



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger (*left at 6:57 pm*)

Absent: 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)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
David Tether, CUPE President
Laurie Fraser, COPVPA Climate Representative
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC President
Vivian Evans, COPAC Vice-President
McKinley Kemp, DSC Co-President - Grade 12 at MBSS

**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.

AGENDA

Add: Material for scheduled Information Item 11.15 - Transportation Update

Main 20P-093

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of June 10, 2020 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - May 27, 2020

Main 20P-094

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 27, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Messages from the Heart

Megan Frederick, Music Director at Okanagan Mission Secondary School, worked on a virtual project with her Senior Jazz Band during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each student recorded their individual pieces at home. The audio was then edited by Ms. Frederick to make a 'virtual' performance. The goal was to learn the new skill of playing/recording to a click track, but most importantly the goal was to keep the students connected making music together.

The video of the Okanagan Mission Secondary Senior Jazz Band playing Duke Ellington's 1940 classic swing tune - Cotton Tail was shared.

DECLARATIONS

Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June 21, 2020 as 'Indigenous Peoples Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Pride Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June as 'Pride Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The following individuals expressed their appreciation for the Board's support of Pride month and the LBGT2Q+ Community:

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| • Leslie Grenier | • Fiona Irvine |
| • Wayne Broughton | • Kathy Chin |
| • Shannon Hohl | • Madison Paige Deutscher |
| • Casey Broughton | • Tyson Cook |
| • Shaunna Taylor | • Valerie Johnson |
| • Clare MacDonald | • Jennifer Sutton |
| • Jemison Jackson | • Kathleen MacKinnon |

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Supporting Families with Remote Learning - Device Purchase Program

Presenters:

Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent
Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Learning Technology
John Morrone, Vice-Principal of Learning Technology

Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent, commended the Learning Technology Department's efforts in supporting remote learning by loaning out over 2,800 devices to students since the BC Government suspended in-class instruction in all provincial schools. Mr. Rever stated that systems and structures need to be put in place to ensure digital equity for all students. As such, there is an option to extend the District's discounted purchase price for laptops and tablets to Central Okanagan families.

Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Learning Technology, and John Morrone, Vice-Principal of Learning Technology, presented the equity issues in terms of students' access to technology and the need to support families with remote learning. The proposed Device Purchase Program is a cost neutral item for the District and would enable families to purchase devices through the Learning Technology Department at the District's discounted purchase price (for example \$280 for a Lenovo Chromebook 100e or \$630 for a Lenovo Thinkpad 11e including taxes).

Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent, stated that upon approval by the Board, the Device Purchase Program would be set up and families would be able to pick-up their purchased device before the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board Chair thanked Mr. Rever, Mr. Kleckner, and Mr. Morrone for their presentation.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser queried what effect the extension to the bus registration deadline had on the bus service applications.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated over 1,000 bus service applications were received between the original deadline of May 31, 2020 and the extended deadline of June 6, 2020.

Trustee Geistlinger shared that the George Elliot Secondary School Graduation Ceremony held on June 7, 2020 was a unique and honouring ceremony for the 2020 graduates.

ACTION ITEMS

Supporting Families with Remote Learning - Device Purchase Program

Main 20P-095

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni

THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to develop a process to provide options for Central Okanagan Public Schools students and their families to purchase laptops and Chromebooks at the discounted price specified in the District's volume purchasing agreement with Lenovo Canada and Northern Computer.

CARRIED

News Release - Support of Pride Month and the LGBT2Q+ Community

The Board Chair read out the proposed news release in support of Pride month and the LGBT2Q+ community.

Main 20P-096

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed news release regarding the Board's support of Pride month and the LGBT2Q+ community.

Amendment 20P-097

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education edit the proposed news release regarding the Board's support of Pride month and the LBGT2Q+ community by replacing the word 'celebrate' in the first paragraph with the word 'recognize' and the word 'celebrate' in the second paragraph with the word 'support'.

NO SECONDER

NO DEBATE

The question was called on Main 20P-096.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Geistlinger

6:57 pm: Trustee Geistlinger left the meeting.

News Release Regarding Recent Events and Public Education's Role in Social Justice

Trustee Bowman read out the proposed news release regarding recent events and public education's role in social justice.

Main 20P-098

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed news release regarding recent events and public education's roles in social justice.

CARRIED

2020/2021 CommunityLINK Allocations

Main 20P-099

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education approve the recommended CommunityLINK Allocations for 2020/2021, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 10, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Proposal for Substantive Change - Basketball Academy (École KLO Middle School)

Main 20P-100

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change - Basketball Academy (École KLO Middle School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the June 10, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

2021-2022 Five Year Capital Plan Submission

Main 20P-101

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Capital Plan Resolution for the 2021/2022 Capital Plan as outlined on the attached summary, as attached to the Agenda, and presented at the June 10, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement with the École Glenmore Elementary School GaGa Ball Court

Main 20P-102

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the École Glenmore Elementary School for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, 8 tire sandpits and a mural, as attached the Agenda and presented at the June 10, 2020 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - Rutland Senior Secondary School Outdoor Basketball Court

Main 20P-104

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Rutland Senior Secondary School for the creation of an Outdoor Basketball Court, as attached the Agenda and presented at the June 3, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.
CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - Pearson Road Elementary School Greenhouse Center

Main 20P-105

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Pearson Road Elementary School for a Greenhouse Center outlined in Appendix B and as presented at the June 10, 2020 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The following individuals expressed their appreciation for the Board's support of Pride month and the LBGT2Q+ Community:

- Carrie Broughton
- Michele Rule
- Rhonda Hunt

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

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

Superintendent's Pandemic Update

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a pandemic update, highlighting the following:

- The District completed the first week at Stage 3
- 9,504 students or 42% attended school
- 1,228 students with designations also attended
- 94% of staff worked onsite and 6% offsite
- Safety protocols have been very effective
- Students are very happy to be returning
- Quality remote learning continues for over 12,000 students
- Attendance numbers are expected to increase in the next week or two

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – May 19, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - May 21, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - May 26, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - May 27, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - May 28, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

Grant Thornton Report to Finance and Audit Committee - Initial Communication on Audit Planning for the Year Ended June 30, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

Trustee Cacchioni stated that the the following matters were considered when Grant Thornton LLP prepared their audit plan: COVID-19, the completion of Canyon Falls Middle School and the construction of H.S. Grenda Middle School, as well as the impacts of contract bargaining.

Updated Sustainability Initiatives 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

School District Portable Information

The Board reviewed the information.

The complex issue of adding portables versus redirecting students was discussed. Further discussions will occur during the Long-Term Facilities Plan Consultation process in the Fall.

Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association Executive 2020-2021

On behalf of the Board, the Board Chair congratulated the 2020-2021 Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association Executive.

George Elliot Secondary School - YMCA Childcare Space

The Board reviewed the information.

Donations to Central Okanagan Public Schools

The Board reviewed the information and noted that that in order to receive a tax receipt, parents cannot donate to a school that their child attends.

Transportation Update

The Board reviewed the information.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that as of June 6, 2020, the District received 6,463 applications for bus transportation for the 2020/2021 school year. The Transportation Department is currently developing routes for registered riders and spots are being held for eligible riders who arrive in the District over the summer months. Staff are also planning to ensure busing transportation is possible regardless of which stage the education system is in come September (Stages 1-3).

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

S. Johnston, May 27, 2020, Response Re Reopening Schools and Misinformation
Board Message - Restart Plan, May 27, 2020

Received:

S. Johnston, May 26, 2020, Re Reopening Schools and Misinformation
A. Wyllie, May 31, 2020, Re Graduation and Prom Events
M. Howell, June 2, 2020, Re Bus Drivers

Main 20P-106

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: At the June 10, 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 the following:

- The Board Chairperson thanked everyone for their hard work over the past three months and acknowledged the positive way in which students have been welcomed back to the schools.
- **Million Dollar Grant Supports Transformative Education Research at UBCO**
UBCO is receiving a \$1 million Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant to establish a partnership research initiative for the next five years. The project – Co-Curricular-Making: Honoring Indigenous Connections to Land, Culture and the Relational Self – is led by Margaret Macintyre Latta, Director of UBC Okanagan's School of Education. Community partners include the Central Okanagan Public Schools, Okanagan Nation Alliance, IndigenEYEZ, Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna Museums Society and the Universities of Alberta and Ottawa. The partnership will bring local Elders and Knowledge Keepers together with participating educators and the extended community. By the end of the five-year project, teachers and their students will have gained deeper understandings of Syilx culture with teachings that connect land, culture and understandings of self in the world. Deputy Superintendent, Terry Beaudry, was the District's lead collaborator in working with the UBC Okanagan School of Education.
- **iGEN Finals Tomorrow Evening**
Meet the entrepreneurs of tomorrow! Please join the top ten teams from Central Okanagan Public Schools as they compete in the 2020 iGen Challenge and showcase their entrepreneurship, creativity, and commitment to building a sustainable venture. The iGen challenge is for innovative Grade 7-12 learners who want to engage with entrepreneurship. Local business mentors guide students through a startup process to create enterprises, find funding, build a network, and make an impact in the innovation ecosystem in the Okanagan. The event takes place tomorrow (Thursday, June 11th) at the Okanagan Innovation Centre with the live Student pitches beginning at 5:00 pm and the Awards ceremony at 8:15 p.m. View the finals by Zoom at: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/94992338225>.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the media.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO