7, 2024.

Main 24P-032

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided information on the late addition to the 2023/2024 Field Study Summary. The Robotics team from Mount Boucherie Secondary School won the Canadian Pacific Regionals of the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition, earning them an entry into the FIRST Robotics Competition World Championships in Houston, Texas. As such, they have submitted their application for a field study for April 16-22, 2024. The Board unanimously voted to accept their field study application. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO also advised that Quigley Elementary School's PAC had challenged other SD23 PACs to contribute to the fundraiser to support the team's last-minute trip.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – February 28, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

2024/2025 School Fees Summary

Trustee Broughton, as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, advised that no changes were recommended to school fees for the 2024/2025 school year.

Video Surveillance - Annual Report to the Board

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

Trustee Fraser reported on Board's advocacy, with the following motions coming forward at the BCSTA AGM in April 2024:

- Increase the Annual Facilities Grant to Address Deferred Maintenance.
- Accessible and Affordable Internet Connectivity.
- Funding Clean BC Goals.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Johnson attended the District Human Rights Committee meeting on February 29, 2024. February was a busy month for raising awareness on a number of issues, and she praised the District's Interactive Calendar that had meaningful daily interactive links and information.

Trustee Tiede met with District Student Council on March 4, 2024 where Substance Use Literacy was the topic of discussion.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received: 2024-03-03 Email from S. Bauhart re: LAT Presentation - February 28, 2024

Sent: None

Main 24P-033

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: At the March 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Attendance/participation in various meetings and events throughout the District, including the BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meeting in Vernon, BC, Proud for Prom held at Quigley Elementary School, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School Talent Show held at the Community Theatre, art unveiling at École Peter Greer Elementary School, Ellison Elementary and Webber Road Elementary School Community Student Learning Plan Conversations, drama production at École George Elliot Secondary School, and the 2nd Annual RCMP/CNB Charity Basketball game. A news release was recently issued announcing that Clark Builders was awarded the contract to design and build the new George Pringle Secondary School on the Westside. The new school will include a neighbourhood learning centre that can offer community programming including childcare, Indigenous and other cultural services, and family resources. The school will accommodate 1,200 students and is expected to be ready for the September 2027 school year. The estimated cost of the project is about \$124 million. Thank you to our Operations team, and especially to Stuart Kamstra, Assistant Director of Capital and Planning, and Assistant Superintendent, Raquel Steen, for all of their hard work during the competitive procurement process.
- Also announced this week, was the District's partnership with the Central Okanagan Food Bank to coordinate the Food for Thought program that supplies meals to students across the School District. Food for Thought buys and distributes breakfast food and backpack grocery hampers to schools with the help of over 70 community volunteers. Currently managed by the non-profit Hope for the Nations, the program will transition to be fully managed by the non-profit Central Okanagan Food Bank later this spring.

Athletics:

- At the recent Senior Girls Basketball Provincial Tournament, the École Okanagan Mission Secondary Senior Girls placed 3rd and were selected the "Most Sportsmanlike Team". Two students were selected to the All Star Teams: Presley Hopf to the First Team All-Star and Faith Hunter to the Second Team All Star. The École Kelowna Secondary Senior Girls placed 7th. Congratulations to the players and coaches of both teams.
- The École Kelowna Secondary Curling team came so close to capturing the Provincial title on home ice with a 2nd place finish. Congratulations to the players and coaches.
- Sport BC recently celebrated the 56th Annual Athlete of the Year Awards. Congratulations to École Kelowna Secondary student, Nash Semeniuk, who received the High School Male Athlete of the Year (basketball and volleyball).
- Congratulations to grade 9 École George Elliot Secondary student, Caleb Trudeau, who became the BC Provincial Wrestling Champion in the 48 kg class. Caleb won 5 straight matches and only gave up two points total over all five of his matches combined.
- Congratulations to the MBSS Robotics Team on their excellent results at the Canadian Pacific Regional First Robotics Competition recently held in Victoria. The team has earned a wildcard entry for the Houston, Texas World Championships being held in April 2024.
- A survey for input on the 2025/2026 School Calendar has been distributed to schools, parents and the community. Visit the School District homepage for the link to provide input.
- Ahead of Spring Break travel, the Ministry of Education and Child Care is reminding British Columbians about the high risk of measles cases being brought back to B.C. due to ongoing measles outbreaks globally and decreasing vaccination coverage rates in Canada. Measles is a contagious, airborne virus. The Public Health Agency of Canada, the Provincial Health Officer, and the BC Centre for Disease Control, have issued statements advising individuals to check their measles immunization records and to vaccinate against measles prior to Spring Break travel. Vaccine appointments can be booked through local public health units.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Trustee Guderyan shared that she attended an orientation that outlined the role of Trustee as a representative.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

April 18-21, 2024
Westin Bayshore
Vancouver, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

- April 15, 2024: District Student Council

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday April 3, 2024

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesday April 17, 2024

- General Affairs Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO