



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education: Trustee J. Fraser, Chair
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee V. Johnson
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Jon Rever, Acting Deputy Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent (*on secondment with Ministry of Education and Child Care*)

Partner Groups Nicola Baker, COPAC President and Jeannette Watson, COPAC Vice-President
Wynter Oakes, COPVPA Executive
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President (*joined meeting at 6:28 pm, by Zoom*)
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting at 6:35 pm, by Zoom*)
There was no representative from 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 6:02 pm.

AGENDA

Main 24P-106

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of November 13, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - October 9, 2024

Main 24P-107

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 9, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Tiede

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Story Workshop

In attendance:

- Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction: Learning & Innovation
- Early Literacy Lead Team: Nicole Crane, Reanna Lamb, and Tess Perry
- Davidson Road Elementary School:
 - Administrators: John Morrone, Principal, and Marlo Könneke, Vice-Principal
 - Teachers: Ashley Spinks, Holly Langlois, Lisa Marshall
 - Students: Nira Gandha, Salma Colero, Tenley Spinks

Teachers at Davidson Road Elementary School have been incorporating Story Workshop into their classrooms to help students become more confident and creative writers. Davidson Road Elementary students and teachers shared what they love about their Story Workshop experiences and highlighted the positive impact it has had on their literacy development.

Connecting and Empowering Schools through OECD Schools+ Network - Case Studies in Cognitive Engagement

In attendance:

- Jim Laird, Principal, École George Elliot Secondary School
- Nina Ferguson, Principal, École Dr. Knox Middle School (former Principal at Pearson Road Elementary School)
- Sarah Watson, Principal, Canyon Falls Middle School
- Steve Labrie, Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School

The OECD (The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) has authored some of the most innovative educational research over the past two decades impacting School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) and schools around the world. Four Central Okanagan Public Schools (Pearson Road Elementary School, Rose Valley Elementary School, Canyon Falls Middle School, and École George Elliot Secondary School) are among eight Canadian schools playing a part in the OECD's next big study, the Schools+ Network. One hundred and thirty schools spanning forty different countries have been collaborating since September, 2023 to examine what innovative, powerful learning looks like at the ground level; teams of teachers and school administrators have been deeply invested in this important research. As part of their learning framework, schools have been engaging deeply with Cognitive Engagement resulting in case studies from Central Okanagan Public School teachers being accepted into the study. This research will end by April, 2025 when the Schools+ research will be released to the educational community around the world. District teams are grateful for the opportunity to highlight Central Okanagan Public Schools learning on a global scale.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:55 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:02 pm.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introduction of New Staff

The Board of Education welcomed Holly Gaboury to Central Okanagan Public Schools as the Executive Assistant – Operations.

Introduction of Staff in a New Role

The Board of Education congratulated Wynter Oakes on her assignment to the position of District Principal – International Education.

DECLARATIONS

Harmony Day - November 22, 2024

The Board Chair made the following declaration on behalf of the Board of Education:

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 22, 2024 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Children's Rights Day - November 20, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared November 20, 2024 as 'National Children's Rights Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Adoption Awareness Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of November, 2024, as 'Adoption Awareness Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Broughton reiterated that National Children's Rights Day is on November 20, 2024, and added that this date is also the National Transgender Day of Remembrance, which is a day to honour the memory of transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of violence. There are a variety of events happening in Kelowna to recognize this day. Trustee Broughton stated that the Board of Education has a moral and professional obligation to keep schools as a place of safety, acceptance and learning.

ACTION ITEMS

Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-04

Main 24P-108

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-04.

CARRIED

Main 24P-109

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-04.

CARRIED

Main 24P-110

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-04 at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 24P-111

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD23-04.

CARRIED

Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

Main 24P-112

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education accept the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM), as attached to the Agenda and presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Appointment of Board Standing Committee Trustee Representatives

The Board discussed the appointment of Trustee representatives to Board Standing Committees and determined the following:

- Education and Student Services Committee (Chair is Trustee Geistlinger)
 - Two Representatives: Trustee Johnson and Trustee Tiede
- Finance and Planning Committee (Chair is Trustee Tiede)
 - Two Representatives: Trustee Broughton and Trustee Desrosiers
- Policy Committee (Chair is Trustee Johnson)
 - Two Representatives: Trustee Broughton and Trustee Geistlinger
- Executive Staff Management Committee (Chair is Trustee Tiede)
 - One Representative:

Trustee Guderyan and Trustee Johnson each expressed their wish to be the one Trustee Representative on the Executive Staff Management Committee. As such, the Chair appointed Mona Essler, Executive Assistant and Jon Rever, Acting Deputy Superintendent as Scrutineers, and called for a vote by ballot.

7:23 pm: The Scrutineers collected the ballot box and left the meeting.

7:25 pm: The Scrutineers returned to the meeting and provided the results of the ballot count to the Board Chair.

The Board Chair declared Trustee Guderyan to be the Trustee Representative to the Executive Staff Management Committee, along with the Board Chair, Trustee Fraser.

Appointment of Trustee Representatives to District Committees

The Board discussed the Trustee representatives to the District Committees and determined the following:

- District Early Years Partnership Committee: Trustee Tiede
(Alternate: Trustee Desrosiers)
- District Health Promoting Schools Committee: Trustee Guderyan
(Alternate: Trustee Geistlinger)
- District Human Rights Committee: Trustee Johnson
(Alternate: Trustee Broughton)
- Public Education Appreciation Committee: Trustee Desrosiers
(Alternate: Trustee Johnson)

- District Safe Schools Community Network: Trustee Guderyan
(Alternate: Trustee Geistlinger)

Appointment of Alternate Trustee Representative to Indigenous Education Council

It was determined that Trustee Tiede be appointed as the Alternate Trustee Representative to the Indigenous Education Council.

Appointment of Alternate Board Representatives to Provincial Representative Assemblies

- **BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council**

It was determined that Trustee Guderyan be appointed as the Alternate Trustee Representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council.

- **BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative Council**

It was determined that Trustee Johnson be appointed as the Alternate Representative to the BCPSEA Representative Council.

Amendments to Policy 215 - Superintendent of Schools/CEO Evaluation

Main 24P-113

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 215 - Superintendent of Schools/CEO Evaluation, as attached to the Agenda, and as amended at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 175 - Executive Staff Management Committee

Main 24P-114

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 175 - Executive Staff Management Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment 24P-115

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the following additional edits to item 2.1 of Policy 175 – Executive Staff Management Committee:

- 2.1 The Executive Staff Management Committee shall meet four or more times per year...

CARRIED

Main 24P-114 as amended by Amendment 24P-115

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 175 - Executive Staff Management Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as further amended at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 703 - Relations with Parents of Students

Main 24P-116

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 703 - Relations with Parents of Students, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 390 - Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality

Main 24P-117

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 390 - Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 525 - Field Studies - Curricular and Extra-Curricular and Regulations 525R - Field Studies - Curricular and Extra-Curricular (Regulations)

Main 24P-118

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 525 - Field Studies - Curricular and Extra-Curricular and Regulations 525R - Field Studies - Curricular and Extra-Curricular (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 630 - Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities

Main 24P-119

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 630 - Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment 24P-120

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education approve the following additional edits to Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities:

Introduction

The Board of Education acknowledges the importance of naming and dedication of new schools and facilities...

Policy

1. Naming of Schools

- 1.1 Recommendations regarding the naming of new facilities or the renaming of existing schools/sections of schools will be received and considered by the **Finance and Planning** ~~Planning and Facilities~~ Committee.
- 1.2 The **Finance and Planning** ~~Planning and Facilities~~ Committee will recommend a name to the Board for approval.

CARRIED

Main 24P-119 as amended by Amendment 24P-120

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 630 - Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities, as attached to the Agenda and as further amended at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Finance and Planning Committee

Main 24P-121

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education retire Policy 155 - Planning and Facilities Committee, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 24P-122

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education retire Policy 160 - Finance and Audit Committee, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 24P-123

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 156 - Finance and Planning Committee, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment 24P-124

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the following edits to new Policy 156 – Finance and Planning Committee:

1.1 Voting Members

~~1.1.1 Three Trustees, appointed by the full Board, with one Trustee appointed Committee Chair at the Board's inaugural or annual meeting.~~

1.1.1 Two Trustees, appointed by the full Board, and one Trustee elected as Committee Chair at the Board's inaugural or annual general meeting.

Main 24P-123 as amended by Amendment 24P-124

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 156 - Finance and Planning Committee, as attached to the Agenda and as further amended at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 24P-125

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 140 - School Board Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 24P-126

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 162 - Financial Planning and Reporting, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 24P-127

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 190 - Trustee Expenses, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Medical Treatment of Students

Main 24P-128

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education retire Policy 436 - Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions, Regulations 436R - Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions (*Regulations*), Policy 437 - Managing Students with Diabetes, Regulations 437R - Managing Students with Diabetes (*Regulations*), Form 436.4 - Medical Alert and Diabetes Documents, and Form 436.9 - Medical Alert and Anaphylaxis Documents and Seizure Action Plan Documents, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 24P-129

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 435 - Medical Treatment of Students, Regulations 435R - Medical Treatment of Students (*Regulations*), and Appendix 435A - Medical Treatment of Students - *Appendix*, as attached to the Agenda, and as amended at the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – October 9, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Ministry of Education and Child Care 2024/2025 Preliminary Operating Grant Summary Tables

The Board reviewed the information.

Budget Pressures Overview – 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

Student and Family Affordability Fund Update at June 30, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Feeding Futures Fund Update at June 30, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

District Student Council Reps - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

Main 24P-130

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the District Student Council Co-Presidents congratulating them on their election.

CARRIED

Board Policy and Regulations 631 – School Closures/Consolidation

The Board reviewed the information. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised there are no plans to close or consolidate any schools.

Board Policy and Regulations 632 – School Reconfigurations

The Board reviewed the information. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised there are no plans to reconfigure any schools until the new George Pringle Secondary School is finished and open to students.

Amended Standing Committee Meeting Schedule 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

The Board Chair shared that she hoped there would be an opportunity to advocate for Central Okanagan Public Schools at the upcoming BCSTA Trustee Academy.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Tiede attended the District Student Council meeting on November 4, 2024 and enjoyed watching the collaboration and camaraderie among all the students from different schools.

The Board Chair attended the Safe Schools Community Network Committee meeting on November 6, 2024, where the ERASE tool was discussed. This tool can be used by students to anonymously report any issues. There is a National Child Day Community Event occurring at the Metro Hub on November 20, 2024.

The Board Chair also attended the COPAC meeting on November 4, 2024 where the Acting Deputy Superintendent presented on enhancing family and community engagement within the District.

Trustee Broughton shared that he enjoyed the numeracy presentation at the Education and Student Services Committee meeting on November 6, 2024, which showcased some new ideas in math education.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2024-10-05 Email from D. Buckna re: Teach our Kids to care deeply
- 2024-10-07 Email from D. Buckna re: MADD Canada's 2024-2025 School Program Educator's Guide
- 2024-10-07 Email from D. Buckna re: Your Voice: In wake of Kelowna swarming, is there such a thing as an innocent bystander?
- 2024-10-09 Email from J. O'Farrel re: Build Seamless before and after school childcare
- 2024-10-09 Email from S. Philips re: Build Seamless before and after school childcare

Sent:

- 2024-10-11 Letter to SD19 (Revelstoke) Board of Education
- 2024-10-31 Email to District staff regarding News Release - new board chair
- 2024-11-01 Letter to Indigenous Education Council regarding Trustee Representatives

Main 24P-131

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the November 13, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Attendance/participation in:
 - District-wide choral retreat involving middle and high school choirs coming together to learn, collaborate and perform together,
 - Various Parent Advisory Council Meetings,
 - Board Joint Meeting with District of Peachland,
 - Board Joint Meeting with the City of West Kelowna,
 - Field of Crosses Opening Ceremonies,
 - Remembrance Day Assemblies,
 - Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Peachland, West Kelowna, Kelowna, Rutland and Lake Country,
 - Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony at Westbank First Nation
 - Rutland Senior Secondary School Capstone.

- Flags throughout the District are flying at half-mast in honour of the passing of former B.C. Premier, John Horgan.
- To honour the passing of Justice Murray Sinclair, schools/departments/worksites were asked to have a moment of silence to start their day on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.
- On Wednesday, November 6, 2024, grade 9 students throughout the Central Okanagan School District participated in the Take Our Kids to Work Day. Students had the chance to spend the day on the job site while their parents/guardians had the opportunity to connect with their child, sharing their own workplace world while learning about goals, hopes, plans and possibilities their child envisions for their future.
- The Regional District of Central Okanagan hosted elected officials and community partners on a tour of educational facilities throughout the Central Okanagan. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented to the group on the success of the District academically and the culture and impact Central Okanagan Public Schools has.
- The President of the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council expressed gratitude to UBC-Okanagan for hosting their annual UBCO STEM Engagement Day for students throughout the Central Okanagan.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

January 30-31, 2025
Coast Coal Harbour Hotel
Vancouver, BC

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Trustee Academy

November 21-23, 2024
Westin Bayshore
Vancouver, BC

Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

February 28-March 1, 2025
Penticton, BC

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 4:00 pm

- Finance and Planning Committee

~~Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm~~ *cancelled*

- ~~- Education and Student Services Committee~~

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO