



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 6:00 pm  
School Board Office  
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  
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO (*left the meeting at 8:23 pm*)  
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart - COTA President (*arrived at 6:35 pm*)  
David Tether - CUPE President (*arrived at 6:39 pm*)  
Cherylee Morrison - COPAC Co-President (*arrived at 6:06 pm and left at 8:35 pm*)  
Raelyn Larmet - COPVPA Pro-D Representative  
Grace Mallette, DSC - Grade 10 at Rutland Senior Secondary

**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 6:03 pm.

**AGENDA**

*Add: Additional Material for scheduled Action Item 9.1 - Transportation Task Force Steering  
Committee Recommendations*

*Add: New Information Item 11.6 BC Ministry of Education Funding Announcement*

**Main 20P-023**

MOVED by Trustee Tiede  
SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of February 12, 2020 be adopted as amended.  
**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**Public Board Meeting - January 29, 2020**

Amend the minutes to include the time that Trustee Desrosiers left the meeting.

Amend the minutes under Information Items - Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2019/2020 to say '*Field Studies are going to be diverted from entering China*'.

**Main 20P-024**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser  
SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 29, 2020 be adopted as amended.  
**CARRIED**

*6:06 pm - The COPAC Co-President joined the meeting.*

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

**Harmony Day T-Shirt Artwork**

In attendance:

- Tim Mayer, Teacher, École Kelowna Secondary School
- Teigan Johnston, Grade 12 Student, École Kelowna Secondary School

Teigan Johnston, a grade 12 student at École Kelowna Secondary School, prepared the artwork for the Harmony Day T-Shirts. After learning about the Four Food Chiefs skəm̓xist (Bear), n'tyxtix (Salmon), spitlem (Bitterroot) and siya? (Saskatoon Berry) from the Indigenous Advocate, she learned how to integrate them into her artwork based on the theme of Gratitude. Along with her family, she will continue to participate and embrace Sylix Culture in our community. She felt honoured for the opportunity to share her artwork with the Central Okanagan School District for Harmony Day.

## DECLARATIONS

### Harmony Day - February 19, 2020

In attendance:

Leigh-Ann Yanow, Chair of the Harmony Day Committee  
Chloe Yanow, Grade 7 student, Canyon Falls Middle School  
Mori Mayer, Grade 7 student, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Leigh-Ann Yanow, Chair of the Harmony Day Committee, announced that this year marks the 13th Annual Harmony Day and this year's theme is '**Gratitude**'. Many events will be happening in schools on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. For more information, visit [www.harmonyday.ca](http://www.harmonyday.ca).

The students spoke about their experiences participating in the Harmony Day Living Library Middle School Conference that was held on Friday, January 24, 2020.

The Board Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Education, made the following Declaration:

**WHEREAS** Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,

**WHEREAS** Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan Public Schools community to celebrate cultural 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, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of the Central Okanagan Public Schools, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2020 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### Pink Shirt Day - February 26, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, February 26, 2020 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### **Meeting Recess (Five Minutes)**

*6:24 pm: The meeting was recessed.*

*6:31 pm: The meeting reconvened.*

### **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

**Michael Hewson:** Mr. Hewson quoted several recent news articles regarding transportation and requested clarification.

*The Board Chair responded accordingly to Mr. Hewson's enquiries.*

6:35 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting.

6:39 pm: The CUPE President joined the meeting.

**Paul Silcock:** Mr. Silcock expressed concerns with the proposed transportation fee increase and queried how the Board has communicated with the province regarding the lack of provincial funding for transportation.

*The Board Chair stated that the Board of Education has written numerous letters over the years regarding the lack of provincial funding for transportation.*

Mr. Silcock expressed his concerns about the possibility of transportation fees being increased to \$450.

*The Board Chair stated that the Trustees had previously heard from Mr Silcock both by telephone and email and would be considering his input during debate later in the meeting.*

**Kerri Robertson:** Ms. Robertson thanked the District for bringing forward other options for transportation eligibility limits and fees. Ms. Robertson stated that she hopes that the District can be committed to the safety of students as well as be fiscally responsible.

#### **TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS**

**Trustee Fraser** queried how the District can encourage middle/secondary schools to have diversity clubs, if they don't already have one.

*The Board Chair requested that Trustee Fraser send her request to the Coordinating Committee to add to a future agenda.*

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Transportation Task Force Steering Committee Recommendations**

Trustee Desrosiers, Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, stated that the Committee reviewed the Transportation Task Force Steering Committee's recommendations at the February 5, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting and determined that additional information was required. The Committee deferred the recommendations to the Board of Education for further discussion with the requested additional information.

The Board discussed the Transportation Task Force Steering Committee's recommendations along with additional information that was provided.

The Board agreed that any recommendations agreed to would be brought forward to the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

**Main 20P-025**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education set the eligibility walk limits as 3.0 km for elementary students, 3.6 km for middle students, and 4.8 km for secondary students.**

**Amendment 20P-026**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education set the eligibility walk limits as 3.0 km for elementary students, 4.0 km for middle students, and 4.8 km for secondary students.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed:** Trustees Bowman and Cacchioni

**The question was called on MAIN MOTION 20P-025 as amended by 20P-026.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed:** Trustees Bowman and Cacchioni

**Main 20P-027**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation fee of \$300/year for each bus rider for the period effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.**

**Amendment 20P-028**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation fee of \$325/year, for each bus rider for the period effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed:** Trustees Bowman, Cacchioni, Geistlinger, and Tiede

**Amendment 20P-029**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation fee of \$300 using the no route cap scenario, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed:** Trustee Bowman

**The question was called on MAIN MOTION 20P-027 as amended by 20P-029.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed:** Trustee Bowman

**Main 20P-030**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education refer the following Motions: Main 20P-025 as amended by 20P-026, and Main 20P-027 as amended by 20P-029, as well as the approval of the transportation registration opening date of March 2, 2020 and closing date of May 31, 2020 to the February 26, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Approval of 2019/2020 Amended Annual Budget**

**Main 20P-031**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: At the February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education give first, second and third readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2019/2020.**

**CARRIED**

**Main 20P-032**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2019/2020 in the amount of \$275,685,975 be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.**

**CARRIED**

**Affirmation of Policy 160 - Finance and Audit Committee**

**Main 20P-033**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 160 – Finance and Audit Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

**Paul Silcock:** Mr. Silcock queried if there is an opportunity to amalgamate bus routes.

*The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the Transportation Department maximizes the utilization of bus routes. Any amalgamation would result in a reduction of service.*

Mr. Silcock recommended that the District implement a procedure to either increase fees or remove seats for people who have not paid their transportation fees.

**David Grabovac:** Mr. Grabovac thanked the Board for their decisions regarding transportation.

*8:23 pm: The Superintendent of Schools/CEO left the meeting.*

Mr. Grabovac queried how the changes to transportation will be communicated to parents.

*The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the District will issue a media release as well as send a message to all parents via 'school messenger' regarding transportation updates.*

**Shelley Yost:** Ms. Yost stated, on behalf of a parent, that stops were eliminated in the upper mission area this year that have caused safety issues.

**Connor Trembley:** Mr. Trembley queried how many bus riders have unpaid fees this year.

*The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that 770 riders currently have not paid their fees. In total, there are 1,400 bus riders who have either not paid their fees or have been subsidized.*

**Andrea Van Niekerk:** Ms. Van Niekerk stated that communication is important and she is glad that the Board is not recommending a route cap. Ms. Van Niekerk also queried if the Board could look at establishing an amount they are comfortable with to subsidize transportation and then set the fees based on that amount.

*The Board Chair stated that the total dollar amount being subsidized for transportation will be made clear when the Board discusses the overall District Budget.*

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

On behalf of the Superintendent of Schools/CEO, the Deputy Superintendent stated that there were no emergent issues to report.

### **Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – January 29, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Financial Update - December 31, 2019**

Trustee Cacchioni provided an overview of the Financial Update through to December 31, 2019. Any surplus in the District Budget will be rolled into the following year's budget.

### **2020/2021 Budget Survey Questions**

The Board reviewed the information.

The 2020/2021 Budget Survey questions will be sent out to parents and published on the District website. There will be a 2020/2021 Budget Presentation on March 2, 2020 at the COPAC Meeting. The presentation will start at 6:30 pm in room 3 at Hollywood Road Education Services - 1040 Hollywood Road South.

*8:35 pm: The COPAC Co-President left the meeting.*

### **BC Ministry of Education Funding Announcement**

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the province will not be moving forward with the prevalence model or the headcount-based funding for secondary schools. The provincial government has introduced a new supplement for children in care; however the amount has not been released.

The COTA President queried whether or not there will be an opportunity to provide input regarding the new priority student supplement dollars.

*The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the new student supplement dollars will be part of the budget process.*

The COTA President queried what it means by the following statement provided in the information memo: *'Immediate action is also being taken to meet all of the Panel's recommendations to improve accountability, including ensuring school districts: engage parents, caregivers and community members in the development of school district strategic plans well in advance of setting their budgets to meet student needs'*.

*The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that Central Okanagan Public Schools will be reviewing the District's Strategic Plan over the next several months and will engage parents, students and staff in the process.*

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO shared that the funding model for 2020-2021 is 'status quo'; however, there are still uncertainties as the District awaits the Provincial Budget announcement.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Received:**

M. Howell, February 4, 2020, Transportation Recommendations

### **Main 20P-034**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: At the February 12, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

### **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

Trustees and the Deputy Superintendent reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at events throughout the District.
2. A reminder that schools are closed on **Monday, February 17th** for **Family Day**.
3. On Friday, **February 21st**, CUPE and COTA will be hosting their **professional development days** and therefore schools will not be in session.
4. **Community Learning Forums** - The Rutland Community Learning Forum will be held tomorrow evening (Thursday) at Rutland Senior Secondary School and the Westside will host their Community Learning Forum on Tuesday, February 18th. Both Forums start at 6:00 pm.
5. The **47th Annual Interior Savings Western Canada Basketball Tournament** was hosted by KSS this past weekend. Eight of the top high school boys and six of the top high school girls basketball teams converged upon KSS. Many thanks to all of the students, parents and staff who volunteered their time for this annual event. Congratulations to the KSS Owls Boys Basketball team who placed 2nd.
6. Approximately **250 parents** attended the Parent Information Session – **Helping Your Child with Stress** presented by Dr. Hayley Watson on Monday night.
7. The **Proud for Prom** Drive-Thru Donation Day is on February 28th at George Elliot Secondary, Rutland Senior Secondary, Kelowna Secondary and Mount Boucherie Secondary Schools.
8. Education Researcher, Dr. Frank Bruckel from the University of Zurich, and Rachel Guerra, Director of Instruction, Liechtenstein, visited with schools and staff to better understand practices that are leading to student success.

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting**

Friday, February 21, 2020 to Saturday, February 22, 2020  
Vancouver, BC

### **Thompson Okanagan Branch BCSTA Meeting**

Friday, March 6, 2020 to Saturday, March 7, 2020  
Chase, BC

### **BCSTA Leadership Series**

Wednesday, April 8, 2020  
Vernon, BC

### **BCSTA AGM**

April 16-19, 2020  
Vancouver, BC

- **Deadline for Substantive AGM Motions: February 16, 2020**

## **BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

### **Joint Board of Education and City of West Kelowna Meeting**

Friday, February 28, 2020  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

## **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

### **Public Board Meeting - February 26, 2020**

- Transportation Recommendations

**MEDIA QUESTIONS**

There were no media representatives at the time of this agenda item.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

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