



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 6:00 pm
School Board Office (must pre-register)
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee L. Tiede

Absent: Trustee A. Geistlinger

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Delta Carmichael, Acting Secretary-Treasurer
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

Absent: Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
David Tether, CUPE President
Jasmine Lemon, COPVPA Member-at-Large
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.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER

Main 21P-138

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: In the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Board appoint Delta Carmichael, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, as the Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the Public Board Meeting of October 13, 2021.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

AGENDA

Move Information Item 11.6 Vaccination Mandate to Action Item 9.3

Main 21P-139

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of October 13, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 29, 2021

21P-140

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 29, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Placing Students at the Center of Numeracy

In attendance from Canyon Falls Middle School:

Carson Tonn, Acting Vice-Principal

Christina Hidalgo, Teacher

Sydney Hertz, Teacher

A video was shown "Growing Mathematical Competencies at Canyon Falls Middle School". The video displayed how teacher, Sydney Hertz, and the learners in her Grade 6-8 Learning Community, began the year by exploring mathematical competencies and mindsets.

INTRODUCTION

Introduction of Kate Cook, Human Resources Manager

In attendance: Bob McEwen, Executive Director of Human Resources

The Board of Education welcomed Kate Cook, Human Resources Manager, to the District.

DECLARATION

School Bus Safety Awareness Week - October 18-22, 2021

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of October 18-22, 2021 as 'School Bus Safety Awareness Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The following people expressed concerns with the potential vaccine mandate for employees, volunteers, and/or students:

- Russell Hinter
- Luke Yanik
- Cheryl Gawley

It was stated that there has been no indication that there would be a vaccine mandate for students.

Cheryl Gawley: Ms. Gawley queried what school the grade nine French Immersion students at École Glenrosa Middle School will be attend next year. The Board Vice- Chair stated that the Board determined, last spring, that these students would attend École Kelowna Secondary School for the 2022/2023 school year.

ACTION ITEMS

Annual Cap Review - International Students at École Kelowna Secondary School

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised the Board that the Memorandum provided had a typo. The current International student cap at École Kelowna Secondary School (KSS) is 65 not 60.

Raquel Steen, Assistant Superintendent, presented a map of the District's International students by home country, outlined the number of International students by grade level as well as homestay versus private residence living arrangements. As there are capacity constraints at École KSS, staff recommended that the enrolment cap for International students at École KSS be reduced to 50 Full-Time Equivalent students for the 2022-2023 school year. Staff also

recommended that the International student cap at École KSS continue to be reviewed every October.

6:43 pm: The Deputy Superintendent of Schools joined the meeting.

Main 21P-141

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education implement a cap of 50 FTE of International students at École Kelowna Secondary School for 2022-2023.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

21P-142

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education annually review the cap on International students by mid-October for as long as the capacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School persist.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report - September 2021

Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent, presented highlights from the District's first Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report. The Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report is a requirement of the Ministry of Education. The Report meets the legislation requirements indicated in the Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order.

Main 21P-143

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report – September 2021 as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the October 13, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Vaccination Mandate

The Board Chair stated that Trustees are seeking more information regarding a potential vaccination mandate for employees and have requested that the Superintendent of Schools/CEO provide the Board with a report prior to any decisions being made. The Board of Education distributed a News Release late in the afternoon of October 13, 2021 titled '*Board Reviewing*

Implications of Vaccine Mandate'. The News Release can be viewed on the School District's website under District Info - News Releases.

Main 21P-144

MOVED by Trustee Bowman
SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to prepare a comprehensive report on any effects of a potential vaccine mandate for staff.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

Main 21P-145

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers
SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board write a letter to Premier Horgan, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Health, and the Provincial Health Officer regarding our expectation that any mandate for staff vaccines would have been a provincial decision in a provincial health order and that they would cover any costs.

Amendment 21P-146

MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

To remove 'and that they would cover any costs.'

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustees Bowman, Broughton, Tiede

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

The question was called on Main 21P-145.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustees Bowman and Tiede

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported that there was an anti-mask and anti-vaccine protest outside of Rutland Middle School this afternoon. Due to interactions between students and the protestors, the RCMP were on site.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – September 29, 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Reopening Review - Update

The Board reviewed the preliminary survey results. Considerations will be presented at the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 and public engagement sessions are planned for late November 2021.

Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review - Update

The Board reviewed the preliminary survey results. Considerations will be presented at the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 and public engagement sessions are planned for late November 2021.

District Student Council 2021-2022

The Board of Education congratulated the students who comprise the 2021-2022 District Student Council.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustees reported the following:

- At the October 7, 2021 Safe Schools Committee Meeting, it was shared that the School Resource Officers would now be called Community Youth Safety Officers.
- At the October 7, 2021 Health Promoting Schools Committee Meeting, there was a presentation on the importance of digital wellness. Resources for students, schools, and families are available on the following website: <https://www.sd23ltd.com/digital-wellness>

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Message to All Staff, September 28, 2021, News Release Re Truth and Reconciliation Week
PSEC, September 29, 2021, 2020-2021 Exec. Staff Compensation Report and Disclosure
Response to C. Frank, October 1, 2021, Re September 30, 2021 email titled 'Public' School Board Meeting

Received:

V. Johnson, September 24, 2021, Use of School Property for Church Services
A. Chambers, September 27, 2021, Mask Support for K-3 - please consider
S. French, September 27, 2021, Masks K-3
T. McCarthy, September 27, 2021, Mask Mandate

D. Buckna, September 28, 2021, Why is Dr. Henry still refusing to send rapid tests to all BC Schools?
K. Van Eck, September 28, 2021, Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Re-opening Review
J. Frank, September 29, 2021, Truth and Reconciliation Day - A Holiday
J. Miller, September 29, 2021, I'm on Zoom
J. Miller, September 29, 2021, Question
C. Frank, September 30, 2021, 'Public' School Board Meeting
COTA President, September 30, 2021, Follow-up to Last Night's Meeting
E. Ip, September 30, 2021, Masks for K-3
E. McGrath, September 30, 2021, Request for masking of K-3 children in school
K. Berbec, September 30, 2021, SD23 Mask Policy for K-3
D. Buckna, September 30, 2021, Whose COVID-19 School Data Do You Think is More Up-to-Date, detailed, and accurate?
R. Baechle, September 30, 2021, K-3 Mask Policy
J. Frank, October 1, 2021, Central Okanagan Board of Education Response to September 30, 2021 email titled 'Public' School Board Meeting
C. Baker, October 3, 2021, Support for K-3 Mask Mandate
D. Buckna, October 4, 2021, The Latest Bonniespeak
Lisa, October 6, 2021, Touch Point Cleaners
A. Smith, October 7, 2021, Covid Safety
D. Buckna, October 7, 2021, John Hogan threw School Board Members Under the Bus/Updated: The Latest Bonniespeak
D. Buckna, October 7, 2021, Letter - B.C. reactive not proactive
G. and M. Wowchuk, October 7, 2021, Please no vaccine mandates
G. Jezik, October 7, 2021, No Mandatory Vax
S. Doncom, October 7, 2021, Improvements needed
S. Ratch, October 7, 2021, Request mandatory vaccination for elementary school teachers
Various School District Staff, October 7-8, 2021, Re Mandatory Vaccinations
C. Smith, October 8, 2021, Vaccine Mandate
J. Adrian, October 8, 2021, Oppose Mandatory Vaccines for Teachers and Staff
R. Volk, October 8, 2021, Copy of Ministry of Education's Response Re Concern for the Conditions of Rutland Middle School

Main 21P-147

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: At the October 13, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Geistlinger

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Congratulations to **Trustee Chantelle Desrosiers** on her interview posted in the back to school issue of the Capital Planner newsletter. The Capital Planner is a newsletter which explores perspectives on business and financial management, using an interdisciplinary approach. Trustee Desrosiers answered questions on the size of the District, unique challenges, advantages, Board cohesion, the operating budget and Ministry funding, trends in education, and COVID-19 and the start of the school year.
- Administrators and school teams were congratulated on their planning for a successful **Administrative Implementation Day** on Friday, October 8, 2021 with a strong focus on Truth and Reconciliation. Guest presenters included Kevin Lamoureux, Associate Vice-President of Indigenous Affairs at the University of Winnipeg, and Anona Fawn Kampe, a member of the Penticton Indian Band.
- Teachers and staff from throughout the Central Okanagan will be participating in the **Teacher Professional Day** on Friday, October 22, 2021. The theme this year is BALANCE: Personal and Professional Equilibrium with the keynote speaker Mary Gordon, an award-winning social entrepreneur, educator, best-selling author, parenting expert, and child advocate who has created an international children's charity, Roots of Empathy. Thirty-nine sessions will be offered with a broad range of subject areas and self-care offerings. The Superintendent expressed appreciation to the leadership of the COTA for their efforts in organizing the professional day activities.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA Symposium 2021

November 4-5, 2021

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting

Thursday, October 14, 2021

BCSTA/Ministry of Education Joint Partner Liaison Meeting

Friday, October 15, 2021

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Fall Meeting

October 15-16, 2021

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

October 23, 2021

BCSTA Trustee Academy

December 2-4, 2021

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motions.

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 7:55 pm.

Chairperson

Acting Secretary-Treasurer