



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, December 8, 2004**

TIME: 7:15 PM

LOCATION: School Board Office

Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)

Trustee E. Buckley

Trustee: C. Horan

Trustee W. Horning

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley

Trustee G. Scanlan

Trustee C. Wiebe

Staff:

R. Rubadeau, Superintendent

Eileen Sadlowski, Secretary-Treasurer

M. Stolze, Executive Assistant/Information Officer (recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC

COPVPA

COTA

CUPE 3523

Val Broman

Norm Bradley, COPVPA Exec. Member

Alice Rees, President

Bill Zeman, President

ORDER: The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM.

AGENDA

Add Information Field Trip Summary

Main

04P-714

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley,
THAT: The Agenda for December 8, 2004 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – November 24, 2004

Main

04P-715

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Minutes of the public Board meeting of November 24, 2004 be adopted.
CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Data released on December 6th by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development indicates that Canadian students, and in particular students in British Columbia, score at the highest levels of achievement. Tests are conducted every three years at the grade 10 level and measure reading, math and science skills and knowledge. Of 41 jurisdictions and 500,000

students, British Columbia scored **third** in reading, **fifth** in mathematics and **sixth** in science to produce the second highest combined score in the world (only Alberta outcores BC). School District No. 23 schools rank at the very top of BC Schools.

- In November, the National Orchestra made a stop in the Central Okanagan, playing to a full house of students at the Community Theatre. The program was Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and featured a performance by 850 students playing along with the orchestra on either recorders or percussion instruments.
- For the second straight year the Mount Boucherie AAA boys' volleyball team made it to the finals. This year the team achieved a bronze, a real credit to the school, the team and coach Chris Frehlick.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Recognition – Partner Group Presidents

At the previous meeting, in recognition of service to the District, the Board presented pins to: Valerie Broman, COPAC; Alice Rees, President, COTA; Scott McLean, President COPVPA and Audrey Barr, Vice-President, CUPE 3523. Bill Zeman, President, CUPE 3523, was unable to attend. The Board recognized Bill Zeman at this meeting and presented him with a District pin. Mr. Zeman thanked the Board and presented trustees and staff with CUPE pins.

COPAC Elections

COPAC Elections were held at the AGM on December 6, 2004. The Board looks forward to meeting with the new executive in 2005. The Board thanked President Valerie Broman for all the work she has undertaken on behalf of parents and students. Ms. Broman will continue to serve on the executive for a one-year period.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Karen Cocar, Parent, Watson Road Elementary and Watson Road COPAC Representative

- Parents have been surveyed regarding their willingness to have the PAC spend money on either replacing or coating pressure treated lumber that has been used for playground structures. She asked the Board if it intended to take action in this regard, and if so, in what time-frame.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that this is a financial issue yet to be decided by the Board.

- Ms. Cocar asked if the Board would enter into agreements with individual PACs to share costs, or allow PACs to repay costs over a period of years.

The Superintendent pointed out that it is appropriate for this item to be included by schools as part of their budget submissions.

The Board requested a copy of the Survey Report.

By consensus, the Board referred further discussion to Coordinating Committee for placement on a future agenda of the Building and Transportation Committee.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

All trustees were provided with an opportunity to comment on their recent involvement in District activities.

Queries:

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- asked if the Board could discuss, at a future date, sending a letter to various political parties in order to advise them of District policies with respect to people campaigning at schools.

By consensus, the matter was referred to Coordinating Committee.

Trustee Wiebe

- asked for clarification regarding a waitlist at the Storefront School.

The Superintendent intends to clarify this information by Friday in his regular newsletter to trustees.

Trustee Wiebe

- asked if the Superintendent knows how the RCMP obtained the bulk of their funding to deliver the DARE Program in schools.

The Superintendent is not aware of the funding sources.

Trustee Wiebe

- asked if the fields at Mount Boucherie can be restored to the quality that they were in prior to the installation of portables at the school or, alternatively, is there a possibility of a partnership with the Regional District, similar to the existing partnership at Constable Neil Bruce Middle Schools, where the soccer fields are supposedly the best in the province.

The Superintendent indicated that the condition of the fields is already listed as a topic for a future meeting with the Regional District.

ACTION ITEMS

School Planning Council (SPC) Reports

(attached)

Prior to Board decision on the Reports, Board representatives and senior staff, who had attended the SPC goal-setting meetings, were provided with an opportunity to comment. SPC members in attendance were also provided with an opportunity to speak regarding the reports, school goals and the process.

Constable Neil Bruce Middle

The SPC was represented at the Board meeting.

Trustee Wiebe had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.

The Superintendent attended on behalf of the senior administration.

Main

04P-716

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board approve the Constable Neil Bruce Middle School 2004/05 School Planning Council goals to:

- **improve literacy in a measurable way for all students;**
- **improve numeracy in a measurable way for all students;**
- **improve school climate and culture in a measurable way for all students,**

AND FURTHER THAT: the Board acknowledges the detailed and thorough SPC document, the satisfaction survey results, the high FSA participation, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of John Simonson, Jamie Robinson, Rob O'Leary, Cindy Bruckner and Kim Boyle.

CARRIED

Anne McClymont Elementary

The SPC was represented at the Board meeting.
Trustee Horan had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.
The Superintendent attended on behalf of the senior administration.

Main
04P-717

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board approve the Anne McClymont Elementary School 2004/05 School Planning Council goals to:

- **improve students' writing;**
- **work toward the elimination of incidents of bullying;**
- **measure and increase indicators of empathy among students;**
- **achieve prescribed outcomes of the newly mandated science curriculum,**

AND FURTHER THAT: the Board acknowledges the exceptional FSA performance, the strong parent satisfaction, the school's Parent Education Committee, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Dr. Sandra Sellick, Peter Pagliocchini, Sheila Venables, Naomi Pennington and Barbara Kates.

CARRIED

Kelowna Secondary

The SPC was represented at the Board meeting.
Trustee Buckley had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.
The Superintendent attended on behalf of the senior administration.

Main
04P-718

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,
THAT: The Board approve the Kelowna Secondary School 2004/05 School Planning Council goals to:

- **maintain or improve the number of students achieving excellence in all subject areas through identifying and implementing means of support for students and staff, resulting in a higher level of pride in self and school and leading to attaining excellence in student achievement in all subject areas;**
- **establish student achievement on the grades 10 and 11 provincial exams at least at the district and/or provincial levels in all subject areas;**
- **maintain or improve the grade 12 provincial exam results to at least the district and/or provincial levels;**
- **have students demonstrate a level of competency in their reading and writing assignments across the curriculum that are commensurate with, or higher than, the performance standards for their grade level,**

AND FURTHER THAT: the Board acknowledges the strong parent support, the wide array of educational, cultural and athletic performances, the strong performance and participation rates on most provincial exams, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Susannah Brown, Jim Strachan, Craig Bakker, Joe Soares, Wendy Soon and Laurie Oliver.

CARRIED

Casorso Elementary

The SPC was represented at the Board meeting.
Trustee Buckley had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.
The Superintendent attended on behalf of the senior administration.

Main
04P-719

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Board approve the Casorso Elementary School 2004/05 School Planning Council goals to:

- raise student achievement levels in literacy; increasing the number of students meeting and exceeding expectations in reading, while increasing the number of students exceeding expectations in writing;
- improve student achievement in numeracy; increasing the number of students meeting expectations, with a continued focus on increasing the number of students exceeding expectations in mathematics;
- continue to provide a safe, secure and caring environment at the school,

AND FURTHER THAT: the Board acknowledges the extremely high FSA numeracy scores, the high parent satisfaction, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Darrell Brucks, Sheila Marshall, Shelley Nicholl, Kathy Schaad and Rosemary Garner.

CARRIED

Rutland Elementary

The SPC was represented at the meeting.

Trustee Buckley had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.

The Assistant Superintendent attended on behalf of the senior administration.

Main
04P-720

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board approve the Rutland Elementary School 2004/05 School Planning Council goals to:

- improve students' higher level thinking skills, especially in the areas of literacy and numeracy;
- develop a positive school culture,

AND FURTHER THAT: the Board acknowledges the good FSA numeracy and writing results and the good parent satisfaction survey results, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Janet Slaney, Janet Armitage, Chandra Croteau, Pam Vandervelde and Callie Pasitney.

CARRIED

The following schools were not represented at the Board meeting. By consensus, the Board agreed to adopt the goals by an omnibus motion.

Main
04P-721

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,

THAT: The Board approve 2004/05 School Planning Council goals as follows:

Glenmore Elementary

- maintain and strengthen literacy skills of students and to track achievement to verify trend line data;
- maintain and increase positive student interaction through school-wide emphasis on empathy, self-control, etc. and through activities which link to the district goal of moral courage;

- improve recall of basic math facts and computation skills. Continue to enhance math performance in the areas of ‘making math real’ and problem solving,

The Board acknowledges the improvement in FSA scores, the strong parent satisfaction, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Jim Klein, Kim Fournier, Cindy Lewthwaite, Maryann Ricketts and Peggy Salaberry.

Rose Valley Elementary

- increase the number of students meeting and exceeding expectations in reading and writing;
- increase the number of students meeting and exceeding expectations in numeracy;
- promote opportunities for students to develop a positive and healthy lifestyle which include healthy foods initiatives, daily exercise and social responsibility initiatives,

The Board acknowledges the school’s high FSA performance, strong parent support, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Deidre Bruce, Sandra Mendes, Rick Vincent, Marylyn Needham and Bev Churchill.

Watson Road Elementary

- continue to focus on literacy;
- improve achievement in mathematics;
- improve student fitness levels and knowledge of healthy nutrition,

The Board acknowledges the strong community support and beginnings of an in-depth review of the test times and content of the CAT-3 and FSA to address the development of new teaching strategies, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Roly Harvey, Donna McHattie, Rob Scranton, Joel Short and Julie Fiorentino.

North Glenmore Elementary

- improve and promote responsible and respectful conduct of all students;
- improve students’ literacy skills;
- improve students’ numeracy skills,

The Board acknowledges the development of strategies as a result of thorough achievement data analysis to improve the students’ outcomes in reading, numeracy and social responsibility, and congratulates the both school and the SPC comprised of Dwayne Nittel, Brenda Harvey, Jackie Kostas, Dave Harper and Cathy Maralia.

Chief Tomat Elementary

- improve students’ literacy skills through a focus on the reading/writing connection which will be measured by an increase in the number of students meeting or exceeding expectations in reading and writing;
- improve students’ basic number facts at each grade level which will be measured by an increase in the number of students meeting or exceeding expectations in numeracy;
- develop a school-wide understanding of effective positive behaviour interventions for students,

**The Board acknowledges the strong parent support in classrooms, the strong data analysis to develop the school goals and the good CAT-3 results, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Marion Barnes, Kristi Manning, Kim Boyle, Janice McKenzie and John Rempel.
(04P-720)CARRIED**

The Superintendent left the meeting.

Recommendation – Building & Transportation Committee: Architect Contracts

The Committee has previously discussed the matter.
Trustee Horning, Committee Chairperson, introduced the recommendation.

Main
04P-722

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,
THAT: Architect contracts on major capital projects over \$1.5 million be brought to the Board for approval.
CARRIED

The Superintendent returned to the meeting.

**November 24, 2004 Notice of Motion by Trustee Baxter:
Amendment Regulations 645: Video Surveillance**
(attachment)

Following receipt of a letter from the Privacy Commissioner relative to video surveillance, Trustee Baxter wishes the Board to amend its Policy on Video Surveillance to include consultation with the school community. The Rules of Order do not permit the Board Chairperson to present a motion, therefore, Trustee Baxter requested a mover.

Main
04P-723

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Board approve the attached amendment to Regulations 645: Video Surveillance.
CARRIED

**Recommendation - Amendment Policy 735: Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship
November 24, 2004 Notice of Motion by Trustee Baxter:**

“THAT: The Board amend Item 3 of Policy 735: Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship as follows:

- 3. The only forms of advertising permitted in School District No. 23 shall be on vending machines, ~~score clocks~~, corporate logos on uniforms, and as part of sponsorship recognition.”*

The Superintendent suggested that the Board defer decision on the motion pending receipt of information from staff regarding contractual obligations and implications to schools that would result if score clocks are removed.

Tabling
04P-724

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: Discussion on amending Policy 735: Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship be deferred until the Superintendent has gathered additional information.
CARRIED

Recommendation – Amendment Policy 220: Administrative Staff – Selection, Appointment, etc. November 24, 2004 Notice of Motion by Trustee Hunt-Binkley:

Trustee Hunt-Binkley introduced the motion.
The Board discussed the matter.
The Superintendent responded to questions.

Main
04P-725

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: Policy 220: Administrative Staff – Selection, Appointment and Transfer be referred to the Policy Committee for review and recommendation, including the issue of the inclusion of specific partner group representation in the selection process for administrative staff.
CARRIED

Recommendation – BC School Sports Association (BCSSA)
(attachment)

The Superintendent advised the Board that, firstly, he believes the resolutions proposed by BCSA to be contrary to the School Act since they would not permit parents free choice regarding their children's education. Secondly, given that the issue is the behaviour of school coaches, BCSA should deal with those coaches, rather than restrict the interests of students. He also questioned the fit with specialized sports summer camps that are attended by thousands of students.

The Board discussed the matter.
The Board responded to questions.
It was noted that the BC School Trustees' Association has a representative who participates on the Advisory Committee to BCSSA

Main
04P-726

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board oppose the three resolutions of the BC School Sports Association, listed in the November 26, 2004, Memorandum from the Superintendent of Schools,

AND FURTHER THAT: the Board write a letter to BC School Sports Association and to the BC School Trustees' Association to inform them of the Board's position.
CARRIED

Recommendation – Kindergarten Registration Dates 2005/06

The Superintendent introduced the staff recommendation which is to repeat last year's timeline. He informed the Board that the outcome of the 2004/05 registration process was that one-hundred percent of all students were accommodated in the schools chosen by their parents.

The Board discussed registration dates set by other Districts.
The Superintendent responded to questions.

Main
04P-727

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,
THAT: For the 2005/06 school year, kindergarten registration dates begin the last Monday in January (January 31) and continue until the Friday before spring break (March 18).
CARRIED
Opposed: Trustees Baxter, Hunt-Binkley and Scanlan

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Valerie Broman, COPAC President (2004)

Ms. Broman thanked the Board, senior staff and staff at the School Board Office for their help, and expressed appreciation for the support received from partner groups. She values the experience gained from being part of a great learning community.

Norm Bradley, on behalf of the Central Okanagan Principals and Vice-Principals Association (COPVPA) wished everyone a merry and safe Christmas holiday.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Summary – Field Trips (attachment)

School Bus Transportation System Update 2004/2005 (attachment)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested information regarding District or PAC owned vans that are used to transport students.

By consensus, the Board agreed to refer this item to a future Building and Transportation Committee meeting.

Trustee Baxter asked when the Ministry's Transportation Report would be released. *The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the Report and outcomes will not be applicable to the 2005/06 school year. She added that transportation continues to be an area where there is funding pressure: although enrolment is declining, the students are becoming more dispersed resulting in a requirement to increase routes. Under the present funding formula the District receives \$2.4 million; it is able to maintain the level of service by regularly economizing in other areas and by spending an additional \$.4 million, which is taken from other areas of the Operational Budget.*

Pressure Treated Lumber in Playgrounds

(attachment)

Val Broman, COPAC President

- in regard to the Watson Road Elementary PAC request for the Board to cost share to resolve this issue, commented that PACs, unless registered as non-profit societies, are not legal entities and cannot enter into agreements. To her knowledge, very few PACs are registered in this category. Therefore, any agreement would have to be with a school.

The Superintendent pointed out that the District incurs considerable expense in maintaining items that are received as gifts. He reminded the Board that the District had spent \$600,000.00 in one year to upgrade donated playground equipment to meet required safety standards and that the Board must also spend \$60,000 yearly to ensure that playgrounds continue to meet safety standards.

Revenue and Expense Summary – October 31, 2004

(attachment)

A correction was noted in the Expenditure by Program Section.

Summary – Ministry Funding Announcements March 12, 2004 to November 5, 2004

(attachment)

Enrolment Report – October 2004

(attachment)

The Superintendent noted that, overall, enrolment is down by 180 students compared to September 31, 2004.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

SENT:

Ministry of Education – Ministry's Position re. International Education Programs and formation of District Business Companies

RECEIVED:

Dieticians of Canada – Workshops

City of Kelowna – Crosswalk on KLO Road (2 Letters)

Coalition for Public Education - *Opening Doors for Every Student*

Main

04P-727

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: At the December 8, 2004 Public meeting, the Board receives the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 6 PM,
Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at 6 PM,
Regular Public Board Meeting

CONFIRMED BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance Committee:

Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at 1 PM

Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at 1 PM

Public Presentations re Budget:

Wednesday, January 19, 2005, 6 PM, at Hollywood Road Education Centre

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION (BCPSEA)

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION (BCSTA)

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Watson Road Elementary PAC Request to discuss cost-sharing re.
replacement/coating of Pressure Treated Lumber at Playground Facilities.
Vans Used to Transport Students

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD AGENDA

Advising Political Parties of District Policies regarding Campaigning at Schools

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer