



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 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
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*arrived at 6:44 pm*)
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President
George York, CUPE Vice-President
Jeremy Sanbrooks, COPVPA Executive
Nicola Baker, COPAC President
Cayden Jensen and Sarah Kovacs, DSC Co-Presidents

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 6:02 pm.

AGENDA

*Add: 10.1 Material for Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2023 School Opening Report, Part 2
13.1 Material for Enhancing Student Learning Report 2023*

Main 23P-103

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 27, 2023 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 13, 2023

Main 23P-104

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 13, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Student Perspectives

In attendance from École George Elliot Secondary School

Teacher: Marnie Birkeland, Teacher, Instructional Leadership Team

Students: Jenna Levere, Grade 12
Camila Diaz Rodriguez, Grade 12
Grace Lister, Grade 12

In attendance from Davidson Road Elementary School

Principal: Rob Aviani
Teacher: Lisa Marshall, Kindergarten Teacher
Student: Tenley Spinks, Kindergarten

The students shared their learning over the past three weeks, as well as their hopes for the upcoming school year.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introduction of New Staff

The Board of Education welcomed the following to Central Okanagan Public Schools:

Derek Markides – Vice-Principal, Rutland Middle School

Introduction of Staff in New Positions

The Board of Education congratulated the following on their new positions in Central Okanagan Public Schools:

Rebecca Austin – Vice-Principal, École Dr. Knox Middle School
Marlo Konneke – Vice-Principal, Davidson Road Elementary School
Jeremy Sanbrooks – Principal, Springvalley Elementary School
Jasmine Lemon – Principal, South Kelowna Elementary School
Allison Goreas – District Vice-Principal of Learning Support Services and Safer Communities
Christie Russell – District Vice-Principal, Indigenous Education and Equity

6:44 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:44 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:52 pm.

DECLARATION

International Walk to School Day - October 4, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares Wednesday, October 4, 2023 as 'International Walk to School Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

World Teachers' Day - October 5, 2023

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares Thursday, October 5, 2023 as 'World Teachers' Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Principal and Vice-Principal Month - October

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares October as 'Principal and Vice-Principal Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2023 School Opening Report - Part 2

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 2023 School Opening Report - Part 2. The Report provided updated information about school enrolment effective September 26, 2023. To date, the District has enrolled 25,386 students and the District enrolment has increased by 426 students over last year. The differences between this year and last year are as follows:

- Secondary schools have 234 more students than they had in September 2022.
- Middle schools have 32 more students than they had in September 2022.
- Elementary schools have 244 more students than they had in September 2022.
- Fee payers, Central School Programs and Services and eSchool23 have 84 less students.

(Parts 1 and 2 of the 2023 School Opening Report, and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public School website www.sd23.bc.ca).

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO answered a query from the COTA President regarding the change in student enrolment from the 2023 School Opening Report - Part 1. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that enrolment numbers are expected to fluctuate each September due to a variety of factors.

Main 23P-105

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2023 School Opening Report - Part 2.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustees spoke of Truth and Reconciliation week (September 25-30, 2023), and their ongoing commitment to continuing the work on the path to reconciliation.

Trustee Broughton spoke of the worrisome anti-SOGI demonstration on September 20, 2023, and the consequences for students, staff and families. Trustee Broughton reaffirmed his commitment to stand up to misinformation on SOGI. Trustee Fraser acknowledged the Board of Education's news release issued on September 19, 2023 and expressed gratitude to the partner groups for their joint statement on the issue.

ACTION ITEMS

Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2023

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for Central Okanagan Public Schools and Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2023.

The District is in year 3 of the Strategic Plan 2021-2026, which is a multi-year strategic plan focused on improving student learning outcomes. The Report indicates that most of the District's performance results are at or above provincial averages. The data also supports the need for the District's intervention strategies for numeracy, literacy and post-secondary transitions.

In response to the analysis of student performance data and learning evidence, Central Okanagan Public Schools will be adjusting and adapting strategies and structures to improve outcomes for students in the next several years.

The Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order was enacted by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The Reporting Order states: *"Each year, a board must prepare and submit to the Minister a report completed in accordance with this order between June 30 and September 30, or a date otherwise determined by the Minister"*. The Annual Report will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education and Child Care and posted on the School District website under "Publications".

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Assistant Superintendent answered queries from Trustees.

Main 23P-106

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2023, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 27, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Geistlinger

Annual Board of Education Capital Advocacy Plan 2023-24

Recommendation from the General Affairs Committee - September 6, 2023.

Main 23P-107

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Board of Education Capital Advocacy Plan 2023-24, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 27, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee – September 20, 2023.

Main 23P-108

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2022/2023, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 27, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

2022/2023 Accumulated Operating Surplus

Recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee - September 20, 2023.

Main 23P-109

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the Year Ended June 30, 2023, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 27, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

2024/2025 Capital Plan - School Food Infrastructure Program

Main 23P-110

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Capital Plan Resolution for the 2024/2025 School Food Infrastructure Program Submission, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 27, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

2024/2025 School Calendar

The Executive Director of Human Resources provided information on the consultation process and feedback received regarding the 2024/2025 school calendar, and together with the Superintendent of Schools/CEO, answered queries from Trustees.

Main 23P-111

MOVED by Trustee Johnson

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2024/2025 school year as identified in the attached calendar proposal and make the calendar available to the District and the Ministry of Education and Child Care by March 31, 2024;

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 2024/2025 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) Board Policy.**
 - b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.**
 - c. Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.**

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that flags in Central Okanagan Public Schools (school and operational sites) will be flown at half-mast, starting at the end of the school or workday on Friday, September 29, 2023 and to be raised on the morning of Tuesday, October 3, 2023, in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2023/2024

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – September 13, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

Operations Summer Projects Update

The Board reviewed the information.

Central Okanagan Public Schools 2022/2023 Public Sector Executive Compensation Disclosure Report

The Board reviewed the information.

The Presidents of COTA and CUPE asked questions about the process of compensation for executives and expressed concerns.

The Board Chair, Trustee Broughton and the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO provided information and clarification on the compensation scale set by the BC Public School Employer's Association. This report is an annual requirement and the information in the report was part of the 2022/2023 budget process last spring. Both COTA and CUPE are bargained at the provincial level.

Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis for the Year Ending June 30, 2023

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

BCSTA Advocacy Motion

Trustee Fraser shared that on September 19, 2023 the Board approved the following motion that that will be submitted to British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) to advocate for additional funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care:

THAT: BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to increase the Annual Facilities Grant to help school districts to: address millions in deferred maintenance; ensure student safety; enhance learning environments; extend facility lifespan; meet climate standards; increase energy efficiency; meet regulatory standards; adapt to technological advancements and environmental standards; and for long-term fiscal responsibility.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2023-09-14: Email from G. Flannigan re: invitation to Stand Up for Parent's Rights September 20
- 2023-09-18: Email from L. Taylor re: Public Posts by a School Trustee
- 2023-09-20: Email from CUPE re: Joint Letter of Support
- 2023-09-20: Email from COTA re: Joint Letter of Support

Sent:

- None

Main 23P-112

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: At the September 27, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and the Deputy Superintendent spoke of their attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including online panel discussions on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and the recent Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Water Ceremony and Immersive Exercises held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at Bertram Park.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

2023 Symposium

November 2-3, 2023

Coast Coal Harbour Hotel

Vancouver, BC

Attending: Trustee Fraser

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION

Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

October 13-14

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

Merritt, BC

Advocacy Day and Meeting of Board Chairs

October 19, 2023

Fairmont Empress, Victoria, BC

Provincial Council

October 20-21, 2023

SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Vancouver, BC

Attending: Trustee Broughton

Trustee Academy

November 23-25, 2023
Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, BC

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday October 4, 2023

- Policy Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm
- ~~Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm~~ *cancelled*

Wednesday October 18, 2023

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

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

8:16 pm the COTA President left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO