



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 6:00 pm
School Board Office
1040 Hollywood Road S
Kelowna, BC**

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

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

Absent: Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent (attending conference)

Partner Groups: George York, CUPE Vice-President
Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Cayden Jensen, DSC Co-President
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom 6:34 pm*)
There was no representative from COPVPA

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 6:04 pm

AGENDA

Main 24P-034

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of April 10, 2024 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED**

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - March 13, 2024

Main 24P-035

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of March 13, 2024 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED**

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Relay for Life – École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Date: June 6, 2024

In attendance from École Okanagan Mission Secondary School:

Graham Johnson, Vice-Principal

Nicole Fedkiw, Teacher

Students: Ayla Hiller, Sarah Kovacs Adam Wasti

Relay for Life is a global movement of individuals who want to make a real impact in the lives of those affected by cancer. An event that began simply by running and walking around a university track to raise money for cancer awareness has evolved and is now active in over 30 countries across the globe. In the past three years of running Relay for Life, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School has raised over \$100,000 to support cancer research and initiatives searching for a cure to end this disease. With an outpouring of support from the Mission community, parents, staff and students have utilized their networks to raise donations toward this impactful initiative. This year École Okanagan Mission Secondary School will be expanding the event to include Mount Boucherie Secondary School and Rutland Senior Secondary School along with some sponsors in the community to extend the initiative. It will be a day that represents resilience and perseverance within our school and local communities. Relay for Life is an opportunity for our

local community to come together to support the 1 in 2 Canadians who will be diagnosed with cancer in our lifetime. This year's event is scheduled for June 6, 2024, at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School.

RECOGNITION

California Association of Directors of Activities - Honorary Lifetime Member Award

The California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA) recently announced that Al Hopgood, a teacher at Springvalley Middle School, has been awarded the CADA Honorary Lifetime Member Award. The criteria for this award is a person outside of the membership who goes above and beyond in making sure that CADA's programs continue to prosper and succeed in accomplishing the organization's goals. Jasmeet Virk, Vice-Principal at Springvalley Middle School and the Board of Education congratulated Al Hopgood for receiving this distinguished award.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:31 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:32 pm.

DECLARATIONS

National Volunteer Week - April 21-27, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares April 21-27, 2024, as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Day of Mourning - April 28, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares April 28, 2024, as a Day of Mourning in Central Okanagan Public Schools. Flags will be lowered to half-mast to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties.

A Day of Mourning commemoration ceremony will be taking place at the Operations Department on Dease Road, on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 11:00 am.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Connor Watson, a volunteer with the Okanagan Transit Alliance, spoke in support of the motion for the "Transit for Teens" campaign to provide free transit for all youth up to age 18 in every transit system in BC, which would be funded by the provincial government. Free transit would

allow equitable and autonomous transportation for teens to get to and from school, jobs, sports, and social activities. Studies have shown a significant increase in ridership after students age out of the program and a reduction of emissions into the environment.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Support of Transit for Teens Campaign

Main 24P-036

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter in support of the Transit for Teens Campaign to extend BC's Get on Board Program up to age 18.

Trustees discussed the motion and asked Mr. Watson for clarification on which communities this would include in the Central Okanagan.

The DSC Co-President and the COPAC President each expressed support for the campaign.

Amendment 24P-037

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education write a letters in support of the Transit for Teens Campaign to extend BC's Get on Board Program up to age 18.

CARRIED

The question was called on Main Motion 24P-036 as amended by Amendment 24P-037

THAT: The Board of Education write letters in support of the Transit for Teens Campaign to extend BC's Get on Board Program up to age 18.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that there was a small fire in the bathroom at Mount Boucherie Secondary School earlier in the day that was quickly extinguished.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – March 13, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

Motions at BC School Trustees Association AGM - April 20, 2024

Trustee Fraser reminded Trustees to promote the motions when networking with fellow Trustees at the upcoming AGM in Vancouver, BC (April 18-20, 2024).

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Fraser reported on the recent Indigenous Education Council meeting and some upcoming meetings and opportunities for Indigenous students. Trustee Guderyan reported on the Health Promoting Schools Committee regarding food nutrition labels and how teachers can engage in conversation with students regarding nutrition. Trustee Broughton welcomed further feedback from Trustees regarding the April 3, 2024 Finance and Audit Committee Preliminary Budget Proposal.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Main 24P-038

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the April 10, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Superintendent spoke of the following.

- The Art in Action: Inspiring Awe student exhibition is currently taking place at the Kelowna Art Gallery through to May 5, 2024.
- In February, Grade 5 students at Black Mountain Elementary School participated in the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's (NCTR) "Imagine a Canada" 2023-2024 Program. The Program invites Canadian youth to envision a Canada reconciled. The grade 5 classes' submission was an understanding of what they know of Canada's history, their role in reconciliation, and their hope of what they will learn from the submission to the NCTR. Their project was selected and two grade 5 students from Black Mountain Elementary School will represent their class, and British Columbia, in Winnipeg, Manitoba next month to share their project and talk about Reconciliation at the NCTR.
- École George Elliot Secondary School grade 9 student, Caleb Trudeau, finished first at the Canadian National Wrestling Championships for both the 48 kg freestyle and for the 48 kg Greco-Roman divisions. Also, Max Sabey, a grade 8 student at Rutland Middle School came home with a gold and silver medal. Congratulations to Caleb and Max.
- The 2024 Windscares Concert Band Festival will be held April 22-25, 2024, at Creekside Theatre in Lake Country. This year, 31 bands will participate over the course of four days, including 19 groups from ten Central Okanagan Public Schools. These bands feature students from grades 7 to 12. Bands from Kamloops, Vernon and Vancouver, BC, and Calgary and Brooks, Alberta, will also be participating.
- WHEELS Transition to Employment Program & Services is ready to assist you with your bike tune-up and adjustment needs. WHEELS is a Central Okanagan Public Schools community-based, employment training program for students in secondary school and beyond. In collaboration with Community Living BC, participants of the program are provided with the opportunity to develop customer service skills in "real time" and to develop the essential skills employers seek. WHEELS is located at #1 – 2235 Leckie Road, Kelowna, BC.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

April 18-21, 2024
Westin Bayshore
Vancouver, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/District Student Council

April 15, 2024

Joint Board/District of Lake Country Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday April 17, 2024

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesday May 1, 2024

- ~~Policy Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm~~ *cancelled*
- Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO