



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

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

Absent: Trustee L. Tiede, Chair

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Jon Rever, Assistant Superintendent (Acting Deputy Superintendent)
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups Jeannette Watson, COPAC Vice-President
Chris Oakes, COPVPA Executive
Kiersten Bereska, DSC Student Rep
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined meeting by Zoom at 6:35 pm*)
There was no representative from CUPE.

**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. In the absence of the Board Chair, Trustee Fraser was appointed as Acting Chair.

AGENDA

*Add: Item 13.1: Board Annual Declarations of Awareness Day: Earth Day
Item 13.2: Board Annual Declarations of Awareness Day: Women's History Month*

Main 24P-100

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers
SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of October 9, 2024 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 25, 2024

Main 24P-101

MOVED by Trustee Johnson
SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 25, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Post Critical Incident Response Team

In attendance: Alan Lalonde, Assistant Superintendent
 Sherri Roche, District Principal – Learning Support Services and Safer Communities and member of the Post Critical Incident Response Team
 Heather Csikos, Counsellor, Central Programs and Services and member of the Post Critical Incident Response Team

The Post Critical Incident Response Team (PCIRT) is composed of highly trained School District professionals who provide support to schools/sites in the event of a critical incident that impacts a school community. The PCIRT works closely with schools, families, and community partners to ensure a coordinated response and adhere to the philosophy of “do no harm.” While each situation is unique, the team applies established protocols, adapting their response to meet the specific needs of each situation. Their primary goal is to restore a sense of normalcy by helping schools reinstate

routines and structure, ensuring the well-being and safety of all involved. The team is dedicated to fostering a supportive environment, considering protective factors, and understanding that everyone responds to challenging circumstances differently.

DECLARATIONS

School Bus Safety Awareness Week - October 21-25, 2024

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of October 21-25, 2024 as 'School Bus Safety Awareness Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Foster Family Month – October

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of October as 'Foster Family Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PRESENTATIONS

Kelowna-Kasugai Sister City Association

In Attendance: - Ken Fix, Director
 - Debbie Mah, Director
 - Liam Friesen, Director

The Kelowna Kasugai Sister City Association presented the Board of Education with a framed piece of artwork that had been signed by Japanese students from the first educational exchange. The artwork signifies the first visit by Haruhigaoka Junior High School to middle schools in Kelowna, BC and is a symbol that signifies the lasting bond created across country borders. Educational exchanges allow students to experience rich cultures, diversity and traditions of another country.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:50 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:58 pm.

6:55 pm: The Deputy Superintendent left the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Geistlinger queried the decline in student enrolment for the 2024/2025 school year, and whether the District tracked the various reasons a student might withdraw from their school. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that each school endeavors to discover the reasons for students not returning. Reasons for student out-migration from Central Okanagan Public Schools in September 2024 include moving elsewhere in British Columbia, to Alberta, to other provinces, to independent schools, internationally, or another location.

ACTION ITEMS

Board Annual Declarations of Awareness Days

Main 24P-102

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education add 'Earth Day' (April 22) to the Board Annual Declarations of Awareness Days.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Main 24P-103

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education add 'Women's History Month' (October) to the Board Annual Declarations of Awareness Days.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025

The Board reviewed the information. Trustee Broughton queried the field study to Waikiki that was cancelled. It was later confirmed that this field study was cancelled due to the retirement of the teacher who was the organizer/chaperone.

General Statement – September 25, 2024

The Board reviewed the information.

ADVOCACY

Trustee Fraser stated that at the BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting in Revelstoke BC, Trustees took part in rich discussions on how to advocate collectively for public education.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Johnson attended the District Student Council meeting, which was the first attended by all the new student representatives. Students 'idea-stormed' with great energy and enthusiasm. She also attended the Public Education Appreciation Committee where they discussed the heritage classroom display at Kelowna Heritage Museum and the upcoming issue of the fall 'Together We Learn' publication.

Trustee Desrosiers attended the COPAC meeting and wanted to highlight the importance of the ERASE BC tool which is at the bottom of every school's webpage.

Trustee Broughton attended the Health Promoting Schools Committee meeting where they were focused on the physical, mental and emotional well-being of students, and discussed student survey results on 'belonging' and 'connectedness'.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received: 2024-10-01 Emails from the following, regarding "Build Seamless Before and After School Care":

Dale O'Flynn, Hannah G, Elexus Bernard, Frasier Parton, Kukmi Nittel, Stephanie Ruane, Wren Hayes, Widdip, Chloe Shivers, Kas Merrick, Calla Schock, Roula Nawana, Paush J, Hayden Bojahra, Miah Denis, Shyanne Crockett, Tyler Barnes, Connie Lorenzo-Cahua, Divine Rehona, Adrianna Chong, Ricky Heinrich, Danielle Weill, Victoria Hennigar, Nate Sysoer, Matthew Sarson, Kristine Kuzali, SJ Mackinnon, Angelia Mackinnon, Morra Wushch, Terry Bridges

Sent: None

Main 24P-104

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Johnson

THAT: At the October 9, 2024 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

Trustee Guderyan suggested that the Board send a letter to the organizers of BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting in Revelstoke, BC, to thank them for hosting.

Main 24P-105

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Revelstoke Board of Education and School District 19 to thank them for hosting the BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Tiede

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO spoke of the following:

- Attendance/participation in:
 - BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meeting held last weekend in Revelstoke BC,
 - Central Okanagan Leadership Team – Management Meeting held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.
- Over the past 3 days, Central Okanagan Public Schools has hosted a team of 22 educators from the Zurich University of Teacher Education. The team from Zurich enjoyed presentations and discussions with the Inclusive Education and Instructional and Early Learning teams. The presentations were followed up with school visits to see the concepts in practice.
- Students do not attend school on Friday, October 11, 2024 as staff participate in an Administrative Implementation Day.
- The Payton and Dillon Budd Memorial Fund - 2024 Best of the West Volleyball High School Championships will be taking place on October 18th and 19th at École Kelowna Secondary, École Okanagan Mission Secondary, Mount Boucherie Secondary, École George Elliot Secondary, École KLO Middle and Canyon Falls Middle Schools.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2024

November 7-8, 2024

Vancouver, BC

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Provincial Council

October 25-206, 2024

Vancouver, BC

Trustee Academy

November 21-23, 2024

Vancouver, BC

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/City of West Kelowna Meeting

October 17, 2024

Joint Board/District of Peachland Meeting

November 4, 2024

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm

- Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

AGM

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

4:30 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Planning Committee

- Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Policy Committee

- Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee

- Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm

MEDIA QUESTIONS

No media present.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Acting Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO