



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 6:00 pm
School Board Office or Zoom (for the public)
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger (*via Zoom*)
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
David Tether, CUPE President
Derek Lea, COPVPA Contract Advisory Chair
Vivian Evans, COPAC Vice-President

There were no representatives from the District Student Council.

**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 6:00 pm.

6:02 pm: Trustee Geistlinger joined the meeting.

AGENDA

Add: Material for scheduled Information Item 13.4 COVID-19 - Communication with Interior Health

Main 20P-142

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of October 14, 2020 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 30, 2020

Main 20P-143

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 30, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

New and Experienced Principal/Vice-Principal

In honour of October being National Principals' Month, Scott Sieben, President of the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association and Principal of Mount Boucherie Secondary School, introduced the following who spoke on their experiences and joys of being a Principal:

Michelle Relova, Principal of Ellison Elementary School

Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal of École KLO Middle School

Derek Lea, Principal of Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Bus Driver and Traffic Safety Officer

With School Bus Safety Awareness Week coming up the week of October 19 to 23, 2020, Central Okanagan Public Schools bus driver, Don Heathcote, spoke of his 30-year career as a bus driver and his experiences over the years. Dan Glasscock, the District's new Traffic Safety Officer, also spoke of his role and school bus safety. The Traffic Safety Officer position is a joint venture between the City of Kelowna, the Regional District of Central Okanagan and Central Okanagan Public Schools.

DECLARATION

National Principals' Month - October

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of October as '*Principal and Vice-Principal Month*' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

School Bus Safety Awareness Week - October 19-23, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of October 19-23, 2020 as '*School Bus Safety Awareness Week*' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Okanagan Language Teaching - Every Child Matters

Presenters: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent
Tyler Ernst, Okanagan Language Teacher

Tyler Ernst, Okanagan Language Teacher, shared his passion for the Okanagan Language. The Board of Education and others present learned how to pronounce əts haʔ stim iʔ scəcmalaʔ (utch ha [short a] steem ee st-ech-mala) which means Every Child Matters.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

There were no Trustee queries/comments.

ACTION ITEMS

2020-2021 Senior Management Team Workplan

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the 2020-2021 Senior Management Team Workplan lists the various initiatives that senior staff will be focusing on over the 2020-2021 school year.

Main 20P-144

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Senior Management Team Workplan, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the October 14, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Long-Term Facility Plan Steering Committee

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that staff are recommending that they proceed with the review of the Long Term Facilities Plan as a Working Committee without Trustee representation. Updates, reports and recommendations will be provided to the Planning and Facilities Committee and the Board throughout the process.

Main 20P-145

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education rescinds Public Board Meeting Motions 19P-016 and 19P-017, as carried on February 13, 2019 due to a Trustee representative no longer required to participate on the Long-Term Facility Plan Steering Committee:

19P-016

"The Board of Education grant approval for staff to move forward with the review of the Long-Term Facility Plan as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education appoint a Board member to participate on the Steering Committee."

19P-017

"The Board of Education appoint Trustee Fraser to participate on the Long-Term Facility Plan Steering Committee."

THAT: The Board of Education grant approval for staff to move forward with the review of the Long-Term Facility Plan in the 2020-2021 school year.

CARRIED

Congratulations Letter to Wilfred and Pamela Barnes - 2020 Okanagan College Honorary Fellows

The Deputy Superintendent of Schools stated that Grouse and Pamela Barnes were recently selected by Okanagan College to receive the College's highest honour as 2020 Honorary Fellows. This honour is bestowed upon residents of the region whom have made unique and meaningful contributions through education, public service, mentorship and philanthropy. Grouse and Pamela Barnes have had a long-standing involvement in Indigenizing the School District's curriculum, as well as supporting the development of past Enhancement Agreements and the most recent Equity in Action Agreement.

Main 20P-146

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter of congratulations to Westbank First Nation Elders, Grouse and Pamela Barnes, for receiving Okanagan College's highest honour as Honorary Fellows.

CARRIED

COTA Request - Board Motions Regarding Foundation Skills Assessment Testing for the 2020-2021 School Year

The Board discussed a request from COTA regarding the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) testing for the 2020-2021 school year as well as concerns over the FSA results being made public.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that FSA testing is mandated by the Ministry of Education and the District is required to ensure that students who don't take the assessment have extenuating circumstances.

The Board agreed that a more thorough discussion regarding FSAs is required and referred COTA's Request to the Education and Student Services Committee on November 18, 2020.

Main 20P-147

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board severe the two recommendations received from COTA.

CARRIED

Main 20P-148

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni

THAT: The Board of Education defer the COTA Request - Board Motions Regarding Foundation Skills Assessment Testing for the 2020-2021 School Year to the Education and Student Services Committee Meeting on November 18, 2020 for further discussion with a report back to the Board.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

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 – 2020-2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – September 30, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

COVID-19 - Communication with Interior Health

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO outlined the draft Central Okanagan Public Schools/Interior Health flow-chart regarding the coordinated school communication process for positive COVID-19 cases.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Tiede reported that at the recent Safe Schools Committee meeting the Committee agreed to review their mandate and make necessary amendments. The Committee discussed traffic issues at all schools and the need to educate parents and reviewed the following four step entry protocol for visiting schools:

- Health Assessment
- Mask
- Hand sanitizer
- Check in at the office

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Okanagan Jewish Community Association, October 6, 2020, Letter of Support
Letters to Partner and Community Groups, October 7, 2020, Invite to Meet with the Board
Board Chair's Message, October 8, 2020, Long Term Facilities Plan Consultation Process

Received:

Okanagan Jewish Community Association, September 8, 2020, Request for Letter of Support

Main 20P-149

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: At the October 14, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

1. This evening six youth from across Central Okanagan Public Schools took to the stage for the third annual TEDxYouth@DoyleAve. This year's talks included topics on resilience, youth censorship, veganism, self-identity, being your own advocate, and youth empowerment. The talks were presented in front of a limited audience of family and friends at the Innovation Centre on Doyle Avenue.

2. Teachers and staff from throughout the Central Okanagan will be participating in the **Teacher Professional Day** being held virtually on Friday, October 23, 2020. The theme this year is '*Creating a Culture of Inclusion in the School System*'.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2020 via Zoom

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

October 24, 2020 via Zoom

BCSTA Trustee Academy 2020

November 27-28, 2020 - Virtual

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public

Regular Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm, Via Zoom for the public

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

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 7:58 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO