



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 6:00 pm  
School Board Office  
1040 Hollywood Road S  
Kelowna, BC**

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

Absent: Trustee N. Bowman

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

Absent: Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President  
David Tether, CUPE President  
Wynter Oakes, COPVPA Pro-D Finance Representative  
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-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.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

## **APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER**

### **Main 21P-110**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

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 September 15, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

## **AGENDA**

*Add: Revised Motion for scheduled Action Item 10.1 Reaffirming Commitment to Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation*

*Add: Material for scheduled Staff Presentation 7.2 Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2021 School Opening Report - Part 1*

### **Main 21P-111**

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 15, 2021 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - June 23, 2021**

#### **Main 21P-112**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 23, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ABSTAINED: Trustee Broughton**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

## **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"**

### **Virtual Choir Sister School Collaboration**

In attendance from École Glenrosa Middle School:

Jesse Bruce, Principal

Stephanie Read, Vice-Principal

Kimberley Gorman, Band Teacher and Music Director

École Glenrosa Middle School Band teacher and Music Director, Kimberley Gorman, went above and beyond in her efforts to keep the connection with the École Glenrosa Middle School sister school – Haruhigaoka High School in Kasugai, Japan. The video showed a collaborative virtual choir produced by Ms. Gorman.

### **What Does a Beginning Teacher Hope For?**

The Central Okanagan Public Schools' theme for the 2021/2022 school year is "Hope". A video was shown of beginning teachers expressing their hopes for the upcoming school year.

## **INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION**

### **Introductions of Newly Appointed Principals and Vice-Principals**

The Board of Education congratulated the following newly appointed Principals and Vice-Principals:

- Steve Cann, District Principal of International Education
- John Morrone, Principal at eSchool23
- LeeAnn Yapps, Principal at École Belgo Elementary School
- Lindsey Hamilton, Principal at Hudson Road Elementary School
- Allison Goreas, Vice-Principal at École Dr. Knox Middle School
- Lisa Wilson, Vice-Principal at Mar Jok Elementary School
- Tonia MacGregor, Acting Vice-Principal at École George Pringle Elementary School

The Board of Education welcomed the following new staff to Central Okanagan Public Schools:

- Elise Saraceni, Principal at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
- April Strickland, Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education (unable to attend)

## **DECLARATIONS**

### **Truth and Reconciliation Week: September 27 - October 1, 2021**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of September 27, 2021 through to October 1, 2021 as 'Truth and Reconciliation Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30, 2021**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education recognized that Thursday, September 30, 2021 has been designated as the 'National Day for Truth and Reconciliation' and will be observed as a Federal Statutory Holiday.

### **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025 - 1st Annual Report 2020/2021**

Terry-Lee Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, presented the 1st Annual Report for the District's Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025. The Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation signing ceremony took place on February 20, 2020. The 1st Annual Report reflects the shared responsibility and progress during the 2020-2021 school year towards equitable opportunities for the District's Indigenous, First Nation, Métis and Inuit K-12 learners.

#### **Main 21P-113**

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education receive the Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2020-2025 - 1st Annual Report.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

#### **Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2021 School Opening Report - Part 1**

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the Central Okanagan Public Schools, presented the 2021 School Opening Report - Part 1. This Report covers the time period of September 7, 2021 through to September 14, 2021 (unless otherwise noted) and provides an update regarding the first days of the school year. A more accurate count of student enrolment will be provided in Part 2 of the School Opening Report at the September 29, 2021 Public Board Meeting, as well as following the September 30, 2021 1701 submission to the Ministry of Education.

The School Opening Report – Part 1 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website: [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)

#### **Main 21P-114**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2021 School Opening Report - Part 1.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

The following members of the public expressed their concerns and views regarding COVID-19 vaccinations in children, vaccinations clinics held at schools, reported discrimination in schools regarding mask wearing and vaccination beliefs, and whether the School District has authority to encourage vaccinations:

- Geoff Snicer
- Kim Pritchard
- Tovey Demman
- Stacey Blackwell

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Reaffirming Commitment to Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation**

#### **Main 21P-115**

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education acknowledges the harm that was caused with the recent confirmation of unmarked graves of children on residential school grounds across Canada.**

#### **Amendment 21P-116**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The word 'harm' be replaced with 'emotional trauma'.

**DEFEATED**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Baxter, Broughton, Desrosiers, and Fraser.**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

The question was called on Main Motion 21P-115.

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

#### **Main 21P-117**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to the goals of the District's Equity in Action for Truth and Reconciliation Agreement.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, shared with the Board of Education a paddle, carved by a local Elder, that represents the

District's theme of HOPE and the District's commitment to moving forward with our partners towards equity and reconciliation. Principals/Vice-Principals and school business managers have all attached ribbons to the paddle, reaffirming their commitment to truth and reconciliation. Board Chair Moyra Baxter attached a ribbon on behalf of the Board of Education. Susan Bauhart - President of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, David Tether - President of CUPE Local 3523, Nicola Baker - Vice-President of Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, Zachary Johnson - District Student Council representative, and Wynter Oakes - Executive Member of Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, also attached ribbons to the paddle, demonstrating support for a continued focus on equity in action.

#### **Enhancement Agreement - Davidson Road Elementary School Outdoor Learning Space**

##### **Main 21P-118**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the Davidson Road Elementary School PAC for the Outdoor Learning Space outlined in Appendix B, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 15, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

#### **Enhancement Agreement - Springvalley Middle School GaGa Ball Court**

##### **Main 21P-119**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Springvalley Middle School PAC for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 15, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

#### **Timeline for Okanagan Mission Catchment and School Reopening Review**

##### **Main 21P-120**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the timeline for Okanagan Mission catchment and school reopening review, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 15, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

## **Timeline for Westside Catchment and French Immersion Programming Review**

### **Main 21P-121**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the timeline for Westside catchment and French Immersion programming review, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 15, 2021 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

## **Amended Regulation 405R - Student Placement (Regulations)**

### **Main 21P-122**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: Regulations 405R - Student Placement (Regulations) be amended as follows:**

#### **2. Enrolment Priorities**

**Priority shall be given to students on the following basis:**

- **catchment or French Immersion catchment area students who, in the previous year, attended the school;**
- **catchment or French Immersion catchment area students who, in the previous year, were ‘placed’ by the district in a different school;**
- **siblings of catchment or French Immersion catchment area students;**
- **~~returning catchment area students that have transferred into the school or program they previously attended from eSchoolBC;~~**
- **new catchment or French Immersion catchment area students;**
- **siblings of non-catchment or non-French Immersion catchment area students currently enrolled in the school;**
- **non-catchment area or non-French Immersion catchment area students who request to attend the school which is other than their catchment area school;**
- **non-district area students;**
- **international students.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Geistlinger**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

**Linda Dueck:** Ms. Dueck queried what direction has been given to teachers when speaking to students about sensitive topics, including vaccinations and residential schools. Ms. Dueck commented that direction should be given to teachers to not promote conversations that could cause discrimination.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

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

### **Central Okanagan Public Schools Communicable Disease Plan - September 2, 2021**

The Board reviewed the information. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO's PowerPoint with an update on the Health and Safety Measures implemented in Central Okanagan Public Schools is posted on the School District website.

### **Special Incamera Board Meeting Motions - Board Support for COVID-19 Measures/Mandates**

The Board of Education confirmed the following Motions declared at the September 3, 2021 Incamera Board Meeting in support of COVID-19 measures and mandates:

THAT: The Board of Education supports all current Ministry of Education K-12 Health & Safety Guidelines (Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings).

THAT: The Board of Education encourages vaccinations in all eligible people.

### **2021-2022 School Calendar - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

The Board reviewed the information. As a result of the federal government's proclamation of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th, and the recent provincial government announcement that it has advised public sector employers to honour this day with most schools being closed, the required hours of instruction were reduced by 5 hours for the 2021/2022 school year.

### **Operations Summer Projects Update**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2021/2022**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – June 23, 2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement - September 1, 2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement - September 3, 2021**

The Board reviewed the information.



### **The Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Reports: April 1 - June 30, 2021**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Trustee Attendance at District Student Council Meetings - 2021-2022**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Trustee Attendance at COPAC Meetings - 2021-2022**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Trustee Attendance at Kelowna Pride Festival & March - Saturday, October 30, 2021**

Members of the Board of Education, COTA, and CUPE will have a booth at the Kelowna Pride Festival & March on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

### **Budget 2022 Consultation**

The Board Chair will be providing a brief presentation at the upcoming Budget 2022 Consultation on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

### **Board Standing Committees September 2021 - November 2021: Updated Trustee Representatives**

The Board reviewed the information.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Sent:**

Response to C. Broughton, June 25, 2021, Re Deadnaming of students in yearbook

Response to U. Malhotra, June 29, 2021, Re Disturbing Developments

Message to All Staff, June 30, 2021, Board Year End Message

Gold Trail Board of Education, July 6, 2021, Thinking of You

Response to T. Lum, August 13, 2021, Re National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

Response to J. Chase, August 23, 2021, Re Letter from concerned parent of Indigenous students

Response to J. Friesen, August 24, 2021, School Sports - a mental health key for our kids

Message to All Families, August 30, 2021, Restart 2021

Response to C. Adderley, August 31, 2021, SD23 Transportation issues for the 2021-22 School Year

Responses to K. Mitchell, September 5, 2021, School Bus Routes

Message to All Staff, September 7, 2021, Welcome Back Message

### **Received:**

C. Broughton, June 24, 2021, Deadnaming of students in yearbook

Minister of Education, June 25, 2021, Gratitude for Extraordinary and Challenging Year

D. and A. Elliot, June 26, 2021, Vaccination of Children against COVID-19

U. Malhotra, June 28, 2021, Disturbing Developments

U. Malhotra, June 28, 2021, Process

U. Malhotra, June 29, 2021, Re Disturbing Developments

Assistant Deputy Minister - Learning Division, June 30, 2021, Response to Board Re Six RCY Recommendations

N. Khoo, June 30, 2021, Copy of email sent to City of West Kelowna Re Board of Education, City and WFN working together

N. Rempel, July 7, 2021, Gold Trail Board of Education Co-Chair, Re Thinking of you

V. Adrian, July 7, 2021, Gold Trail Board of Education Co-Chair, Re Thinking of you

Minister of Education, July 13, 2021, Funding Approval for Wilden Elementary School Site Acquisition

T. Lum, August 13, 2021, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

Copy of Superintendent's Response to T. Lum, August 13, 2021, Re National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

S. Doncom, August 13, 2021, SD23 COVID Protocol Concerns

Ancient Holistics, August 21, 2021, The Supreme Court in the U.S. has ruled that COVID Pathogen is not a vaccine

N. Yanik, August 22, 2021, Children and Covid Vaccine

T. Beeharry, August 22, 2021, Back to school 2021-2022

J. Chase, August 23, 2021, Letter from concerned parent of Indigenous students

J. Friesen, August 24 - 25, 2021, School Sports - a mental health key for our kids

Jaime, August 24, 2021, School Sports

R. Robertson, August 24, 2021, COVID Passports

L. Lalonde, August 29, 2021, Return to School

C. Adderley, August 30, 2021, SD23 Transportation issues for the 2021-22 school year

D. Leonard, August 30, 2021, Student Vaccination and Masking

B. DiMaggio, August 31, 2021, False information regarding COVID-19 vaccination

B.P., September 1, 2021, Clarification on Mask Mandate

J. Garrett, September 1, 2021, Request for Information regarding school cohorts 2021-22

D. Zinc, September 2, 2021, Masking in schools

M. Atherton, September 2, 2021, Re Welcome Letter

K. Mitchell, September 5-6, 2021, School Bus Routes

K. Schuppener, September 7, 2021, Bus Service for Courtesy Riders

S. Tourigny, September 7, 2021, COVID Vaccinations are vital

### **Main 21P-123**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: At the September 15, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Bowman**

## **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

*Deadline to submit Provincial Council motions is September 20, 2021.*

### **BCSTA Trustee Academy**

December 2 - 4, 2021

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting - **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Trustee Geistlinger:**

**THAT: The Board of Education return the 'Trustee Queries/Comments' section to the public Board Meeting agendas.**

## **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 8:44 pm.

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Chairperson

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Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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