



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

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

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Yvonne Hildebrandt, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: Nicola Baker, COPAC President and Jeannette Watson, COPAC Vice-President
Kevin Auclair, COPVPA Executive
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President*
Susan Bauhart, COTA President*
(*joined by Zoom, however the meeting had technical difficulties which resulted in no sound for viewers)

There was no representative from District Student Council.

**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 6:05 pm.

AGENDA

Remove: Item 4.1: Inside 23 – Peachland Elementary Playground (cancelled)

Add: Item 18: Board Correspondence – add email sent to D. Buckna, from Trustee Geistlinger

Main 24P-132

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of December 11, 2024 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - November 13, 2024

Main 24P-133

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

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

CARRIED

INTRODUCTION

New Staff to Central Okanagan Public Schools

The Board of Education welcomed Gabe Cacchioni to Central Okanagan Public Schools as the Finance Manager.

Staff in a New Role

The Board of Education congratulated Kevin Kaiser on his new role as District Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education.

RECOGNITION

École KLO Middle School Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Team - Provincial Champions

In attendance from École KLO Middle School:

- Nathen Elliott, Principal
- Michole Goutier, Coach
- Grade 9 Girls' Volleyball team members

The Board of Education congratulated the École KLO Middle School Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Team on their recent win at Provincials.

Trustee Tiede - Years of Service

Trustee Tiede was recognized for her 10 years as a Trustee with the Board of Education, Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Deputy Superintendent Terry Beaudry

The Board Chair, Trustees, partner groups and staff each shared heartfelt tributes to Deputy Superintendent Terry Beaudry, celebrating her remarkable 43-year career in education, and noting the lasting legacy she will leave the District. The Deputy Superintendent was presented with a gift of earrings, handcrafted by Indigenous carver Justin Rivard.

The Deputy Superintendent of Schools reflected on her career with Central Okanagan Public Schools. She offered her thanks for the privilege of serving as a District leader to the many people she has worked with over the years, including COTA members, CUPE members, Principals, Vice-Principals, COPAC representatives and parents, the Indigenous Education department and IEC, and those she works with closely on a daily basis, such as the Executive Assistants, the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO. Finally, she thanked her family and especially her mother Frances Klassen, a residential school survivor and the reason she chose to pursue a career in education.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

2024/2025 and 2025/2026 Budget Timeline and Budget Development Principles

Main 24P-134

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 Budget Timeline as presented at the December 11, 2024 Public Board meeting.

CARRIED

Enrollment Application Dates for 2025/2026 School Year

Main 24P-135

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The initial enrollment application dates for the 2025/2026 school year be set as February 3, 2025, at 7:00 am through to March 14, 2025;

AND THAT: The closing date of enrollment applications, to apply the Board's enrollment priorities as established in Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), be set as August 28, 2025.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – November 13, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - November 27, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Update – September 30, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Feeding Futures Fund Budget – 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information.

Statement of Financial Information for June 30, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

Integrated Pest Management Report – Update

The Board reviewed the information.

Indigenous Education Council Terms of Reference

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

Update: Board Chair meeting with Minister of Education and Child Care

The Board Chair participated in a meeting with Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care, while attending the recent British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Academy, and advocated for ten priority capital needs in Central Okanagan Public Schools to support District students and families. Chair Fraser also met with Carolyn Broady, President of BCSTA, to discuss key advocacy areas identified by Boards of Education across the province.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Geistlinger advised that she attended the December 2, 2024 COPAC meeting where there was presentation by WWEST, a very popular program connected to UBCO, which promotes STEM learning. She also attended the December 9, 2024 District Student Council meeting where students discussed their plan to go into middle schools to scan/interview students so they could learn what issues are important to middle-school students, and to make connections.

Trustee Guderyan attended the Health Promoting Schools Committee meeting which had an engaging discussion on micro-aggression. The Committee is very close to having a liaison in each school in the District.

Trustee Johnson attended the District Human Rights Committee meeting where she learned about a professional learning conference attended by SWIS workers in the International Education Department. She also learned about an anti-racism course which is open and available to all staff members.

The Board Chair advised that she, along with Trustee Guderyan and Trustee Desrosiers, attended the presentation of the Local Education Agreement bi-annual report to Westbank First Nation Chief and Council on December 2, 2024.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2024-11-06 Emails from K. Johnson re: Complaint - Watson Rd Elementary tree removal
- 2024-11-13 Email from K. Johnson re: Complaint - Watson Rd Elementary tree removal
- 2024-11-13 Email from D. Price re: Flag Protocol
- 2024-11-13 Email from K. Johnson re: Complaint - Watson Rd. Elementary tree removal
- 2024-11-15 Email from D. Buckna re: Questions - types of songs allowed/disallowed (upcoming SD23 School Winter Concerts)
- 2024-11-18 Email from K. Johnson re: Complaint - Watson Rd. Elementary tree removal

Sent:

- 2024-11-18 Letter to District Student Council with congratulations and invitation to meet
- 2024-11-18 Letter to Indigenous Education Council regarding Alternate Trustee representative
- 2024-11-18 Email to K. Johnson re: Complaint - Watson Rd. Elementary tree removal
- 2024-11-27 Email response from Trustee Geistlinger to D. Buckna regarding types of songs allowed/disallowed (upcoming SD23 School Winter Concerts)

Main 24P-136

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the December 11, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair, Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO, and the Deputy Superintendent of Schools spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including the 27th Annual Lake Country Native Association PowWow, the École KSS Night Owl Theatre Production of The Laramie Project, TEDx Kelowna Youth at École OKM Secondary, concerts, carnivals, basketball games, and a tour of the WHEELS Transition to Employment program.
- The Westcoast Women in Engineering, Science and Technology (WWEST) STEM Outreach program collaborates with educators to better understand the transition to post-secondary school.
- Trustees recently delivered gift baskets to all the schools/sites in the District expressing their appreciation to staff for their contributions to the success of students in Central Okanagan Public Schools. The gift baskets were assembled by students in the WHEELS Transition to Employment program.
- Indigenous ways of knowing teaches that talking circles rotate counter clockwise when the first snow falls and shift direction to clockwise when the first buttercup is seen in spring.
- The Winter edition of Together We Learn with the theme of "Community Engagement" will be published next week.
- Schools are closed for Winter break from December 23, 2024 to January 3, 2025.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

January 30-31, 2025
Coast Coal Harbour Hotel
Vancouver, BC

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

The Board Chair gave an update regarding the Board's attendance at the BCSTA Trustee Academy and expressed appreciation for the opportunity for Trustees to participate in rich professional development.

Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

February 28-March 1, 2025
Penticton, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Currently being scheduled.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

General Affairs Committee

- Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee

- Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Finance and Planning Committee

- Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Fraser:

Motion from the Board of Education to the Ministry of Education and Child Care Regarding Custodial Costs for Childcare:

Advocating for Adequate Funding for Custodial Costs in Childcare Facilities to Prevent Financial Strain on the K-12 Education Sector

THAT: The Board of Education formally requests that the Ministry of Education and Child Care provide dedicated funding directly to the childcare sector to fully cover custodial costs for childcare facilities, so that these expenses are not absorbed by the K-12 education system;

AND THAT: The Ministry of Education and Child Care ensure that childcare facilities can meet necessary custodial standards for health, safety, and cleanliness, without financial burden to the K-12 system, thus maintaining the integrity and quality of both sectors;

AND THAT: This funding support be consistent, transparent, and predictable, enabling childcare providers to focus on providing high-quality services for children and families, rather than diverting resources to cover custodial costs;

AND THAT: The Ministry of Education and Child Care work with childcare providers, school boards, and other relevant stakeholders to develop a sustainable and fair funding model for custodial services in childcare settings, ensuring that both the K-12 and childcare sectors are appropriately funded and supported.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO