



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 6:30 pm
School Board Office (must pre-register) or Zoom (for public observation)
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chair
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee W. Broughton
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
Teri Wishlow, CUPE Vice-President
Wynter Oakes, COPVPA Pro-D Finance Representative
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Rowan Murdain, DSC Co-President, Grade 12 at GESS

**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 6:37 pm.

A moment of silence was observed in honour of Remembrance Day.

AGENDA

6:41 pm: The Deputy Superintendent of Schools joined the meeting.

6:42 pm: Trustee Desrosiers left the meeting.

Add: New Information Item 9.7 Incamera Board Meeting Motions - Employee Vaccination Status Validation

6:43 pm: Trustee Desrosiers rejoined the meeting.

Main 21P-165

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of November 10, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - October 27, 2021

Main 21P-166

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 27, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS

National Bullying Awareness Week: November 14-20, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of November 14-20, 2021 as 'National Bullying Awareness Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Child Day - November 20, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Saturday, November 20, 2021 as 'National Child Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PRESENTATIONS

Transportation Policy - French Immersion

Presenter: Susan Kootnekoff, Parent

Ms. Kootnekoff's presentation to the Board of Education requested that the Board of Education review and change the wording in Policy 470 – *Transportation Services Management* and apply the same criteria to both French and English students, and that the Board provide parents of

affected French Immersion students with their child's bus routes, drop off and pick up times, and locations as soon as possible and by no later than December 1, 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments regarding the Action Item on the Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD23-02

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that an amendment to the Capital Plan Bylaw, regarding the District's 2021/22 Capital Plan submitted in June 2020, is required to reflect additional funding towards both the Carbon Neutral Capital Program and the Bus Acquisition Program. The amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD23-02 is required to receive the additional funding from the province.

Main 21P-167

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to Amended Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD23-02.

CARRIED

Main 21P-168

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to Amended Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD23-02.

CARRIED

Main 21P-169

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to Amended Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD23-02 at the November 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main 21P-170

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt Amended Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD23-02.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Kristy Mertes: Ms. Mertes queried who will be responsible for coercing staff to take a vaccine and expressed her concerns with the Board having to make the decision on mandating vaccinations for their staff.

Charm Casson: Ms. Casson expressed concerns with the vaccination of low-risk children and the potential of having vaccine clinics in schools. Ms. Casson queried if vaccine clinics are held in schools, how will parents be notified and will the Board take liability.

The Board Chair and Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared that there is no intention to host vaccine clinics for children ages 5-11 in schools. The Interior Health Authority determines where they host vaccine clinics.

Heidi LeBlanc: Ms. LeBlanc commented that the provincial government has stated that a 5 year old can give consent to a vaccine and expressed her opposition to propaganda on political arguments in elementary schools. Ms. LeBlanc also suggested that that the Board change the venue of their meetings to enable more participants to attend Public Board Meetings.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported that as Interior Health has recommended moving to remote learning for Mar Jok Elementary School in West Kelowna, due to the declaration of a COVID-19 school outbreak, the school will be temporarily closed to in-class learning effective November 11, 2021 up to November 22, 2021.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – October 27, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Update - September 30, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

2021 Literacy Summer Camps (Grades 1-5)

The Board reviewed the information.

Public Engagement Sessions

The Board Chair encouraged all Trustees to attend the following public engagement sessions.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO shared that the public engagement sessions will be a gallery walk style format for attendees to review information and ask questions prior to participating in Survey II of the consultation process. The sessions will be limited to 50 people at a time and masks are required to attend.

Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Reopening Review

Monday, November 22, 2021

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

OKM Secondary Gold Gym

Masks are mandatory.

Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

MBSS Gym

Masks are mandatory.

Incamera Board Meeting Motion - Employee Vaccination Status Validation

The Board of Education confirmed that the following Motions were declared at the November 10, 2021 Incamera Board Meeting:

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent to implement a validation of vaccine status process for all staff and Trustees.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustees Geistlinger and Tiede

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Motion passed at the Incamera Board Meeting of November 10, 2021 be added to the Public Board Meeting Agenda for November 10, 2021 as an information item.

CARRIED

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

There were no Board/District Committee queries/comments or reports.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

The Board Chair stated that the Board has not responded to all the correspondence received; however, all Trustees have been provided with all the correspondence to review.

Sent:

November 2, 2021

City of Kelowna, Invite to meet with the Board of Education
City of West Kelowna, Invite to meet with the Board of Education
District of Peachland, Invite to meet with the Board of Education
District Student Council, Invite to meet with the Board of Education
Local MLAs, Invite to meet with the Board of Education
Local MPs, Invite to meet with the Board of Education

November 3, 2021

Westbank First Nation, Invite to meet with the Board of Education

Received:

October 21, 2021

KSS PAC President, Copy of letter of request for vaccination in school sport

October 22, 2021

K. Bieska, Concerned parent about mandated health care

October 23, 2021

L. Bell, Alberta Nurse Speaks the Truth
M. Leader, Vaccination Mandate

October 24, 2021

D. Ozeroff, Freedom to Choose
J. and J. Adrian, Against mandatory vaccines - supporting data
K. Mertes, Mandatory vaccines in schools
L. Bell, Canadian Doctors
L. Bell, Fight for the truth
L. Bell, Okanagan doctors letter to Public Health
L. Bell, Possible life saving information
L. Bell, Treatment
SD23 Teacher, Please vote no to the vaccine mandate

October 25, 2021

B. Hardy, Mandatory vaccination of teachers
D. and A. Elliot, Decision regarding mandatory vaccination of staff
H. Walker, COVID-19 Vaccine
J. Balehowsky, Answers
J. Enns, No to vaccine mandate
K. Guarducci, Data analysis please consider
L. Bell, Former BC Premier advice for Teachers Union
R. Stamm, District Vaccine Mandate

October 26, 2021

C. Charland, Teachers' rights to employment regardless of vaccination status
C. Mohr, Children and face masks
Dr. C. Hoffe, Urgent Attention Re COVID Vaccine Mandates
L. Bell, Earth Chronicles News
P. Gambell, Mandatory vaccination of teachers and school staff

October 27, 2021

B. Smith, Vaccine Mandate
G. Wowchuk, No mandatory vaccine for employment
K. Horton, Teacher vaccine mandate
Office of the Premier, Response to Central Okanagan Board of Education Letter Re Mandatory Vaccinations for K-12 staff

October 28, 2021

Anonymous, SD 40 - Vaccine mandate decision
B. Hardy, Vaccine mandates for teachers
L. Bell, 8 boosters to go
P. Chmiel, COVID vaccinations

October 29, 2021

J. Enns, Quick Question

October 30, 2021

A. Henders, Please vote no vaccine mandate
B. Hardy, American doctors begin to speak out about COVID and masking, etc.
E. Nagy, Concern

October 31, 2021

K. Charland, Please vote no to the mandate
K. McDonald, Please vote no to a mandate

November 1, 2021

Anonymous, Langley School Board notice regarding mandate

D. Bosch, Mandatory vaccination in SD23

J. Rogers, Vaccine mandate

K. Mertes, Vaccine mandate

L. Lozie, Think twice about the vaccine mandate - it violates the Canadian constitution

M. Purnell, Thoughts on mandates

S. Enns, A nurse's perspective to the vaccine mandate

S. McDonald, Please consider

S. Rogers, Mandatory vaccinations

November 2, 2021

Angela, Support for not mandating vaccines for teachers

B. Litwinska, Our children's future

C. Charland, SD23 Values

C. Smith, No to jab mandates

Dr. C. Hoffe, Offer to make a presentation to the Board

G. Wowchuk, Please read in regards to your decision about teacher mandate

K. Guarducci, Teacher - against vaccine mandate

K. Mertes, Vaccine mandate

P. Enns, Vaccine mandates

November 3, 2021

A. Czank, Extremely concerned parent

Dr. G. Kampf, Vaccination

L. Bell, Keep Researching

L. Bell, Stop it now before the boosters come

November 4, 2021

G. Wowchuk, For your consideration 2 links

I love First Peoples, Friendship Art Kits - Reconciliation in Action

Main 21P-171

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: At the November 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- In honour of **Remembrance Day**, Trustees and senior staff participated in virtual Remembrance Day Ceremonies and at the opening ceremony of the Field of Crosses commemorating Kelowna's members of the Canadian Armed Forces.
- The Superintendent of Schools/CEO attended the **Kelowna Chamber of Commerce Speaker Series** Luncheon introducing the new faces on campus at Okanagan College – Neil Fassina, President, and at the University of British Columbia Okanagan – Lesley Cormack, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal.
- Trustees and senior staff participated in the **Kelowna Pride Festival** and expressed appreciation to Assistant Superintendent Raquel Steen for her organization of the booth, and also to the many other staff and student volunteers.
- Trustees and senior staff recently visited the **Land Based Learning Academy for Indigenous Middle School Students** situated at Okanagan Mission Secondary School.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA 28th Annual General Meeting

January 27-28, 2022

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Trustee Academy

December 2-4, 2021

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

March 4-5, 2022

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motions.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

There were no items for a future agenda.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO