

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2022 TRUSTEE CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSION

School Board Office

Hollywood Road Educational Services (Room 2)

August 11, 2022, at 6:30 pm



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AGENDA ITEMS

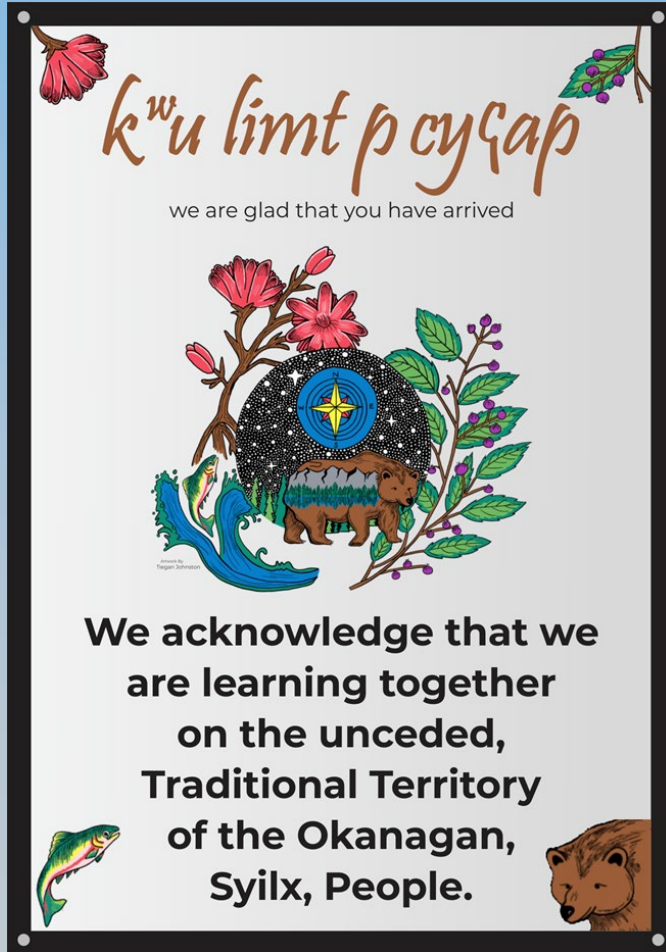
- Acknowledgement
 - District Mission
 - Strategic Plan
 - District Overview
- Election Information
- Trustee Information
- Human Resources
- Business Operations
- Educational Overview



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Central Okanagan Public Schools acknowledges that this Trustee Candidate Information Session is being held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.



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DISTRICT MISSION



VISION

TOGETHER WE LEARN.



PURPOSE

TO EDUCATE STUDENTS
IN A SAFE, INCLUSIVE,
EQUITABLE, AND
INSPIRATIONAL
LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT WHERE
EACH LEARNER
DEVELOPS THE
ATTRIBUTES AND
COMPETENCIES TO
FLOURISH IN A GLOBAL
COMMUNITY.



CULTURAL VALUES

HONESTY, RESPECT,
RESPONSIBILITY, EQUITY,
EMPATHY.



OVERARCHING GOAL

OUR LEARNERS WILL
DEVELOP
FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS
AND CORE CURRICULAR
COMPETENCIES SO THAT
THEY CAN BE
EMPOWERED TO
FOLLOW THEIR
PASSIONS AND
STRENGTHS AND THRIVE
HOLISTICALLY AS
RESILIENT AND
ENGAGED GLOBAL
CITIZENS.



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2021-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board of Education is responsible for setting the overall direction for the School District. Trustees work together to establish the District's Strategic Plan, which sets the direction of the District for parents, the public and the board's staff, and lays out the priorities and strategic direction of the School District.

The Board of Education ensures that the Superintendent of Schools acts as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who holds the responsibility for implementing the District's Strategic Plan and reporting process to the Board.



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DISTRICT OVERVIEW

Provides education services to 24,000 students and has just over 4,000 employees.

Serves over 200,000 citizens in the communities of Peachland, West Kelowna, Kelowna, Lake Country and the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

Serving 51 Schools/Sites:

- 33 Elementary Schools
- 8 Middle Schools
- 5 Secondary Schools
- 1 Alternate Education School
- 3 Learning Centres
- 1 Online Learning (K-12)



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DISTRICT OVERVIEW

Partner Groups:

- Central Okanagan Teacher's Association (COTA)
- Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (CUPE)
- Central Okanagan Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA)
- Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC)
- District Student Council (DSC)



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DISTRICT OVERVIEW

Board & Committees:

- Board meetings are held twice a month with Board committee meetings meeting once a month.
- There are 4 Board Committees:
 - Education and Student Services
 - Finance and Audit
 - Planning and Facilities
 - Policy



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DISTRICT OVERVIEW

District Committees:

There are several District Committees that meet on a regular basis that trustees attend including:

- Early Years Partnership
- Employee Wellness
- Health Promoting Schools
- Human Rights
- Public Education Awareness
- Safe Schools



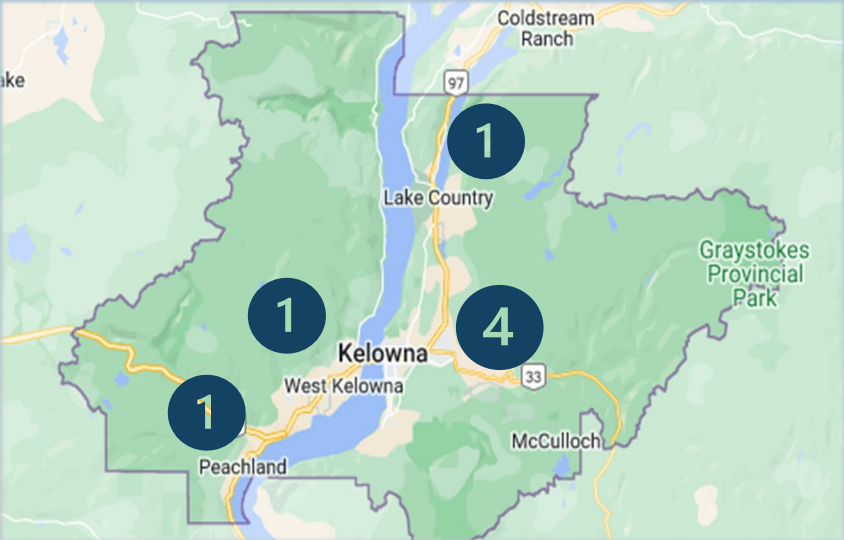
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ELECTIONS INFORMATION

Trustees By Area

- City of Kelowna 4 Trustees
- District of West Kelowna 1 Trustee
 - *(City of West Kelowna, excluding Tsinstikeptum Indian Reserves 9 & 10)*
- Zone I 1 Trustee
 - *(District of Lake Country & Central Okanagan East Electoral Area of the Regional District of Central Okanagan)*
- Zone II 1 Trustee
 - *(Corporation of Peachland, Central Okanagan West Electoral Area of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, Tsinstikeptum Indian Reserve 9, & Tsinstikeptum Indian Reserve 10)*



ELECTIONS INFORMATION

Eligibility

- Canadian citizen
- Will be 18 years or older on general voting day
- BC resident for at least 6 months
- Not be disqualified under the *School Act* or any other enactment from being nominated for, elected to, or holding office as a school trustee



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ELECTIONS INFORMATION

TRUSTEE SCHEDULE

Trustee Candidate Info Session - August 11, 2022

Pre-Campaign Period - July 18 – September 16, 2022

Nomination Period - August 30 – September 9, 2022

Campaign Period - September 17 – October 15, 2022

Advance Voting Day - October 5, 2022

General Voting Day - October 15, 2022



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TRUSTEE INFORMATION

WHO TRUSTEES ARE

- ▶ Locally elected representatives of the public
- ▶ The community's advocates for public education in their local School District.



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TRUSTEE INFORMATION

WHAT TRUSTEES DO

- ▶ Co-govern school districts with the provincial government
- ▶ Work together to govern the School District, not run the day-to-day operations, and set direction on behalf of the community.
- ▶ A Board of Education must protect the interests of the School District, ensure its financial viability, and act in accordance with laws and policies governing K-12 education in BC.
- ▶ B.C.'s Ministry of Education and Child Care sets the curriculum, funding, and legal framework for K-12 education.
- ▶ The respective responsibilities of the Ministry of Education and Child Care and Boards of Education are described in the School Act.



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TRUSTEE INFORMATION

PART OF A TEAM

- ▶ Under the School Act, a Board of Education has the authority to make decisions or act, however individual trustees do not.
- ▶ Once the Board has voted, it is the Board's decision and an individual trustee's responsibility is to act in a manner that promotes and upholds the Board's decision and communicate the decision to the public.



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COMMUNITY LEADERS

- ▶ Trustees work with their Board colleagues and community partners to ensure that all students have equal opportunities to reach their greatest abilities.
- ▶ While members of the Board act as representatives of their community, their primary job is to participate in policy-making and strategic planning that are in the interests of all the District's students and are grounded in promoting student achievement and well-being.



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BOARDS ARE EMPLOYERS

- ▶ The Board of Education delegates authority and provides clear Board direction to the Superintendent of Schools/CEO.
 - ▶ The Superintendent of Schools/CEO is:
 - The sole employee of the Board of Education supervises.
 - Reports directly to the Board of Education.
 - Serves as the Board of Education's chief advisor.
 - ▶ The Board is responsible for the recruitment, selection and performance evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools/CEO.
- ▶ A Board of Education rely on District staff to advice and implement collective agreements and maintain communication processes necessary for good employee relations.



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FINANCIAL STEWARDS

- ▶ Boards have important responsibilities for approval and oversight of School District financial decisions.
- ▶ One of the most important aspects of governance for trustees is to connect District goals, strategic planning, and economic realities, through the establishment of the School District's budget.
- ▶ The Board of Education oversees development of a Strategic Plan and the allocation of resources to support that Plan.



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TRUSTEE INFORMATION

TIME COMMITMENT

Time commitments will vary but it is not uncommon for a trustee to spend an average of 15 hours per week on all the activities associated with the role including:

- Prepare for and attend Board and Board Committee meetings.
- Attend community meetings as a representative of the School Board.
- Attend BCSTA Annual General Meetings.
- Respond to the concerns of parents and other community members; and
- Respond to telephone calls, emails, meeting requests and queries from parents or members of the community as a member of the Board



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TRUSTEE INFORMATION

ONCE ELECTED...

Initial Dates to Know:

Inaugural Board Meeting (Oath of Office) – November 2, 2022

First Board Meeting – November 9, 2022

Board In Service – November 2022 through February 2023

BCSTA New Trustee Academy – November 30 – December 1, 2022 (Westin Bayshore, Vancouver. BC)

Remuneration

The 2022/2023 Trustee Remuneration has been set as follows:

Trustee	\$22,478
Vice Chair	\$23,740
Chairperson	\$25,657



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EMPLOYEE UNIONS – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

CENTRAL OKANAGAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (COTA)

BC operates under a two-tier structure for teacher collective bargaining.

BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) and BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) negotiate provincial issues.

Local teacher associations and Boards of Education negotiate local issues.

The Provincial Collective Agreement between BCPSEA and BCTF expired June 30, 2022.

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (CUPE LOCAL 3523)

BC operates under a two-tier structure for support staff collective bargaining.

BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA and CUPE National negotiate provincial issues.

Local CUPE union and Boards of Education negotiate local issues.

The Provincial Collective Agreement between BCPSEA and CUPE National expired June 30, 2022.

Collective Bargaining – Collective bargaining is currently underway. Local bargaining with COTA has been finalized. Local bargaining with CUPE is scheduled for the fall of 2022. Refer to Policy 167 – Board Participation in Collective Bargaining Process for further information.

DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

SENIOR EDUCATIONAL STAFF – Superintendents, Directors of Instruction and District Principals are members of BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA).

PRINCIPALS & VICE-PRINCIPALS - Principals and vice principals are members of Central Okanagan Principals' & Vice Principals' Association (COPVPA).

BUSINESS OFFICIALS - Business officials are members of Central Okanagan Business Officials Association (COSBO).



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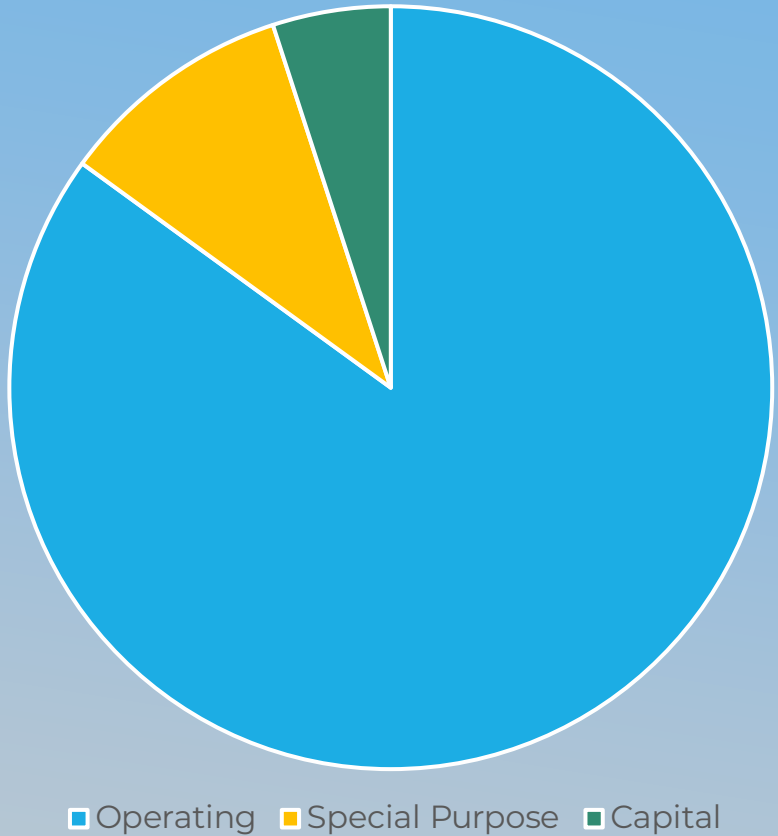
Budget & Financial statements

OPERATING – Main operating expenditures. This is the fund that the budget development decisions are for. For 2022-2023, this fund accounts for 85% of the total budget.

SPECIAL PURPOSE – Funding that is provided for a particular purpose. For 2022-2023, this fund accounts for 10% of the total budget.

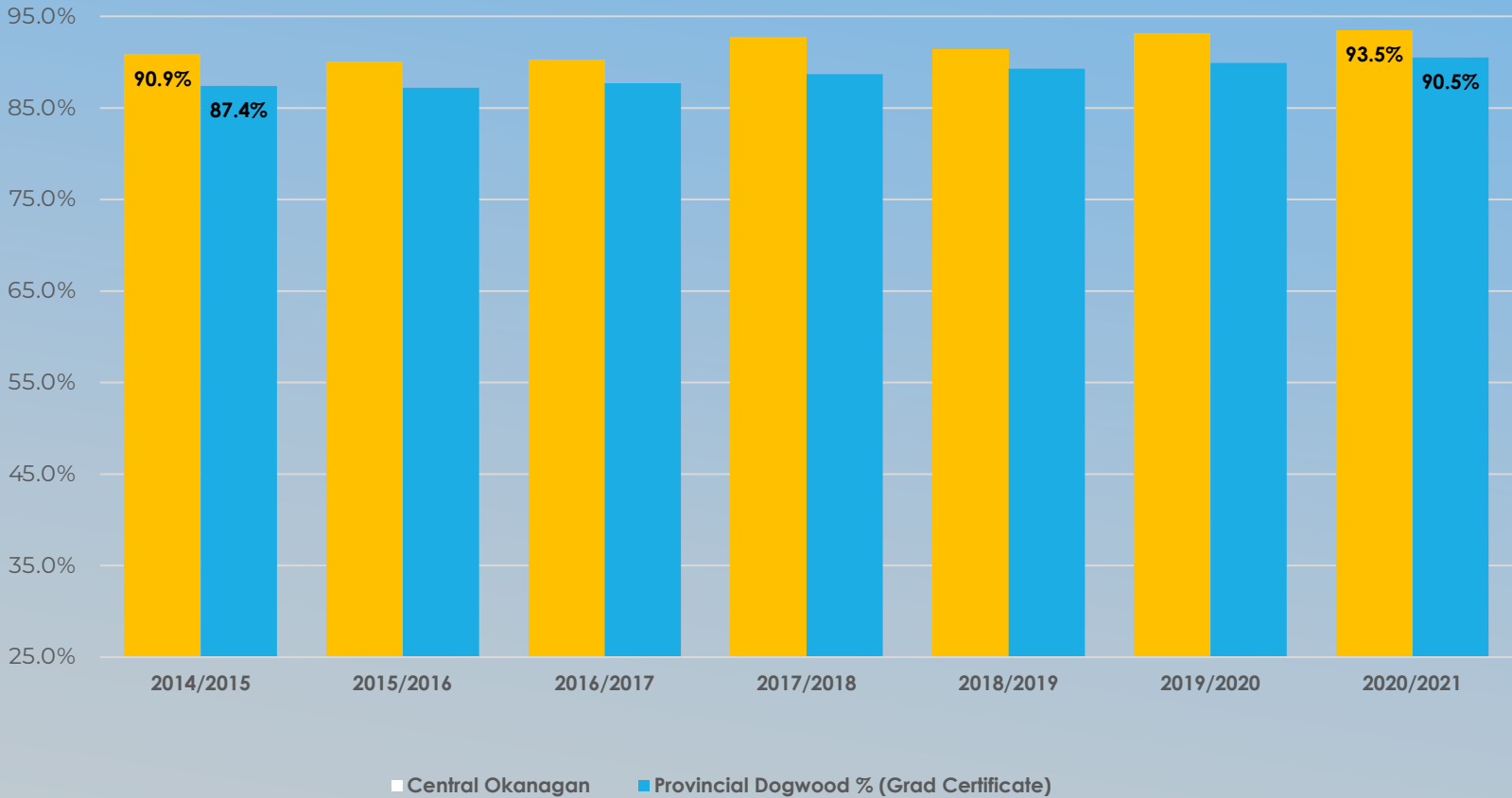
CAPITAL – This fund includes the capital assets of the District (i.e., land, buildings, equipment, vehicles). A five-year Capital Plan is approved by the Board of Education on an annual basis. For 2022-2023, this fund accounts for 5% of the total budget.

Total 2022-2023 Annual Budget is \$303,663,762 .



EDUCATIONAL OVERVIEW

Central Okanagan Public Schools is a high performing district with a six-year graduation rate for BC residents of 93.5% in 2020/2021 compared to 90.35% provincially.



EDUCATIONAL OVERVIEW

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning - Formalized approach to the planning and reporting expectations for all Central Okanagan schools with a focus on enhancing student learning and success. It combines accountability with evidence-informed decision making and system-wide continuous improvement to support equity of outcomes for all students in the Central Okanagan.



Equity in Action Plan - This report reflects shared responsibility and progress during the 2020-2021 school year towards equitable opportunities for our District's Indigenous, First Nation, Métis and Inuit K-12 learners.

Local Education Agreement with Westbank First Nation (2022 – 2027) - The Central Okanagan Board of Education and Westbank First Nation has jointly signed seven Local Education Agreements with the first LEA signed in 1992. Each Local Education Agreement has outlined the terms and conditions regarding the purchase of education service by Westbank First Nation from the Board of Education for Westbank First Nation students.



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RELATED RESOURCES

DISTRICT LINKS

- 2022 Meeting Dates and Times – Click [Here](#)
- Strategic Plan (2021 – 2026) – Click [Here](#)
- Budget and Financial Statements – Click [Here](#)
- Long-Term Facilities Plan – Click [Here](#)
- 5 Year Capital Plan Summary – Click [Here](#)
- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning – Click [Here](#)
- Equity in Action Plan (2020 – 2025) – Click [Here](#)
- Policy 190 (Trustee Expenses) – Click [Here](#)

OTHER LINKS

School Act – Click [Here](#)

School Trustee Election Procedures in B.C. – Click [Here](#)

British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) – Click [Here](#)

British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCSPEA) – Click [Here](#)

Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat (PSEC) – Click [Here](#)



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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

Questions for District Staff

Questions for Trustees



Any questions can be emailed to Secretary.Treasurer@sd23.bc.ca