



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 6:30 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: Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Partner Groups Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*by Zoom*)
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President
Wynter Oakes, COPVPA Executive
Simon Adams, COPAC Vice-President
Cayden Jensen, DSC Co-President, Mila Kresina, DSC Representative

**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 7:19 pm.

The Board Chair made the following statement:

"The Board of Education acknowledges that today, November 8, 2023, is Indigenous Veterans Day in Canada. This day is in gratitude and recognition of Indigenous contributions to military service for over 200 years."

A moment of silence was observed.

AGENDA

Add: Revised attachment for 13.2: Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary 2023/2024

Main 23P-125

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of November 8, 2023 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - October 25, 2023

Main 23P-126

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 25, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Recognition: Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education Recipients

The Board of Education congratulated the six employees from Central Okanagan Public Schools who recently received Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education at an Awards ceremony held at Government House in Victoria.

Recipients:

Indigenous Education:

Jim Elwood, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Outstanding New Teacher:

Rob Bennett, Teacher, École Kelowna Secondary School

Lauren Klassen, Teacher, formerly at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Outstanding Support –Teaching Assistant:

Amanda Hilverda, CEA, École Kelowna Secondary School

Danielle Brown, CEA, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School (*not in attendance*)

Extra Curricular Leadership

Amanda Liebel, Teacher, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School (*not in attendance*)

The awards honour public, independent and First Nations school teachers, support staff, principals, vice- principals, as well as school and district leaders, who all go above and beyond to make life better for K-12 students throughout the province. A short video of each recipient was shown, and Trustees presented certificates and District pins to each person.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 7:36 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37 pm.

DECLARATIONS

Harmony Day - November 17, 2023

The Board Chair made the following proclamation:

WHEREAS Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan bring unique gifts to this community through their diversity; and

WHEREAS Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan Public Schools community to celebrate diversity while committing to mutual respect; and

WHEREAS Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,

WHEREAS Harmony Day allows the Central Okanagan Public Schools to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment, and

THEREFORE I, as Chair of the Board of Education of the Central Okanagan Public Schools, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2023 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Bullying Awareness Week: November 13-17, 2023

The Board of Education declared the week of November 13 – 17, 2023 as National Bullying Awareness Week in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Children's Rights Day: November 20, 2023

The Board of Education declared November 20, 2023 as National Children's Rights Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Adoption Awareness Month: November, 2023

The Board of Education declared the month of November 2023 as Adoption Awareness Month in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Desrosiers suggested that the Board Chair summarize Trustee attendance at the various Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Trustee Tiede and Trustee Fraser:	City of Kelowna ceremony
Trustee Johnson and Trustee Broughton:	Rutland ceremony
Trustee Desrosiers:	West Kelowna ceremony
Trustee Guderyan:	Peachland ceremony
Trustee Geistlinger:	Lake Country ceremony

Trustee Geistlinger suggested that in future Annual General Meetings, if a Trustee is nominated for Committee Chair, that they have an opportunity to say a few words before a vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Property Bylaw No. 160 - BC Hydro Statutory Right-of-Way for École Hudson Road Elementary School

Main 23P-127

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education give first reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 160 (Registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right of Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 45, District Lot 506, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan 5381, known as École Hudson Road Elementary School.

CARRIED

Main 23P-128

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers (*read by Trustee Geistlinger*)

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education give second reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 160 (Registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right of Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 45, District Lot 506, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan 5381, known as École Hudson Road Elementary School.

CARRIED

Main 23P-129

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers (*read by Trustee Geistlinger*)

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education give all three readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 160 (Registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right of Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 45, District Lot 506, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan 5381, known as École Hudson Road Elementary School, at the November 8, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 23P-130

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers (*read by Trustee Geistlinger*)

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education give third reading and grant approval for registration of a Statutory Right of Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 45, District Lot 506, Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan 5381, known as École Hudson Road Elementary School.
CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information. The Deputy Superintendent provided more information on the late addition to the Field Study Summary.

General Statement – October 25, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Update - September 30, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Ministry of Education and Child Care 2023/2024 Preliminary Operating Grant Summary Tables

The Board reviewed the information.

Student & Family Affordability Fund Update at June 30, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Feeding Futures Fund Analysis 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

Report on Board Chair Advocacy Meeting - October 19, 2023

The Board Chair attended a Provincial Advocacy Day in Victoria, BC on October 19, 2023 that brought together Board Chairs with Members of the Legislative Assembly. The Board Chair provided a summary report on the Advocacy Day which included:

- Of the 60 Board Chairs in British Columbia, 56 were in attendance.
- Trustees first met together to discuss their three primary needs across the province and agreed upon a united message, and subsequently attended the Legislature for Question Period.
- After Question Period, Trustees hosted the MLAs for lunch and engaged in discussion on their key messaging, including:
 - Childcare
 - Staffing and Retention
 - Deferred Maintenance Costs

An additional item Trustee Tiede mentioned was District Growth, and the need for a continued focus on fast-tracking modular additions and new schools, as Central Okanagan Public Schools is operating at 107% capacity, and increasing in student enrolment each year.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Fraser reported that she had attended the District Student Council meeting which was very well run, and well attended. Students had a discussion on concerns regarding the city buses and trying to align the bus schedules with the bell schedules.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

No board correspondence received or sent.

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Deputy Superintendent of Schools spoke of the following:

- Attendance at the 2023/2024 Dual Credit Information Night at École Kelowna Secondary School.
- The Deputy Superintendent advised that the Superintendent of Schools/CEO attended the opening ceremony of the Field of Crosses at Kelowna's City Park commemorating

Kelowna's members of the Canadian Armed Forces who lost their lives during wars or military conflicts. These heroes gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our democratic way of life.

- The Deputy Superintendent attended the Westbank First Nation Indigenous Veterans Day ceremony earlier in the day, at the Westbank First Nation Veterans' Monument. This was a day of remembrance and commemoration of the contributions of Indigenous veterans in the First and Second World Wars, as well as the Korean War.

- In honour of Indigenous Veterans Day, schools and District sites flew their flags at half-mast on November 8, 2023. Flags will again be flown at half-mast after school dismissal on November 10, 2023 to ensure they are in place for Remembrance Day.

- The Premier of British Columbia made a recent announcement committing to make Holocaust education mandatory for high school students in British Columbia.

- A reminder that all Central Okanagan Public Schools are closed on Monday, November 13, 2023 in honour of Remembrance Day.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Trustee Academy

November 23-25, 2023

Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

- General Affairs 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 8:05 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO