



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 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	Liz Therres, President
COTA	Tom Potts, President (arrived at 7:25)
COPVPA	No representative
CUPE	David Tether, Vice-President
	Deb Roseleine, Recording Secretary
DSC	No representative – sent regrets

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

AGENDA

Add	Action	Material for item 7.2 – School Planning Council Goals 2008/2009
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AGENDA

Main

08P-100 **MOVED** by Trustee Cacchioni, **SECONDED** by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Agenda for May 28, 2008 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES – May 14, 2008

Amend Page 10 – Main Motion 08P-097 – change seconder for Motion from Trustee Hunt-Nicholl to Trustee Hunt-Binkley

MINUTES

Main

08P-101 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of May 14, 2008 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

- **Primary Screener Data**

The Superintendent provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled “School District No. 23 – Use and Results of the Primary Screener”.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Samantha Makarenko, Student, Rutland Senior Secondary School

Appointment to the National Team for the World Biology Competition

Trustee Horning presented Samantha with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin.

Hugh Gloster, Assistant Superintendent, provided an overview of the Public Speaking Contest format.

The Downtown Rotary Club Representative:

Dennis Campbell

Trustee Cacchioni presented Dennis Campbell, as the representative of The Downtown Rotary Club, with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin.

The Downtown Rotary Club/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest Winners

Students: Grade 6:

Matthew Wizinsky, Hudson Road Elementary School

Laura Andrews, Hudson Road Elementary School

Courtney Hemmerling, North Glenmore Elementary School

Trustee Cacchioni presented Laura and Courtney with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin. Matthew was unable to attend the meeting.

Grade 7:

Baylee Hunt, Rutland Middle School

Katerina Maryschuk, Davidson Road Elementary School

Georgia Dockstader, Oyama Traditional School

Trustee Cacchioni presented Baylee and Katerina with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin. Georgia was unable to attend the meeting.

School District No. 23 Representatives:

Peter Maryschuk, Vice-Principal, Glenmore Elementary School

Ross Dumontet, District Principal – Human Resources

Sarah Murdoch Black, Teacher, North Glenmore Elementary School

Trustee Cacchioni presented Peter and Sarah with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin. Ross was unable to attend the meeting.

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 Hunt-Binkley

- Trustee Hunt-Binkley recently attended a George Elliot Secondary School Parent Advisory Council meeting. At that meeting concerns were expressed over the BCeSIS program.
The Superintendent responded that there continue to be areas of concern and challenges with regard to BCeSIS at the secondary level. There continues to be consultation with the Ministry of Education in an effort to address concerns, and progress is being made.
- Trustee Hunt-Binkley has been contacted by a parent expressing concern with the funding by the B.C. Liquor Control Board for Dry Grad. The parent would like to request that a portion of the funds provided to the schools by the B.C. Liquor Control Board for Dry Grad is targeted towards educating students.
As the Board does not have control over the funds provided to the schools by the B.C. Liquor Control Board, Trustee Baxter suggested that the parent make a presentation at a COPAC meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan – July 2008

(attachment – cover page only)

(The Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan – July 2008 was available upon request, and was also available to view on the School District No. 23 website:

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/BoardOfEducation/MeetingAgenda.>)

In attendance: Anima Anand, Chairperson Literacy Task Force and Program Coordinator, The Bridge Youth & Family Services

Amanda Turner, Plan Developer, The Bridge Youth & Family Services

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 Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan – July 2008 was reviewed in detail at the Education and Student Services Committee on May 7, 2008.

Main

08P-102

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board approve the Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan – July 2008, as amended at the May 7, 2008 Education and Student Services Committee.

The Central Okanagan Community and School District No. 23 Literacy Plan – July 2008 is a partnership of the School District with a variety of community organizations from Lake Country to the Westside to improve community literacy. The Plan is intended to serve four neighbourhoods: Westside, Central Kelowna, Rutland and Lake Country. There are also four pillars to be incorporated into the four neighbourhood literacy plans: early learning, K-12 learning, adult learning and Aboriginal learning. The funding for the formation of the Literacy Plan is through 2010 LegaciesNow and is separate from the K-12 Literacy Grant funding received from the Ministry of Education. The Plan must be approved by the Board and submitted to the Ministry of Education by July 15. The Chairperson and Superintendent both expressed thanks to the Committee and to Anima Anand and Amanda Turner (in attendance) for their commitment to community literacy.

The question was called on 08P-102.

CARRIED

School Planning Council Goals 2008/2009

(information provided at meeting)

Recommendation:

Main

08P-103

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

THAT: The Board approve the School Planning Council Goals as attached and as presented at the May 28, 2008 Public Board meeting.

CARRIED

The Board expressed thanks to all those involved in the School Planning Council meetings.

Property Bylaw No. 106 – Sale of Former Bellevue Creek Elementary School Site to the City of Kelowna

(attachment)

Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, provided background information to the Board for clarification. In compliance with the School Act, Disposal of Land or Improvements Order, surplus properties must first be offered for sale for alternate government use before a public sale is allowable. The B.C. Ministry of Education and BC Labour and Citizens' Services reviewed the property and declined purchase. The property was then offered to the City of Kelowna who expressed an interest.

Main

08P-104

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first and second reading to School District No. 23 Property Bylaw No. 106, as attached and as presented at the May 28, 2008 Public Board Meeting, for the sale of the property known as the former Bellevue Creek Elementary School site, located at 4574 Raymer Road, Kelowna, British Columbia, and legally described as Lot 4, District Lot 357,

**Osoyoos Division Yale District, Plan 27149 (PID 004-905-121), to the City of Kelowna, for seven million two hundred thousand dollars (\$7,200,000.00), as per the terms and conditions of the Contract of Purchase and Sale, dated May 22, 2008;
AND FURTHER THAT: The Board of Education certifies that the sale of the subject property shall have no adverse effect on the educational programs provided in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).
CARRIED**

The third reading of Property Bylaw No. 106 – Sale of Former Bellevue Creek Elementary School Site to the City of Kelowna will take place at the June 11, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

Implementation of Board Budget Decision

(attachment)

The Board discussed the recommended expense reductions. In response to a query from Trustee Horning on the elimination of 5.5 FTE custodial positions, the Superintendent advised that there will be the creation of two additional full-time custodial positions for rentals off-setting some of this cut. There will be no custodial lay-offs although some custodians will have their hours reduced. The Superintendent provided clarification on the School Funding Allocation Adjustments. Trustee Baxter requested clarification from the Superintendent on the Communication Officer position reducing to part-time and the savings of \$27,000.00. The Superintendent will obtain clarification on this figure from the Director of Finance.

The Board discussed the reduction of hourly CEA allocations by 270 hours/week. The Superintendent confirmed that the School District is hoping to receive \$300,000.00+ in the mid-year grant from the Ministry of Education. With this grant, there would possibly be sufficient funds to replace the CEA hours removed at the beginning of the school year.

Carbon Use Reduction Initiatives Update

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2007/2008

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2008/2009

(attachment)

Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) Executive Election Results

(attachment)

Month End Enrolment – April 2008

(attachment)

Reformatting of International Education Department

(attachment)

The Board discussed the reformatting of the International Education Department.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- Finance and Legal Committee

At the May 21, 2008 Public Finance and Legal Committee meeting, the Committee received a presentation from Jon Rever, Director of Technology and Education Services, on the implementation of BCeSIS in School District No. 23. The cost of BCeSIS in School District No. 23 is approximately \$10.00 per student per year for a total of approximately \$200,000.00 annually.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Tree Canada Foundation in support of the application of Mount Boucherie Secondary School for a Grant
The Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation, regarding upgrading of Highway 33
Connie Denesiuk, President of BCSTA, regarding following up with Ministry of Education on closing and disposing of schools given possibility of all day Kindergarten and space for early learning

7:25 Tom Potts, President of COTA, arrived.

Received: CUPE B.C. regarding Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) and Special Education Assistants
School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) – copy of letter to BCPSEA and PEBT regarding Tobacco Control Act
Referred to the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee.
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding 2008/09 Annual Budget
School District No. 38 (Richmond) – copy of letter to The Honourable C. Hansen, Minister of Economic Development regarding TILMA
School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) – copy of letter to The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry, regarding Copyright Act: Educational Exemption

Main

08P-105

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: At the May 28, 2008 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

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

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) – copy of letter to BCPSEA and PEBT regarding Tobacco Control Act

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer