



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2006**

TIME: 6 PM

LOCATION: School Board Office

Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)

Trustee R. Cacchioni

Trustee W. Horning

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley

Trustee S. Nicholl (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Trustee G. Scanlan

Trustee C. Wiebe

Staff:

R. Rubadeau, Superintendent

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer

M. Roberts, Director of Instruction – Human Resources

M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC

Valerie Broman, President

COTA

Bob Shanks, President (arrived at 6:16 p.m.)

CUPE

Bill Zeman, President

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

AGENDA

Main

06P-020

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Agenda for February 8, 2006 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Meeting – January 25, 2006

Add: Page 5, Board Committee Reports:

"The March 1, 2006 Agenda of the Education and Student Services Committee will include the Special Education Committee *Consultation*."

Amend: Page 6, BC Public School Employers' Association

"Due to the possible perception of bias, ~~Trustee Cacchioni~~, Trustee Wiebe and Trustee Horning will not be entering debate or voting on this issue.

Add: Page 6, BC Public School Employers Association

Due to a conflict in the School Act regarding direct pecuniary interest, Trustee Cacchioni will not be entering debate or voting on this issue.

Main

06P-021

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of January 25, 2006 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the following topics:

- Watson Road Elementary School receiving Ministry grant to support the development of an improved literacy program
- day of learning for teachers, administrative and Learning Centre staff on Friday, February 17, 2006
- Care and Make It Fair Forum for grade 5 students on Thursday, February 16, 2006

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Recognition:

Susan MacNeil, Principal, Pearson Road Elementary School

Canada's Outstanding Principals Award

The Chairperson introduced Susan MacNeil, Principal of Pearson Road Elementary School. Susan MacNeil was recognized as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals by The Canadian Association of Principals and the Learning Partnership. Susan MacNeil was recognized for creating the structures and environment which lead to very significant improvements in all levels of achievement by the students at Pearson Road Elementary School. Susan MacNeil thanked the Board for the recognition and wished to thank Ron Rubadeau, Superintendent of Schools, and Hugh Gloster, Director of Instruction K-12, for their guidance.

Presentation:

(attachment)

Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

Catchment Areas for Glenmore Elementary School and Watson Road Elementary School

In attendance: Doug Jay, Co-President, Glenmore Elementary School PAC

Caryl Horan, Parent of Student at Glenmore Elementary School

Doug Jay provided further hand-outs to the Board and referred to maps provided indicating proposed boundaries. Caryl Horan referred to meeting of October 26, 2005 where the Education and Student Services Committee made a recommendation to the Board on the Portable Reduction, French Immersion and Catchment Areas. At that time the only students said to be affected would be the students in the Magic Estates area. The Glenmore parents felt that the students in the lower Clifton area would not be part of a boundary change. In order to maintain a viable dual track program at Glenmore Elementary School, the Glenmore Parent Advisory Council is proposing the following:

1. return all students, except for the Magic Estates students, to the Glenmore Elementary School catchment area;

2. allow all English Kindergarten students in former catchment area, except for the Magic Estates students, to attend Glenmore Elementary School;
3. develop a five year plan to support the dual track program for Glenmore Elementary School.

After discussion, the Board agreed to consider the proposed solutions by the Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council as presented, and indicated that the five year plan to support the dual track program include the entire district and not only Glenmore Elementary School.

Main

06P-022

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board receive with thanks the presentation from the Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council,
AND FURTHER THAT the Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council proposals:

1. return all students, except for the Magic Estates students, to the Glenmore Elementary School catchment area;
2. allow all English Kindergarten students in former catchment area, except for the Magic Estates students, to attend Glenmore Elementary School;
3. develop a five year plan to support the dual track program for the entire School District

be referred to a Special Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley confirmed that the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting would be to discuss the proposals set forth by the Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council. The Board continued to discuss the matter. The Superintendent will provide background information to Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Nicholl.

Amendment

06P-023

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni
THAT: Item 3 in the proposal from the Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council be removed.
NO SECONDER
NO DISCUSSION

The Board continued to discuss the Motion 06P-022.

The question was called on 06P-022.
CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Wiebe
 Trustee Cacchioni opposed item 3 of the proposal from Glenmore Elementary School as he believed it could not be completed expeditiously.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

There were no Trustee queries.

ACTION ITEMS

Amendment to Policy 190 - Trustee Expenses

Notice of Motion served by Trustee Horning at the January 25, 2006 meeting:
(attachment)

Trustee Horning introduced the recommendation and reviewed suggested amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses.

Main

06P-024

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: At the February 5, 2006 Public Board Meeting, the Board amend Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses, as attached.

The Board discussed the amendments and the supplies required for a home office. The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that supplies such as cartridges would fall under Item 1.5. The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that if information was provided to his office on cartridges required, they could be made available to Trustees.

**The question was called on 06P-024.
CARRIED.**

Need for Second Board Meeting in March, 2006 (Spring Break is: March 11 – 26, 2006)

The Superintendent confirmed there were only four regular Board Meetings scheduled up to April 26, 2006. The Superintendent provided information to Trustees on items still to come before the Board over next couple of months.

Main

06P-025

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: There be a regular Public Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2006 commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the School Board Office.
CARRIED

District Racism Free Steering Committee

Request for Trustee Representation on Committee

At the Public Board Meeting of January 25, 2006, Terry-Lee Beaudry, Director of Instruction K-12 requested consideration of the Board to have a Trustee as a member of the District Racism-Free Steering Committee. Further information on the Committee was obtained from the Director of Instruction K-12 and was provided to the Board by the Secretary-Treasurer. Information provided by Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K-12, is that the next meetings are February 27, 2006, April 18, 2006 and June 20, 2006 (the last Tuesday of every second month).

By consensus, the Board agreed that Trustee Horning would be the Board of Trustees representative on the District Racism Free Steering Committee.

Adoption of Policy 423 - Health-Promoting Schools
Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee – Healthy Food Choices
(attachment)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee, Healthy Food Choices, introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-026 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board adopt new Policy 423 – Health-Promoting Schools, as attached.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley provided clarification as to the process for the development of Policy 423 – Health-Promoting Schools. Trustee Hunt-Binkley advised that the fourth paragraph under the Introduction “The Board believes a health-promoting school is one that constantly strengthens its capacity as a healthy setting for living, learning and working” is a statement from the World Health Organization. Trustee Hunt-Binkley confirmed that the requirement of the School Planning Council to report on their Healthy School Initiatives would not be required for the 2005/2006 school year.

Amendment

06P-027 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Board adopt new Policy 423 – Health-Promoting Schools, as attached, with the provision that School Planning Councils are not expected to report until the 2006/2007 school year.
CARRIED
Opposed: Trustee Nicholl

The Board continued to discuss the Main Motion 06P-026 as amended by Amendment 06P-027.

The question was called on Main Motion 06P-206 as amended in Amendment 06P-027.
CARRIED
Opposed: Trustee Nicholl

By consensus, the Board agreed to refer the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee – Healthy Food Choices to the General Affairs Committee.

Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in B.C. Schools 2005
Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee – Healthy Food Choices

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee – Healthy Food Choices, introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-028 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Board submit the following to the BCSTA:
“Title: Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in B.C. Schools 2005
Submitted by: School District No. 23
BE IT RESOLVED THAT BCSTA commend the Minister of Education and the Ministry of Health for their efforts in developing the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in B.C. Schools and that it urge the two Ministries to develop and adopt an implementation strategy which would include either financial or

professional support, including comprehensive specific product lists, for all Districts, so that every District can fully understand the guidelines and work towards their timely implementation for the benefit of all public education students in British Columbia.

RATIONALE:

- despite the guidelines being clear and concise they are complex;
- effecting the changes contemplated in the guidelines takes time and energy and the cooperation of all partners;
- holding a District wide forum for the school partners or hiring professionals to discuss the guidelines at the individual school level would be most beneficial;
- most schools and/or Districts do not have the financial or professional resources available to fully understand or implement the guidelines on their own;
- although the guidelines provide much valuable information, it is inconceivable that the average individual is able to take the time and effort to determine the rankings for all food and beverage products. A comprehensive specific product list which categorizes foods into the various groupings would enable individuals at the school and District level to understand the Guidelines and to implement them.”

The Board discussed the matter.

The question was called on 06P-028.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Valerie Broman, President, Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

- BCCPAC meeting being held in Kelowna November 16-19 and invitations will be sent to Trustees.
- Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2006 and members were thrilled that Minister Shirley Bond was able to attend.

Bob Shanks, President, Central Okanagan Teachers Association

- concerns about Central Okanagan Teachers Association representation from elementary, middle and secondary schools on the Ad Hoc Committee – Healthy Food Choices.
Trustee Hunt-Binkley confirmed there was representation on the Committee from elementary, middle and secondary schools.
Trustee Baxter confirmed that earlier in the meeting the Board referred the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee – Healthy Food Choices to the General Affairs Committee for review.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Field Trip Summary

(attachment)

Deadline – Proposals for Substantive Change

Proposals must be received by the Board prior to February 28th.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- Finance and Legal Committee
 - Director of Finance made a presentation on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at an Informational Meeting at Hollywood Road Education Services. One representative from the public attended.

Trustee Scanlan

- Personnel and Staff Services Committee
 - meeting held on February 1, 2006 and report will be provided shortly with recommendations to the Board.

Trustee Wiebe

- Education and Student Services Committee
 - meeting held on February 1, 2006 with recommendations to the Board including Early Learning and Development Framework for 3-5 Year Olds, Volunteer Handbook and Student Placement Policy.

Trustee Horning

- Planning and Facilities Committee
 - next meeting scheduled for February 15, 2006.
- Safe Schools Committee
 - meeting dates changed to first Wednesday of every month so that Councillor Michele Rule, City of Kelowna, is able to attend.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received: Labour Environmental Alliance Society re Toxins free schools
By consensus, the Board agreed to refer this letter to the Planning and Facilities Committee.
School District No. 59 (Peace River South) – copy of letter to Mr. Jay Hill MP re drug houses, marijuana grow operations and drug dealers
School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) re Health Promoting Schools, Healthy Active Students Forum
Tanya Culling re Glenmore Elementary School catchment area

Main
06P-029

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: At the February 8, 2006 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

New Date: Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 15, 2006 Committee II – Planning and Facilities
4:00 p.m. at School Board Office
Committee V – Finance and Legal Committee
6:00 p.m. at School Board Office
Committee V – Finance and Legal Committee
Budget Submissions
6:30 p.m. at School Board Office
March 1, 2006 Committee I – General Affairs
4:30 p.m. at School Board Office
Committee III – Education and Student Services
6:30 p.m. at School Board Office

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Report on Annual General Meeting
Friday, January 27, 2006 and Saturday, January 28, 2006
Richmond, British Columbia
Trustee Nicholl and Trustee Baxter attended.

Trustee Nicholl, as the Board's representative to the BC Public School Employers' Association, reported on her attendance at the Annual General Meeting.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

Trustee Academy and Provincial Council
February 23-25, 2006
Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel
Richmond, B.C.

Okanagan Branch Meeting
March 3 and 4, 2006
Vernon, B.C.

BCSTA Annual General Meeting
April 27 – 30, 2006
Prince George Civic Centre
Prince George, B.C.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Special Committee of the Whole – Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council proposals
General Affairs Committee – Composition of Ad Hoc Committee – Healthy Food Choices
Planning and Facilities Committee – Letter from Labour Environmental Alliance Society re Toxins
free schools

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer