



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

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CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning and Facilities Committee

Public Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

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

Staff: Rob Drew, Director of Operations
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Stuart Kamstra, Assistant Director of Capital Projects
David Widdis, Planning Manager
Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Josh Currie, Assistant Director of Operations

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President
Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Kiersten Bereska, DSC Student Representative
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.**

AGENDA

April 3, 2024 Committee Agenda - approved as presented.

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Planning and Facilities Committee Public Meeting Report - February 7, 2024

February 7, 2024 Committee Report - received as distributed.

6:11 pm: The Superintendent of Schools/CEO left the meeting.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Capital Update

The Director of Operations showed a PowerPoint Presentation to the Committee which provided information and digital renderings of four projects currently underway in the District:

- George Pringle Secondary School – demolition of the existing elementary school and construction of a 1200-student capacity secondary school. Forecasted occupancy is the start of the 2027-2028 school year.
- École Dr. Knox Middle School – construction of a twelve-classroom two-storey addition to increase capacity by 300 students. Completion target date is late Fall, 2024.
- North Glenmore Elementary School – construction of a five-classroom, single-storey prefabricated addition which will increase capacity by 125 students. Planned occupancy is early Fall, 2024.
- Hollywood Road Education Centre – renovation of the site to improve building efficiency, enhance services and space for the online learning program and provide a modern, safe and functional space for staff. Planned occupancy is Winter, 2024.

6:17 pm: The Superintendent of Schools/CEO rejoined the meeting.

The Director of Operations answered queries from Committee members regarding the projects.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS QUERIES/COMMENTS

The COPAC President read a statement sharing some frustration from Parent Advisory Councils in Central Okanagan Public Schools. After fundraising to enhance their schools' learning and play environments, they have been unable to submit Enhancement Agreements for Board approval since the end of the 2021/2022 school year.

Despite efforts to understand challenges and identify solutions with District staff and CUPE leadership, no viable path forward has emerged. On behalf of COPAC, the COPAC President urged the Board, through the Planning and Facilities Committee, to work with District staff and CUPE leadership to establish clear guidelines and a transparent timeline for accepting and approving Enhancement Agreements, and stated that the many parent volunteers in the District remain committed to advocating for the best interests of their children and their educational experiences.

Trustees Geistlinger, Desrosiers and Guderyan shared that they had heard some of the same frustration from parents in the community on this predicament.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

BCSTA Board Motion Update

The Committee Chair stated that the BCSTA Legislative Committee had approved the Board's motion for consideration in the upcoming 2024 BCSTA AGM.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May

- Transportation Update
- Capital Plan Submission
- Energy & Sustainability Presentation

FUTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 4:00 pm

~~Wednesday, June 5, 2024~~ *cancelled*

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Rd. S., Kelowna, BC.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

No media present.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Questions - Please Contact:

Trustee Fraser, Chair at 250-718-8613 or Julia.Fraser@sd23.bc.ca

Rob Drew, Director of Operations at 250-870-5150 or Rob.Drew@sd23.bc.ca

Julia Fraser, Chair