



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 8, 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  
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  
Teri Wishlow, CUPE Vice-President  
Scott Sieben, COPVPA President  
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC Co-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.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

**AGENDA**

*Add: Materials for scheduled Information Item 10.2 Superintendent's Pandemic Update*

**Main 20P-064**

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of April 8, 2020 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - March 11, 2020**

#### **Main 20P-065**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of March 11, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **RECOGNITION**

### **École Dr. Knox Middle School Grade 9 Girls Basketball Team – Provincial Champions**

The Board of Education congratulated the École Dr. Knox Middle School Grade 9 Girls Basketball Team who won the recent Provincial Championship.

### **École Kelowna Secondary School Junior Girls Basketball Team - Provincial Bronze Medalists**

The Board of Education congratulated the École Kelowna Secondary School Junior Girls Basketball Team who won a bronze medal at the recent Provincial Championship tournament.

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### **École Kelowna Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team - Provincial Silver Medalists**

The Board of Education congratulated the École Kelowna Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team who won a silver medal at the recent Provincial Championship tournament.

### **OKM Secondary School School Senior Girls Basketball Team - Provincial Silver Medalists**

The Board of Education congratulated the OKM Secondary School Senior Girls Basketball Team who won a silver medal at the recent Provincial Championship tournament.

### **OKM Secondary School School Grade 9 Boys Basketball Team - Provincial Silver Medalists**

The Board of Education congratulated the OKM Secondary School Grade 9 Boys Basketball Team who won a silver medal at the recent Provincial Championship tournament.

## **DECLARATION**

### **National Volunteer Week - April 19-25, 2020**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 19-25, 2020 as National Volunteer Week and recognized all volunteers in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

## **TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS**

**Trustee Fraser** stated that another school district is providing WiFi passwords to families from school parking lots and queried if that is something the District is looking into.

*The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that Ottawa schools are providing families with WiFi hotspots from their parking lots. The District is not recommending this as a solution for Central Okanagan families.*

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

## **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 the history and an update on the School District's processes undertaken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, the District's response to the four priorities set by the Ministry of Education to guide school district's work during this pandemic. The four priorities are:

1. Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees.
2. Provide the services needed to support children of our essential workers.
3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO's PowerPoint Presentation is posted on the District's website.

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

The Board reviewed the information.

### **Suspension Summary Report: 2013-2014 to 2018-2019**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement – March 11, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement - March 24, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement - March 26, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement - March 31, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **General Statement - April 2, 2020**

The Board reviewed the information.

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Sent:**

D. Williams, March 17, 2020, Re School Closure

Parents/Guardians/Staff/Community Members, March 20, 2020, Board of Education Statement Re COVID-19

A. Edstrom, March 20, 2020, Re Board of Education Statement Re COVID-19

S. Gallivan, March 22, 2020, Re Inquiry Re School Playgrounds and COVID-19

E. Cederholm, March 25, 2020, Re Transportation Issues

Message to Families, March 27, 2020, Return from Break

School-Based Admin, March 27, 2020, Gratitude from the Board of Education

Senior Staff, District Administrators, COSBO Members, March 27, 2020, Gratitude from the Board of Education

#### **Received:**

S. Adams, March 6, 2020, Upper Mission Bus Routes

Okanagan Indian Band, March 6, 2020, Thank-You

Commissioner for Teacher Regulation, March 10, 2020, Reporting Obligations

Parents of the École Dr. Knox Middle School Grade Nine Girls Volleyball Team, March 11, 2020, Thank-You

D. Williams, March 17, 2020, School Closure

A. Edstrom, March 20, 2020, Re Board of Education Statement Re COVID-19

COTA President, March 20, 2020, Re Board of Education Statement Re COVID-19

S. Gallivan, March 21, 2020, Inquiry Re School Playgrounds and COVID-19

A. Broadhurst, March 22, 2020, Teacher's Return to Work\_Safety Issues

E. Cederholm, March 25, 2020, Transportation Issues

I. and D. Wunderlich, April 2, 2020, Zoom Not Encrypted or Secure

#### **Main 20P-066**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: At the April 8, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

## **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

Trustees reported on the following:

1. Trustees expressed their appreciation to all staff, parents and students for their efforts in regards to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. A reminder to the public that school zones are still in effect from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm as there are students and staff attending some schools. Also, another reminder that school playgrounds and fields are closed to the public.
3. Dorothy Zoellner, a former teacher in Central Okanagan Public Schools, and the wife of former Superintendent, William (Bill) Zoellner, passed away on April 6, 2020. The Board of Education expressed their condolences to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Zoellner.
4. A News Release will be forwarded to local media as Central Okanagan Public Schools would like to get all students and families at home moving at the same time each morning with the help of local radio. In reference to the school district number, we are asking local radio stations to announce a health break and play an uplifting dance song each weekday morning at 9:23 a.m. to promote physical activity and community while many students learn from home. Central Okanagan Public Schools asks families to tune in to their favorite local station, get moving at the same time each day, and share their fun photos and videos to social media, tagging the station they listen to and @sd23news.

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting**

Friday, April 17, 2020

Via Zoom

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm, via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Board Room Main at 1040 Hollywood Road South

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 4:00 pm, via Zoom

Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm - **CANCELLED**

## **MEDIA QUESTIONS**

There were no media questions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO