



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 13, 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: 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 President
George York, CUPE Vice President
Wynter Oakes, COPVPA Executive
Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Cayden Jensen, 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 6:02 pm.

AGENDA

Add: 10.1 Material for Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2023 School Opening Report, Part 1

Main 23P-095

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 13, 2023 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 28, 2023

Main 23P-096

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 28, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Desrosiers

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Canadian Playful Schools

In attendance from École Hudson Road Elementary School:

Principal:	Lindsey Hamilton
Teachers:	Jennie Hill
	Donna Cornell
	Melanie Goughnour
	Alex Mitchell

École Hudson Road Elementary is proud to be a member of the Canadian Playful Schools Network (CPSN). Researchers from the University of Ottawa created this network of 41 schools through a grant from the LEGO foundation to explore how learning through play can increase student engagement and well-being in grades 4-8. The grant money received by participating schools was used to support staff in learning about learning through play, connecting them with researchers and other participating schools across the country and towards the purchase of materials or equipment for their Learning Through Play projects. Members from all participating schools also attended a two day conference in Ottawa in June of 2023 to share their projects and

learning. The team from École Hudson Road Elementary focused their Learning Through Play project on the creation of an outdoor classroom, which they continue to develop and add to.

Operations: Summer Work Update

In attendance: Rob Drew, Director of Operations

The Director of Operations' presentation highlighted the numerous projects which were completed over the summer months by the Operations Department. These projects included site improvements, portable installation, thermoplastic rainbow crosswalk, completion of several Enhancement Agreements (i.e. Gaga Ball Pit, learning circle, picnic tables, playground installation), childcare facilities, gymnasium rubberized floor repair and refinish, accessibility upgrades (i.e. elevators and classroom integration), bathroom renovations, roofing replacements, mechanical system replacement, staircase replacement, irrigation and playfield replacement, and bleacher replacement.

The Director of Operations expressed gratitude to all members of the Operations team who worked over the summer to ensure there was no, or very little, disruption for the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

The Board of Education expressed appreciation to all staff members of the Operations Department.

6:58 pm: Trustee Geistlinger left the meeting

6:59 pm: Trustee Geistlinger rejoined the meeting

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introduction of New Staff

The Board of Education welcomed the following to Central Okanagan Public Schools:

Steven Messer – Custodial Manager

Jason Stubbs – Project Manager

Ken Yew – Manager of Privacy and Cybersecurity

Anne Tenning – Director of Instruction: Indigenous Education and Equity

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 7:08 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:14 pm

DECLARATION

Truth and Reconciliation Week: September 25-30, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of September 25-30, 2023 as 'Truth and Reconciliation Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared September 30, 2023 as 'National Day for Truth and Reconciliation' and 'Orange Shirt Day'.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2023 School Opening Report - Part 1

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the Central Okanagan Public Schools, presented the 2023 School Opening Report - Part 1. The Report covers the time period of September 5, 2023, through to September 11, 2023 (unless otherwise noted), and provides an update regarding the first days of the school year. A more accurate count of student enrolment will be provided in Part 2 of the School Opening Report at the September 27th Public Board Meeting, as well as following the September 30th 1701 submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. (The School Opening Report – Part 1 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website – www.sd23.bc.ca.)

The COTA President queried whether the 466 new students listed in the report were brand new to the District, or if had they enrolled in the spring. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that they were brand new to the District.

Main 23P-097

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2023 School Opening Report - Part 1.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustees expressed excitement to be back for a new school year, and gratitude to all District staff for their work over the summer, as well as the additional measures taken due to the wildfires. Trustees thanked the Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the School Opening Report and were happy to hear of such a smooth start to the year, and that students were excited for school and a new year of learning.

ACTION ITEMS

Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD23-02

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee meeting - September 6, 2023.

Main 23P-098

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education give first reading to Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 – CPSD23-02.

CARRIED

Main 23P-099

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education give second reading to Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 – CPSD23-02.

CARRIED

Main 23P-100

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education give all three readings to Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 – CPSD23-02 at the September 13, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 23P-101

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education give third reading and adopt Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD23-02.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO had just received information on an attack on a Sikh student from Rutland Secondary School while on a city bus. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO will be requesting more information on this unfortunate event and will follow up with Kelowna Transit.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statements – June 28, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Trustee Attendance at District Student Council Meetings - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Trustee Attendance at COPAC Meetings - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

Trustee Fraser shared that Advocacy would be a recurring Agenda topic on General Affairs agendas.

The Board Chair will be attending an Advocacy Day in October, in Victoria.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Broughton advised that he had attended the first District Student Council meeting of the school year. The Committee is still recruiting students to join.

Trustee Desrosiers and Trustee Fraser attended the Indigenous Education Council meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2023-06-25 Email from R. Delaney
- 2023-07-06 Email from V. Schewa re new high school construction/access to community garden/dog park
- 2023-07-10 Email from M. Oger re: questions on June 8 incident at a SD23 event
- 2023-08-07 Email from D. Hunt re: Auburn Road development near CNB
- 2023-08-27 Email from A. Holmes re: Indoor Air Quality
- 2023-09-03 Email from S. Klinger re: Community Start Concern at DWE
- 2023-09-05 Email from S. Lockhart re: Glenmore Elementary school ground maintenance
- 2023-09-07 Email from A. Levac re: Glenmore Elementary school grounds

Sent:

- 2023-07-12 Letter to R. Delaney
- 2023-09-01 Letter to families: Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year

Main 23P-102

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the September 13, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair and Trustees spoke of their attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including the Indigenous Education Council Meeting, District Student Council Meeting, and the International Education New Student Orientation

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

2023 Symposium

November 2-3, 2023

Coast Coal Harbour Hotel

Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

October 13-14, 2023
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Merritt

Advocacy Day and Meeting of Board Chairs

October 19, 2023
Fairmont Empress, Victoria

Provincial Council

October 20-21, 2023
Vancouver, BC

Trustee Academy

November 23-25, 2023
Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

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

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO