



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 6:00 pm  
School Board Office  
1040 Hollywood Road S  
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson  
Trustee N. Bowman (*via teleconference*)  
Trustee R. Cacchioni  
Trustee C. Desrosiers  
Trustee J. Fraser (*via teleconference*)  
Trustee A. Geistlinger  
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 (*arrived at 6:39 pm*)  
David Tether, CUPE President (*arrived at 6:39 pm*)

*There were no representatives from the COPAC, COPVPA, or DSC.*

**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.

**AGENDA**

**Add:** New Action Items 9.6 International Field Studies and 9.7 Indigenous Education Council Terms of Reference

**Move:** Action Item 9.6 International Field Studies after Action Item 9.1 Review of School of Choice Bus Runs

**Defer:** Recognition Item 5.2 École Dr. Knox Middle School Grade 9 Girls Basketball Team - Provincial Champions to the April 22, 2020 Public Board Meeting

**Main 20P-052**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of March 11, 2020 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

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

**Main 20P-053**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 26, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

**Oyama Traditional School and Lake Country Art Gallery**

In attendance:

Luke Campbell, Principal

Alyssa Watt, Teacher

Pippa Dean-Veerman, Teacher

Students:

Eddie Beaumont

Bjorn Bulton

Emma Starling

Kisa Jmaeff

Mika Jmaeff

Keira Young

Alison Beaumont, Parent/Artist

The students and staff spoke of their collaborative partnership with the Lake Country Art Gallery.

## RECOGNITION

### **École Dr. Knox Middle School Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Team – Provincial Silver Medalists**

In Attendance:

Trent Dolgopol, Principal

Sylvain Guignard, Head Coach

Jaci Guignard, Assistant Coach

Students:

Sydney Ansley

Havana Martinez

Rachel Callon

Tennyson McCarthy

Amelie Guignard

Ryenn Schutz

Elissa Jenkins

Jocelyn Stone

Avery King

Sophia Vicaretti

Keira Lidstone

Mykayla Zukowski

The Board of Education congratulated the École Dr. Knox Middle School Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Team who won a silver medal at the recent Provincial Championship tournament.

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

*6:38 pm: The meeting recessed.*

*6:39 pm: The COTA President and CUPE President arrived.*

*6:46 pm: The meeting reconvened.*

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

There were no public questions/comments.

### **TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS**

**Trustee Geistlinger** stated that she has received questions regarding the trees that were cut down near the H.S. Grenda Middle School site.

*The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the trees cut down near the H.S. Grenda Middle School site are associated with the District of Lake Country's road construction project.*

*In response to a question from Trustee Geistlinger, the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the construction of H.S. Grenda Middle School is currently on schedule and on budget. There are no concerns at this time.*

**Trustee Fraser** queried if there was an update on the Grand Opening of Canyon Falls Middle School.

*The Board Chairperson stated that there is no update at this time on the Grand Opening of Canyon Falls Middle School. The Ministry of Education determines the date of the Grand Opening with school staff and information will be provided once available.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Review of School of Choice Bus Runs**

#### **Main 20P-054**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the continuation of the accommodation of French Immersion students travelling from École George Pringle Elementary to École Glenrosa Middle as eligible riders on a bus route for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Trustee Desrosiers stated that this bus route is required to transport students in the English program at Glenrosa Middle School and has room to accommodate French Immersion students. There are no additional costs to the District to include French Immersion students on this bus route.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that this accommodation to French Immersion students travelling from École George Pringle Elementary to École Glenrosa Middle will be reviewed next year and will require further approval to continue for the 2021-2022 school year.

**The question was called on Main Motion 20P-054.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Main 20P-055**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the elimination of the South Kelowna to École Casorso Elementary run on Route 314.**

Trustee Desrosiers provided additional information regarding the students currently receiving bus transportation from the South Kelowna area to either École Casorso Elementary or Raymer Elementary on route 314. These students are either within the walk limits or attending a Program of Choice; therefore, don't qualify for busing.

**The question was called on MAIN 20P-055.**

**CARRIED**

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO shared that Route 320 predates the opening of Chute Lake Elementary School and was implemented to bus students that were redirected to École Dorothea Walker Elementary due to the capping of Anne McClymont Elementary School. All students that were redirected have since moved on to middle/secondary schools. Route 320 is currently servicing 59 students who attend École Dorothea Walker Elementary as a School of Choice.

**Main 20P-056**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the elimination of the Upper Mission to École Dorothea Walker Elementary run on Route 320.**

The Board of Education discussed the historical information provided on this run, the Board Policy to not provide busing to Schools of Choice, and the option that parents have to propose to the Board an additional service route paid in full by the users.

**The question was called on MAIN 20P-056.**

**CARRIED**

**International Field Studies**

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic today, March 11, 2020. In light of current world events, District staff have determined that there is a risk of harm to students and staff travelling internationally. Associated risks with travel at this time include: disease contraction, returning to Kelowna infected and infecting others, travel interruption, effect of quarantine, costs associated with quarantine, availability of resources and medical system capacity, costs of foreign medical systems, as well as, willingness of employee supervisors to assume responsibility for large groups of students.

Due to the above listed unforeseen health risks associated with international travel at this time, staff are recommending that the Board cancel all international field studies scheduled in March and April 2020.

**Main 20P-057**

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education cancel the following International Field Studies:**

- **Mount Boucherie Secondary School: Music Performances in Disneyland and Universal Studios, Southern California (March 13-March 19, 2020)**
- **Mount Boucherie Secondary, Okanagan Mission Secondary, Rutland Senior Secondary and Kelowna Senior Secondary France Exchange (March 14-April 25, 2020)**

- Kelowna Senior Secondary School: Cultural and Historical Tour, Germany, France, and Belgium (March 18-April 1, 2020)
- Kelowna Senior Secondary School: Leadership Education and Enrichment, Southern California (March 27-April 5, 2020)
- Kelowna Senior Secondary School: Musical and Cultural Events, Activities and Experience, New York (April 5-April 12, 2020)

**CARRIED**

**Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Equine Learning 12**

**Main 20P-058**

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Equine Learning 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 11, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Proposal for Substantive Change - Equine Learning Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School)**

**Main 20P-059**

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change - Equine Learning Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 11, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Proposal for Substantive Change - Golf Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School)**

**Main 20P-060**

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Substantive Change - Golf Academy (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 11, 2020 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **2020-2021 School Calendar**

The Executive Director of Human Resources thanked the partner groups who met with staff to create the 2020-2021 School Calendar. The Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA), Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC), and Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA) were in support of the proposed calendar. The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3523 were not in support of a two-week spring break as their position remains that losing pay for the extra week of spring break is a serious hardship for their 10-month members.

### **Main 20P-061**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year as identified in the attached calendar proposal and make the calendar available to the District and the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2020;**

**AND THAT:**

- 1. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.**
- 2. In establishing such calendars, principals must:**
  - a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan Public Schools) Board Policy.**
  - b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.**
  - c. Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.**

**CARRIED**

### **Indigenous Education Council Terms of Reference**

Trustee Fraser stated that the Indigenous Education Council reviews their Terms of Reference at least once every three years and has recently proposed a change to the appointment of an Elder position.

The Deputy Superintendent of Schools stated that Westbank First Nation (WFN) is having a difficult time finding an Elder that is an Okanagan speaker. Therefore, WFN is requesting an amendment to the Terms of Reference so that they have more flexibility in appointing an Elder to the Indigenous Education Council.

## **Main 20P-062**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed revision to the District's Indigenous Education Council's Terms of Reference, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 11, 2020 Public Board of Education Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

**Laura-Lee (Lori) Dodds:** Ms. Dodds queried if Elders are only appointed to the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) by WFN.

*The Board Chair and Deputy Superintendent of Schools explained the community partners that appoint representatives to the IEC. As WFN is the Central Okanagan Public Schools' host band, they appoint an Elder representative to the Council.*

Ms. Dodds also queried if the District has encouraged parents of students registered in the Equine Course and/or Academy to purchase horse council insurance.

*The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the students do have necessary insurance.*

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the District is developing a COVID-19 response plan and will publish the plan early next week.

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

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – February 26, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **School Fees Discussion (Ministry of Education School Fee Guidelines)**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **The Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report: October - December 31, 2019**

The Board reviewed the information.



## BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

### Received:

Minister R. Fleming, February 26, 2020, Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

### Main 20P-063

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: At the March 11, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

## ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and staff reported on the following:

1. Trustees spoke of their attendance at events including the BCSTA Branch Meeting held last weekend.
2. **Strategic Planning Process** - Central Okanagan Public Schools has launched a community engagement process that will inform the Board of Education to approve a revised Strategic Plan. The District will engage stakeholders in various ways throughout the process to ensure that all voices can contribute as the Board of Education sets the direction for the District. The Board of Education is scheduled to approve the revised Strategic Plan in late Fall 2020.
3. **Provincial Basketball Tournaments** - Congratulations to all of the basketball teams throughout the District who participated in the recent Provincial Tournaments, including:
  - Dr. Knox Middle – Provincial Champions
  - KSS Senior Boys – Silver Medalists
  - OKM Senior Girls – Silver Medalists
  - OKM Grade 9 Boys – Silver Medalists
  - KSS Junior Boys – Bronze Medalists
  - KSS Junior Girls – Bronze Medalists
4. There is a recommended change to the BC School Sports Governance model and we appreciate the contributions of Troy White, Principal, École Kelowna Secondary School.
5. Learners from across the District converged on Hollywood Road Education Services to participate in the **5th Annual SumoBot Robotics** Event. Approximately 200 students from across the District showcased a total of 82 robot teams participating in a friendly robotic sumo-wrestling competition.
6. The Deputy Superintendent presented the Board with a gift from Haruhigaoka Junior High School, a Central Okanagan Public Schools' sister school in Kasugai, Japan, who were recently here on an exchange.
7. A reminder that schools will be closed March 16th to 27th for **Spring Break**.

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSTA Provincial Council Report**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **BCSTA AGM**

April 16-19, 2020

Vancouver, BC

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 4:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

## **MEDIA QUESTIONS**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO