



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008**
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, B.C.

Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee W. Horning
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley
Trustee S. Nicholl
Trustee G. Scanlan
Trustee C. Wiebe

Staff:
M. Roberts, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
H. Gloster, Assistant Superintendent
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	No representative
COTA	Tom Potts, President
COPVPA	No representative
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President
DSC	No representative

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Chairperson Moyra Baxter referenced Prime Minister Stephen Harper's apology, on behalf of the Country, delivered in the House of Commons on June 11, 2008. The apology was to the former students of the government's Indian Residential Schools and to their families and communities.

AGENDA

Main

08P-106 **MOVED** by Trustee Cacchioni, **SECONDED** by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Agenda for June 11, 2008 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

08P-107

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of May 28, 2008 be adopted as distributed/amended.
CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

- **Alignment of School and District Planning**

The Superintendent expressed appreciation to all individuals involved in the school planning process. The Achievement Contract is a reflection of the strong work effort of all individuals at all schools, senior staff and the Board of Education. In the compilation of the Achievement Contract, there is opportunity to reflect on the broad based involvement by everyone in School District No. 23, and the alignment of school plans with District initiatives.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

**Natalie Ormrod, Student, Kelowna Secondary School
Fourth in National Begbie Canadian History Contest**

Interior Health Tobacco Reduction – Multi-Media Contest 2007-08

Trustee Cacchioni presented Natalie with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin. Lindsay Gibson, who is Natalie's teacher at Kelowna Secondary School, was also introduced and presented with a School District pin.

Rutland Senior Secondary School

PSA:

First Place:

Hinterland's Who's Who: The Yellow Toothed Smoker

In attendance: Nicole Harris
Tom Prout

Not able to attend: Kat Bickert

Trustee Wiebe presented Certificates of Recognition and School District pins to Nicole and Tom.

Honourable Mention:

It's Hard to Quit

In attendance: Tom Prout

Trustee Wiebe presented a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin to Tom.

Print Ad: Banned

In attendance: Amber Choo

Trustee Wiebe presented a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin to Amber.

Song: Don't Smoke

Not able to attend: Michael Alaric

Presentation:

School District No. 23 – Laureate Award

Computerworld Honors Program

Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation

In attendance: Blair Hope, Learning Technology Department

Jason Schaad, Learning Technology Department

Blair Hope and Jason Schaad provided to the Board a powerpoint presentation

The Computerworld Honors Laureate Medal Ceremony was held in Washington, D.C. on June 2, 2008. Blair Hope and Jason Schaad attended on behalf of School District No. 23. The mission of the Search Directors for the Computerworld Honors Program is "A Search for New Heroes". Their goal is to "identify and record the accomplishments of the men and women, organizations and institutions that are creating the global best practices in leading the world's ongoing IT revolution". School District No. 23 was nominated by Cisco Systems. School District No. 23 was recognized as a Laureate and one of five finalists in the Education and Academia category. There were a total of 209 recognized Laureates representing 26 different countries.

The Superintendent thanked Blair and Jason for representing School District No. 23 and also congratulated everyone involved in all projects from the classroom, school, district and Board of Education levels. On behalf of the Board of Education, Chairperson Baxter expressed appreciation to Blair and Jason for their presentation. Jon Rever, Director of Technology and Education Services was introduced and also thanked for his vision for School District No. 23's technology programs.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

All trustees were provided with an opportunity to comment on their involvement, since the previous Board meeting, in District activities.

Trustee Baxter

There is a Grade Configuration Survey currently in distribution to all schools and partner groups. In relation to this survey, there was an article in the Daily Courier which referenced a potential middle school for the Mission area. For clarification, Trustee Baxter advised that due to the increase in student population in certain areas, there is an opportunity to review the unique needs of different regions of the School District. The Superintendent confirmed that information has been provided to all schools and partner groups. This is an opportunity for parents, partner groups and staff to provide opinions on the current grade configurations and possible options. Individual responses (either electronically or on paper) are due by June 30, 2008 while responses from partner groups are due by the end of September 2008. There will be a report to the Board by the Grade Configuration Committee at a Public Board Meeting in October of 2008.

ACTION ITEMS

Achievement Contract 2008/2009

(attachment – cover page only)

(The Achievement Contract 2008/2009 is available upon request, and is also available to view on the School District No. 23 website: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/BoardOfEducation/MeetingAgenda>.)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – May 7, 2008

Trustee Wiebe, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation. The Achievement Contract was reviewed in detail at the May 7, 2008 Public Education and Student Services Committee.

Main

08P-108

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Achievement Contract 2008/09, as presented and amended at the May 7, 2008 Education and Student Services Committee, for submission to the Ministry of Education by July 15, 2008.

In the creation of the Achievement Contract there was broad-based consultation with partner groups and committees. The Board discussed a few housekeeping amendments to be made to the Achievement Contract prior to submission to the Ministry of Education by the deadline date of July 15, 2008.

The Board discussed rather than the use of FSA and provincial results, in the future there will be the compiling and use of local data right down to the student level.

The question was called on 08P-108.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Hunt Binkley

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 13 – Election 2008

(attachment)

Recommendation:

The Secretary-Treasurer provided background information on the requirement for an Election Bylaw. With the new District of Westside there is the need to approve a new Election Bylaw. Although the Board of Education has requested a variance to the current Trustee electoral boundary on the Westside, no decision has been received from the Ministry of Education on this request. In the event the Ministry of Education does provide approval for the trustee electoral boundary change requested by the Board, an amendment to Bylaw No. 13 – Election 2008 will be brought forward to the Board immediately. The Board discussed the issue of the request for the electoral boundary change to the Ministry of Education and not having received a response to date. Considerable concern was expressed by Trustees at the delay in receiving a response from the Minister.

Main

08P-109

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,

THAT: At the June 11, 2008, Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education give first and second reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 13 – Election 2008.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Nicholl

Main

08P-110

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 13 – Election 2008, as attached and as presented at the June 11, 2008 Public Board Meeting, be read a first and second time this 11th day of June, 2008.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Nicholl

The third reading of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 13 – Election 2008 will be scheduled for the Public Board Meeting of June 25, 2008.

The Board discussed contacting the Ministry of Education and requesting a reply to the Board of Education's request to vary the trustee electoral boundaries on the Westside.

Main

08P-111

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education asking for a decision on the Board's request to change the trustee electoral boundaries on the Westside.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Karen Bernath, Professional Development Chairperson, COTA

- Karen Bernath, on behalf of COTA, formally invited the Board to attend the COTA Summer Professional Days "Teacher Matters".....because Teachers Matter, being held August 26-28, 2008 at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

7:10 Bill Zeman, President, CUPE left the meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Field Trips for 2007/2008

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2008/2009

(attachment)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Baxter

- General Affairs Committee – June 4, 2008

The Committee reviewed and discussed a report and recommendations from the Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES).

The Committee also discussed the acceptance/distribution of large donations by individual schools. Any further discussion is deferred to the November General Affairs Committee.

Trustee Wiebe

- Education and Student Services Committee – June 4, 2008

The Committee received presentations on two new programs to be offered in School District No. 23. The “Roots of Empathy” Program introduces a family with an infant into the classroom. The family will make periodic visits to the classroom in order that the students can interact with the infant and observe the development of the infant over a period of time. This program is a strategy which supports the School District No. 23 Student Readiness Program – 14 Point Action Plan. The program will be piloted at Peter Greer Elementary School and Quigley Elementary School. The other program is a Firefighting Program at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. This pilot program is in partnership with the Westside Fire Department. This program would involve 16 grade 11 and 12 students. At the completion of the course students are able to enroll in the College of the Rockies Firefighting Program immediately after graduation rather than being placed on a waiting list.

Trustee Wiebe explained that neither of these programs were forwarded to the Board for approval as they fall under the authority of previously approved courses. If either of the programs expand and more curricular requirements are added, Board authorization may be required.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: The Corporation of the District of Peachland regarding funding towards playground equipment for Peachland Elementary School Preschool and renovations to handicapped washroom
BCSTA regarding disposal of surplus School District property
Referred to the Planning and Facilities Committee.
Kevin Krueger, Minister of State for Mining, regarding gravel pit proposals and consultation with School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)
School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) – copy of letter to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper regarding United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
School District No. 59 (Peace River South) – copy of letter to The Honourable Jim Prentice regarding Copyright Act
School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding funding for 2008/2009 school year
School District No. 38 (Richmond) – copy of letter to C. Denesiuk, President, BCSTA, regarding Ministry of Education initiatives
School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) – copy of letter to James Gorman, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, regarding Annual Facilities Grant Funding

Main

08P-112

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: At the June 11, 2008 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Special Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

June 18, 2008
4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee
6:30 Finance and Legal Committee

September 17, 2008
1:00 Finance and Legal Committee
If there is a need, there may be a Planning and Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for September.

October 1, 2008
4:30 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Planning and Facilities Committee

BCSTA correspondence received regarding disposal of surplus School District property

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 13 – Election 2008 – Third Reading

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer