



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008**  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: School Board Office  
1940 Underhill Street  
Kelowna, B.C.

## Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)	Staff:
Trustee R. Cacchioni	M. Roberts, Superintendent
Trustee W. Horning	L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley	H. Gloster, Assistant Superintendent
Trustee S. Nicholl (left meeting at 6:24 p.m.)	M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Trustee G. Scanlan	
Trustee C. Wiebe	

## Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Liz Therres, President
	Sharlene Drohomereski, Vice-President
COTA	Tom Potts, President
COPVPA	Vianne Kintzinger, Treasurer
CUPE	Deb Roseleine, Executive Member
DSC	No representative

## ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

## AGENDA

Add	New	New Action Item 7.4 – Resolution in support of application for Early Learning/Literacy Grant Money from the School Community Connections Program 2008 through the BC School Trustees Association & the Union of BC Municipalities
Move	Presentation	Move item 4.1 to take place before the Superintendent's Report

## AGENDA

### Main

08P-159 **MOVED** by Trustee Cacchioni, **SECONDED** by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Agenda for October 22, 2008 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

## MINUTES

Main

08P-160

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of October 8, 2008 be adopted as distributed.**  
**CARRIED**

## RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

### Presentation:

#### **Youth Advisory Committee**

In attendance: Mayor Sharon Shepherd, City of Kelowna  
Mandy Kraft, Student, Kelowna Secondary School  
Stephanie Martens, Student, George Elliot Secondary School

Mandy and Stephanie provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Mayor's Youth Forum which was established in the Spring of 2006. The next forum is scheduled for Friday, November 7, 2008 from 8:30 – 3:30 at the Kelowna Curling Rink. The Mayor's Youth Forum is a full day forum consisting of 10-20 students from each high school within School District No. 23, Kelowna Christian School and Immaculata High School. Previous topics include culture, parks, social issues, environment, transit and the topic for the November 7, 2008 Mayor's Youth Forum is water. There is a forum scheduled twice a year – in the Spring and in the Fall.

Those students interested in the Youth Advisory Committee are required to apply and if chosen students receive credit for their involvement.

Trustee Baxter presented a School District pin to Mandy, Stephanie and Mayor Sharon Shepherd.

6.24 Trustee Nicholl left the meeting.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided information on Tracking Student Performance Within Districts – Grade 4 FSA Reading Comprehension vs. Grade 10 English.

## RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

### Presentation:

#### **Grade Configuration Review Committee Report**

In attendance: Vianne Kintzinger, Principal, George Elliot Secondary School  
Murray MacKenzie, Principal, Davidson Road Elementary School  
Carol MacWilliams, Principal, K.L.O. Middle School  
Scott McLean, Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School  
Charles Schneider, Principal, Casorso Elementary School

The Superintendent introduced the members of the Committee in attendance. Through the School District No. 23 Strategic Plan, the Board authorized staff to form a committee to

complete a report on grade configurations across the District. The Superintendent provided an overview of the changes to the grade configurations since the last major review in 1990. Carol MacWilliams provided information on the research conducted in the Literature Review, Murray MacKenzie and Scott McLean provided information on the Facilities, and Vianne Kintzinger and Charles Schneider provided information on the procedure for the distribution of the survey and the responses received. The Superintendent reviewed the Committee's recommendations which are made as a result of the information obtained through the review process.

*Referral*  
08P-161

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board receive the Grade Configuration Review Report and refer the Report to the General Affairs Committee for consideration.**  
**CARRIED**

7:14 Liz Therres, President, COPAC, left 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 Scanlan**

- Trustee Scanlan requested that the Board schedule individual meetings with the three area MLAs, if a group meeting is not possible. The purpose of the meetings would be to discuss concerns over inadequate funding, special education, carbon tax and the budget setting process.

**By consensus, the Board agreed to forward letters of invitation to each MLA for a time to meet in the new year (2009).**

#### **Trustee Hunt-Binkley**

- The Board previously received a letter from the George Elliot Secondary School Parent Advisory Council with regard to the RCMP School Liaison Officer Training Program. Trustee Hunt-Binkley queried if any follow-up had occurred with the District of Lake Country regarding the fact that there is no RCMP School Liaison Officer in Lake Country. Trustee Baxter also noted that there is no RCMP School Liaison Officer on the Westside either.

*The Superintendent confirmed that the issue of RCMP School Liaison Officers was further discussed with the RCMP and will be included on the Agenda for the liaison meetings with the affected Municipalities.*

## ACTION ITEMS

### **Provincial Class Size/Class Composition Consultation Report**

(The Provincial Class Size/Class Composition Consultation Report 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: Rod Odlum, Director of Instruction – Human Resources

Rod Odlum, Director of Instruction – Human Resources, provided an overview of the Provincial Class Size/Class Composition Report for 2008/2009. The report contains the Superintendent's Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation and confirmation that the organization of classes is in compliance with the provisions of the School Act. Also included is a Declaration from each individual Principal and a listing of Class Size and Composition of each class within each school. A summary is included within the Report of all class sizes where classes have exceeded the guidelines for the number of students and providing the rationale for the exceptions. The report is to be forwarded to the Ministry of Education prior to the deadline date of October 30, 2008.

#### *Main*

08P-162

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

**THAT: The Board receive and approve the Provincial Class Size/Class Composition Consultation Report, as presented at the October 22, 2008 Public Board Meeting.**

The Board discussed the exceptions to the class size requirements and the Director of Instruction – Human Resources responded to questions.

Tom Potts, President of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, provided observations of the Report, and the circumstances which may present challenges to teachers within the District. He also congratulated the Human Resources department for the way the process was conducted.

**The question was called on 08P-162.**

**CARRIED**

### **Board Correspondence Received**

**School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Carbon Tax**

Deferred from the October 8, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – September 17, 2008  
(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer provided to the Board a News Release issued by the Office of the Premier dated September 24, 2008 titled *Municipalities Receive Climate Action Incentive*. The News Release states that the Province “will also be working with boards of education to create a similar charter that gives them that same revenue opportunity by committing to carbon neutrality”.

#### *Main*

08P-163

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

**THAT: The Board write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding the impact of the Carbon Tax on School District No. 23.**

The Board discussed the contents of the letter to be addressed to the Minister of Education to include acknowledgement of the information contained in the News Release of September 24, 2008 and that the Board of Education of School District No. 23 looks forward to receiving further information.

**The question was called on 08P-163.  
CARRIED**

**Input to Provincial Government 2009 Budget Planning Process**

**Deadline Date: October 24, 2008**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – October 15, 2008

Trustee Baxter provided to all partner groups in attendance a draft of a letter directed to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services referencing input to the 2009/2010 Provincial Budget.

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08P-164

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

**THAT: The Board write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding input to the budget including all the points raised at the Finance and Legal Committee on October 15, 2008, and request all partner groups to also sign the letter.**

**CARRIED**

All partner group representatives in attendance agreed to sign the letter.

**Resolution in support of application for Early Learning/Literacy Grant Money from the School Community Connections Program 2008 through the BC School Trustees Association & the Union of BC Municipalities**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the District Preschool Partnerships Committee – October 21, 2008

Trustee Cacchioni, as the Board of Education representative on the District Preschool Partnerships Committee, provided clarification on the proposed Grant applications. As part of the Grant applications, support is also to be provided by the local Government. A letter has been requested and signed by Mayor Sharon Shepherd. The deadline for the Grant applications is October 30, 2008.

*Main*

08P-165

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

**THAT: The Board endorse the School Community Connections Program Grant applications for:**

**Proposal No. 1 – Purchase children’s language and literacy resources for use in the StrongStart Centers within School District No. 23.**

**Proposal No. 2 – Create a community preschool-focused lending library in partnership with the existing library at A.S. Matheson Elementary.**

**Proposal No. 3 – Dreamcatcher Aboriginal Children’s Lending Library housed at the Aboriginal Preschool in Quigley Elementary.**

**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Grade Configuration Review Report**

(attachment)

As discussed earlier in the Public Board meeting, the Grade Configuration Review Report has been deferred to the General Affairs Committee for consideration.

#### **General Statement**

(attachment)

#### **Field Trips for 2008/2009**

(attachment)

#### **Month End Enrolment – September 2008**

(attachment)

### **BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Planning and Facilities Committee Report – October 15, 2008**

Trustee Horning reviewed the recommendations from the Planning and Facilities Committee meeting of October 15, 2008 which will be forwarded to the Board for approval at the November 12, 2008 Public Board Meeting, including School Enhancement Project Funding Agreements for Adventure Playgrounds for A.S. Matheson Elementary School and Bankhead Elementary School, a School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement for a Student Garden at Glenmore Elementary School, amendments to Policy 470 and new Regulation 470R – Transportation Services Management, amendments to Policy 475 and Regulation 475 – Transportation: Authority and Responsibility, the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report and a Request for a Statutory Right-of-Way by the Regional District of Central Okanagan for the Trepanier Creek Greenway. Two information items will also be forwarded to the Board including Summer Projects 2008 and the 2009/2010 Five Year Capital Plan Update.

#### **Finance and Legal Committee Report – October 15, 2008**

Trustee Cacchioni as the Acting Chairperson at the October 15, 2008 Finance and Legal Committee Meeting, provided information on the October 15, 2008 Committee meeting. It was the agreement of the Committee to have one budget presentation for all partner groups, and include the School Planning Councils, prior to the scheduled COPAC meeting on Monday, February 2, 2009. The amended Proposed Budget Timeline and Consultation Process will be forwarded to the November 12, 2008 Public Board Meeting for approval by the Board.

## BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

**Sent:**

**Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board:**

Royal Bank of Canada regarding RBC Wicket Cricket

**Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:**

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) – copy of letter sent to Minister of Education and Minister responsible for Early Learning and Literacy

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08P-166

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

**THAT: At the October 22, 2008 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

## FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

*As the Secretary-Treasurer will be absent, the Director of Finance, Eileen Sadowski, will be in attendance.*

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

## SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

### BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### **November 5, 2008**

4:30 General Affairs Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

#### **November 19, 2008**

1:00 Finance and Legal Committee

4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee

### ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

#### **Inaugural Meeting**

Date: Monday, December 8, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Board Room

School Board Office

**BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

**BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION**

**October 2008 Provincial Council**

Date: October 24 and 25, 2008

Location: Coast Plaza Hotel  
Vancouver, B.C.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley will be attending on behalf of the Board.

The Board reviewed the six Motions which will be presented at the Provincial Council meeting.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES**

**General Affairs Committee**

Grade Configuration Review Report

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer