



Central Okanagan
Public Schools
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BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

(Second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July and August, and the third Wednesday in March and the second Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office, at 6:00 PM.)

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

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2019
TIME: 6:00 pm
LOCATION: School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC

In attendance:

Board of Education:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser *(via teleconference)*
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Tiede

In attendance:

Staff:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
E. Sadlowski, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
M. DesRochers, Executive Assistant *(Recorder)*

Absent:

T. Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC Nicole Garcia, Vice-President
COPVPA No representative
COTA Susan Bauhart, President *(arrived at 6:17 pm)*
CUPE Margaret Varga, Vice-President
DSC Logan Braun, Co-President

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

AGENDA

Add: Material for Scheduled Action Item 7.6 2019-2020 School Calendar

Add: Replacement Pages 032-033 for Action Item 7.4 Public Education Awareness Committee – Terms of Reference

Add: New Information Item 9.4 Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership Update

Main

19P-036 MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Agenda for the March 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – February 27, 2019

Main

19P-037 MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers, SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 27, 2019 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

6:17 pm – *The COTA President joined the meeting.*

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

The Welcome Center

In attendance:

Dr. Rick Oliver, Assistant Superintendent
Renate Lutz, Settlement Worker
Chris Neufeld, Settlement Work
Members of the Al Mustafa family

The Welcome Centre welcomes all new students and their families who are not Canadian Citizens to the Central Okanagan. The Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) assist families in getting settled in the community, including finding housing and childcare. Upon arrival, students are assessed, provided with the school supports they require, and transportation to and from schools is arranged. This year, The Welcome Centre has received 244 students from 34 different countries. There are currently 1,163 students from 73 countries within the District, including 98 refugee students.

The Al Mustafa family, including mother Kifaa, father Nader, and their ten children, arrived in Kelowna in September of 2017 from Syria. The school-aged children in attendance provided a brief overview of their experiences settling into their schools.

6:24 pm: *The meeting recessed.*

6:26 pm: *The meeting reconvened.*

National Volunteer Week – April 7-13, 2019

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 7-13, 2019 as National Volunteer Week and recognized all volunteers in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Cacchioni queried if there are any updates regarding a decision on seat belts for school buses.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that there isn't any new information. The federal government has implemented a task force to review seat belts on school buses.

The Board Chair advised that the Board of Education submitted a Substantive Motion for the upcoming BCSTA AGM regarding this matter.

ACTION ITEMS

Amendments to Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee

(Recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee – February 20, 2019)

Main
19P-038

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses

(Recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee – February 20, 2019)

Main

19P-039

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed the amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses and recommended that the reference to Revenue Canada Agency on page one be amended to say 'Canada Revenue Agency' and that the list of items Trustees will be responsible for keep items two and four.

Amendment

19P-040

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses as amended at the March 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 19P-039 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 19P-040

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses as amended at the March 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2019/2020 through 2023/2024

(Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee – February 20, 2019)

Main

19P-041

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2019/2020 through 2023/2024 as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Public Education Awareness Committee – Amended Terms of Reference

(Recommendation from the Public Education Awareness Committee – January 22, 2019)

Main

19P-042

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Bowman,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amended Public Education Awareness Committee's Terms of Reference, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Transportation Task Force – Terms of Reference

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that following the Board's decision at the Public Board Meeting on February 27, 2019 to strike a Transportation Task Force, a Steering Committee met to develop Terms of Reference for the Transportation Task Force. Due to timelines, the Steering Committee will review and make recommendations at the April 17, 2019 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting regarding routes for the fall of 2019-2020, procedures regarding redirected students due to school enrolment capping, transportation for schools/programs of choice, and the definition of eligible versus courtesy riders (Phase 1). An expanded committee will engage subject matter experts to address specific topic areas as well

as gather input to bring forward recommendations to the January, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting (Phase 2). The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO responded to Trustee queries.

The Board Chair requested that future agendas for the Steering Committee be forwarded to all Trustees. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO agreed to this request.

Main
19P-043

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the Transportation Task Force Terms of Reference, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

2019-2020 School Calendar

The Director of Instruction – Human Resources stated that staff met with partner groups in order to create the 2019-2020 School Calendar. The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) and Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA) were in support of the proposed calendar. The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3523 were not in support of a two-week spring break as their position was that losing pay for the extra week of spring break is a serious financial hardship for 10-month members. A survey was also conducted across the entire District with survey results showing the majority of respondents supported the two week spring break.

The Director of Instruction – Human Resources also stated that an amendment to Appendix D – 2019-2020 Draft Calendar Table is required as the January 1st Statutory Holiday is actually on a Wednesday not a Tuesday.

Main
19P-044

MOVED by Trustee Bowman, SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger,
THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year as identified in the attached calendar proposal and as amended at the March 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting, and make the calendar available to the district and the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2019;

AND THAT:

- 1. The Superintendent direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.**
- 2. In establishing such calendars, principals must:**
 - a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan Public Schools) Board Policy.**
 - b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.**
 - c. Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.**

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no public questions/comments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated the following:

- A letter was sent home to parents/guardians in the Central Okanagan Public Schools regarding the Student Strike 4 Climate 2019, which will be taking place on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm. The letter stated that although the District supports the rights that citizens of the age of majority have in a democratic society to freely assemble and to express their view on issues, this Student Strike 4 Climate Change is not a

District sanctioned event. Student safety and loss of instructional time is a concern of the District.

- In response to the recent decision of the Province of Ontario to ban cell phones from school classrooms, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO reminded the Board of the BC Government and the Ministry of Education Policy on Student Success, District Policy 486 - Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication, and School Codes of Conduct regarding cell phone use in schools.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2018/2019 and 2019/2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – February 13, 2019

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the February 27, 2019 General Statement will be amended to reflect that there were three Human Resources Information Items and that there was a Bargaining Update (Trustee Baxter, Trustee Bowman, and Trustee Cacchioni declared a potential Conflict of Interest and the left the meeting while that item was being discussed.)

Trustee Tiede stated that she attended the February 27, 2019 Incamera Board Meeting and the General Statement requires an amendment to reflect this.

The Board accepted the General Statement as amended.

Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership Update

Trustee Cacchioni advised that the Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership will cease to exist as a provincially funded imitative, effective March 31, 2019. A community table may continue and further information will be provided accordingly.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: H. Dawson, February 23, 2019, Re CEAs Vital to Young Students
L. Pendray, February 26, 2019, Re Bussing Issues for Crawford Families
DWE PAC, March 6, 2019, Transportation Follow-Up

Main
19P-045

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Bowman,
THAT: At the March 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported on the following:

- Constable Neil Bruce and Glenrosa Middle Schools welcomed students and administrators from **Haruhigaoka Junior High School**, Kasugai, Japan. Quigley Elementary welcomed student teachers from **Chubu University** also from Kasugai, Japan.
- The Board of Education recently met with the Mayor and Council of the **District of Lake Country** to discuss matters of mutual interest.
- On March 1st and 2nd, trustees attended the **BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meeting**.
- The **H.S. Grenda Middle School Community Presentation** was held on Tuesday, March 5th at George Elliot Secondary School. The community was able to review the drawings for the new school presented by the architects.
- **Rutland Senior Secondary School Drama Department** recently presented the *High School Musical*.

- On Wednesday, March 6, 2019, Central Okanagan Public Schools hosted the **4th Annual Sumobot Robotics** event at Hollywood Road Education Services.
- The **KSS Owls Girls Curling** team won the provincial championships and brought home the Provincial banner.
- Central Okanagan Public Schools basketball teams recently competed at the **Provincial Tournaments**. We are so very proud of all the players and coaches of their participation and placement in the tournaments:
 - o KSS Owls Senior Boys AAAA Basketball Team – Silver Medalists
 - o GESS Coyotes Senior Boys AA Basketball Team – Silver Medalists
 - o KSS Owls Junior Girls Basketball Team – Silver Medalists
 - o KSS Owls Senior Girls AAA Basketball Team – Fourth
 - o OKM Huskies Junior Boys Basketball Team – Sixth
 - o OKM Huskies Senior Girls AAA Basketball Team – Eighth
 - o KSS Owls Junior Boys Basketball Team – Eleventh

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

There were no BC Public School Employers' Association items.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Leadership Development Program Workshop

Date: Thursday, April 11 to Friday, April 12, 2019

Location: Kelowna, BC

BCSTA Annual General Meeting and Provincial Council

Date: Thursday, April 25 to Sunday, April 28, 2019

Location: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board Meeting with the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA)

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Location: School Board Office – Board Room

Meeting with City of Kelowna

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Location: City of Kelowna – City Hall

Meeting with City of West Kelowna

Date: Monday, May 13, 2019

Location: City of West Kelowna – City Hall

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Audit Committee

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., School Board Office

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer