



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 6:00 pm  
Via Zoom**

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  
Simon Gauthier, CUPE Indigenous Advocate Shop Steward  
Jeremy Sanbrooks, COPVPA Secretary  
Simon Adams, COPAC President  
Zach Johnson, DSC - Grade 11 at KSS

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

**AGENDA**

**Main 22P-045**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of February 23, 2022 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - February 9, 2022**

#### **Main 22P-046**

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 9, 2022 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"**

### **Gateway Program**

Participating by Zoom:

Staff: Randy Horne, Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education

Nathen Elliott, Acting Principal, Central School Programs & Services

Rob Law, Teacher, Central School Programs & Services

Central School Programs & Services, in partnership with Okanagan College, continues to support its students through the Gateway Program. The Gateway Program, which includes a ten-week trade sampler at Okanagan College, ensures the necessary supports are in place to provide the opportunity for all participants to successfully graduate, transition to college, or apprenticeships, and pursue a sustainable career in the trade sector. A video was shown showcasing student testimonials of the program.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2022/2023 through 2027/2028**

#### **Main 22P-047**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2022/2023 through 2027/2028, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 23, 2022 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Main 22P-048**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education advocate for additional funding for the Annual Facility Grant.**

**CARRIED**

**Meeting Recess (if necessary)**

*6:42 pm: The meeting was recessed.*

*6:43 pm: The meeting reconvened.*

**PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

**Shane Styles:** Mr. Styles commented that \$10 million in deferred maintenance is alarming and queried what the costs were to hand out COVID-19 rapid tests at schools.

*The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the Provincial Government provided the tests at no charge to school districts.*

Mr. Styles queried what the District's strategy and plan is for restoring the mental wellbeing of staff and students in the School District and expressed the need for a proactive approach.

*The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated the first strategy is to keep schools open through the pandemic, the next is to return to normalcy as restrictions are lifted, the District has also invested in more counsellors and hired ARC Clinicians to support students, and assessments with Principals on the wellbeing of students and staff is ongoing.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that he had no emergent issues to report.

**Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022**

The Board reviewed the information.

**General Statement – February 9, 2022**

The Board reviewed the information.

**The Universal Need for Universal Wellness through Universal Washrooms Presentation**

Trustee Desrosiers, Planning and Facilities Committee Chair, commended both students for articulation and directness during their presentation to the Planning and Facilities Committee regarding the need for universal washrooms in all schools for various student needs.

**Suspension Summary Report: 2015-2016 to 2020-2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

## **BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Trustee Broughton, Chair of the Education and Student Services Committee, shared that at the recent Education and Student Services Committee meeting there was a presentation on sustainability education that spoke about a network on various initiatives for sustainability. He encouraged the Board to support and grow sustainability initiatives.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Sent:**

February 7, 2022

Response to J. Petrie Re Support for Dual Track at DWE/Bellevue

Response to J. Widmer Re Letter of Parent Support Re Bellevue reopening

Response to R. Kufeldt Re Mission Family of Schools Catchment Changes - And Thank You

Response to T. Steuri Re Board decision regarding Bellevue Creek

February 8, 2022

Response to A. Mitchell Re Kindly reconsider the split between DWE and Bellevue

Response to D. Bird Re DWE Split

February 10, 2022

Responses to C. Furey Re Kelowna DWE Decision

February 11, 2022

Response to R. Cordes Re School Board SD23 Meeting Follow-up

### **Received:**

February 3, 2022

K. Scott, Please support before and after school childcare

February 4, 2022

A. Riphagen, Please support before and after school childcare

G. Gouliquer, Please support before and after school childcare

H. Stapleton, Please support before and after school childcare

J. Noseworthy, Please support before and after school childcare

R. Shynkar, Please support before and after school childcare

S. Alm, Please support before and after school childcare

X. Li, Please support before and after school childcare

Y. Zhou, Please support before and after school childcare

February 5, 2022

R. Kufeldt, Mission Family of Schools Catchment Changes - And Thank You

February 7, 2022

J. Petrie, Support for Dual Track at DWE/Bellevue

J. Widmer, Letter of Parent Support Re Bellevue Reopening

N. Van Eck, Okanagan Mission Catchment Decision Feedback

R. Idler, Please support before and after school childcare

S. Brisbois, In response to Bellevue Creek Opening - I support you

T. Steuri, Board decision regarding Bellevue Creek

T. Wishlow, Please support before and after school childcare

W. Kmet, Please support before and after school childcare

February 8, 2022

A. Mitchell, Kindly reconsider the split between DWE and Bellevue

C. McKenzie, Please support before and after school childcare

D. Bird, DWE Split

G. Hayward, Bellevue Creek Elementary School - Adverse impacts

J. Anderson, Please support before and after school childcare

R. Burzuk, January 26, 2022 Public Board Meeting

R. Woolley, Letter of Support Re English Program staying at DWE

Valentina G., Please support before and after school childcare

W. Schneider, Heartfelt thanks

February 10, 2022

C. Furey, Kelowna DWE Decision

D. Crawford, Support for the creation of a SD23 Sustainability Coach

February 11, 2022

A. Nedeljak, Please support before and after school childcare

R. Cordes, School Board SD23 Meeting Follow-up

February 12, 2022

E. Jones, Please support before and after school childcare

February 14, 2022

R. Blinkhorn, Please support before and after school childcare

W. Blinkhorn, Please support before and after school childcare

W. Dwyer, Please support before and after school childcare

W. Yost, Please support before and after school childcare

February 15, 2022

J. England, Please support before and after school childcare

M. Hansen, Please support before and after school childcare

N. Hansen, Please support before and after school childcare

T. Vincent, Horgan and Bonny's Vaccine Mandates

February 16, 2022

P. Dwyer, Please support before and after school childcare

February 17, 2022

D. Elliot, Getting rid of COVID-19 restrictions that had NO data in the first place

S. Kootnekoff, Please advise how child in FI is to get to school today (x 2)

T. Gosse, Please support before and after school childcare

**Main 22P-049**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: At the February 23, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

## ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Due to the COVID-19/Omicron pandemic, the annual **BGC Okanagan Pink Shirt Day Breakfast**, which has previously been attended by senior and school staff, was once again reimagined to a Pink Shirt Day Breakfast in a Box Virtual Kick-Off with the theme "Lift Each Other Up". The Central Okanagan Board of Education was a sponsor of the event.
- Students and staff throughout the District celebrated the **15th Annual Harmony Day** with a little innovation and a lot of heart on Wednesday, February 16th. Thank you to everyone throughout the District involved in the Harmony Day activities and a special thank you to Leigh-Ann Yanow, Harmony Day Chair, as well all of the other members of the Harmony Day Committee.
- On Friday, February 18th, the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 3523 held their **professional development days**. The theme of COTA's Pro-D Okanagan Zonal Virtual Conference was "Supporting Diversity". Through the efforts of Barb Huva, COTA Pro-D Chair, and the zonal Pro-D Day Chairs, various guest speakers and presenters were enjoyed by teachers and support staff. Thank you to the CUPE Pro-D Co-organizers Luke Campbell and Graham Johnson.
- **Okanagan Mission Secondary School** held their **Grad Variety Show and silent auction** at the Kelowna Community Theatre last night. The event is the main fundraiser for their grad and dry grad events. The entertainment was provided by all students and included music, dance, a thrifted fashion show, skits, game shows, audience participation, humour and some very touching moments.

## BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

### BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

March 4-5, 2022

### BCSTA AGM

April 21-24, 2022

## FUTURE MEETINGS

### Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

**Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Policy Committee Meeting - **CANCELLED**

~~Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 4:00 pm, via Zoom~~

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting - **CANCELLED**

~~Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm, via Zoom~~

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Trustee Chantelle Desrosiers:

THAT: The Board of Education advocate to the Ministry of Education for special purpose funding for the creation of universal washrooms in existing schools;

AND THAT: The Board of Education work with their partner groups to support an advocacy plan for funding of universal washrooms.

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

There were no items for a future agenda.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS**

There were no media questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO