



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009**

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, B.C.

Attending:

Trustee R. Cacchioni (Chairperson)

Trustee M. Baxter

Trustee G. Given

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley

Trustee G. Scanlan

Trustee J. Watson

Absent: Trustee W. Horning

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

Vianne Kintzinger, Treasurer

CUPE

Bill Zeman, President

DSC

Jessica Lenoble, Member

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

AGENDA

Add

Board Correspondence

Correspondence Directed to the Board

- Reg Volk regarding Foundation Skills Assessment
- Terri Nakayama, Chair, Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES) regarding Response to Survey Questions and the General Affairs Report dated June 4, 2008

AGENDA

Main

09P-013

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Agenda for January 28, 2009 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES – January 14, 2009

Amend Page 3 – Trustee Queries/Comments
Trustee Watson

- Trustee Watson attended the recent ~~COPAC~~ PAC meeting at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School. One of the items of discussion pertained to the issue of bus transportation. Trustee Watson will provide the information to the Safe Schools Committee.

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Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- Trustee Hunt-Binkley recently spoke with Mayor James Baker of the District of Lake Country with regard to the funding of an RCMP liaison officer in Lake Country. Mayor Baker indicated that the Council of the District of Lake Country is prepared to provide ~~the~~ some financial support for an RCMP liaison.

MINUTES

Main

09P-014

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of January 14, 2009 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Scanlan (absent from meeting)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

Early Registration Update

Early registration at all School District No. 23 schools commenced on Monday, January 12, 2009. This registration period is an opportunity for parents to register students for Kindergarten and for students from private schools to register for public education. This spring registration period determines the projection of students for the following year. Over the past ten years School District No. 23 has shown a modest decline in enrolment with the exception of last year when there was a slight increase in enrolment. The Kindergarten registrations during the early registration period continues to support a slight increase in enrolment for September. The breakdown of enrolment by area indicates that Lake Country elementary schools are at projection, although French Immersion Kindergarten registration at Peter Greer Elementary School is low. North Glenmore Elementary School and Watson Road Elementary School have surpassed Kindergarten enrolment over last year. The Kindergarten enrolment in the older areas of the City, such as near Bankhead Elementary School, are continuing to show a declining trend. On the Westside, French Immersion Kindergarten enrolment shows an increase at George Pringle Elementary School. The area showing significant growth is in the Rose Valley Elementary School and Shannon Lake Elementary School catchment areas. Between the two schools there are currently approximately 120 Kindergarten students registered for September. The Board's number one request is for a new school in the area between Rose Valley Elementary School and Shannon Lake Elementary School. There continues to be rapid growth in the Mission area. The Kindergarten registration at Chute Lake Elementary School is at 49 students, with an additional 49 at Anne McClymont Elementary School. In the Rutland area, there are currently 60 students registered for Kindergarten at Rutland Elementary School with room available at area schools. With the new subdivisions in the Black Mountain area, there will be continued growth at Black Mountain Elementary School.

Trustee Baxter requested information to be provided to Trustees.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Presentation:

Harmony Day – February 9, 2009

Presentation of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Human Rights Declaration

In attendance: Terry Beaudry, Director of Instruction K-12
Michelle Hewitt, Principal, Oyama Traditional School
Leigh-Ann Yanow, teacher, Anne McClymont Elementary School

The Chairperson introduced Terry Beaudry, Director of Instruction K-12 who subsequently introduced the Co-Chairs of Harmony Day, Michelle Hewitt, Principal of Oyama Traditional School and Leigh-Ann Yanow, teacher at Anne McClymont Elementary School. The first Harmony Day in School District No. 23 was held on February 11, 2008. This year's Declaration is as a result of a culmination of feedback from Committees after last year's Harmony Day. The Declaration has been framed by donation from Kelowna Community Resources. The Board was presented with a framed Harmony Day Declaration.

Recognition:

Harmony Day Video Award Winners

To celebrate Harmony Day, students were invited to participate in the production of a short video that promotes Human Rights and highlights the importance of respect for diversity. Nine entries were submitted and two entries have been chosen as the winning entries. The winning elementary school video was from Rose Valley Elementary School titled "Harmony Day" and the winning middle school video was from KLO Middle School titled "Let's Celebrate". Each group was awarded \$200.00 each of which 50% of the funds were to be distributed to the video creators and 50% of the funds to be donated to a charity of choice.

Rose Valley Elementary School – "Harmony Day"

Students: Sydney Allan
Brynn Tucker
Cameron Macfarlane
Siara Less
Lauren Siemers
Teachers: Jim Bradshaw
Jim Durose

KLO Middle School – "Let's Celebrate"

Students: Carolynne Dumontet
Leighton Gabbidon
Alysha Southam
Administrator: Carol MacWilliams

The winning videos were shown.

Trustee Watson introduced the Rose Valley Elementary School "Harmony Day" team and each team member and teacher received a Certificate of Congratulations and School District pin.

Trustee Given introduced the KLO Middle School “Let’s Celebrate” team and each team member and Carol MacWilliams received a Certificate of Congratulations and School District pin.

Proclamation/Declaration:

Harmony Day – February 9, 2009

The Chairperson read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the School District No. 23 community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day allows School District No. 23 to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment where every student develops the knowledge and skills to be a lifelong learner and a healthy productive member of the global society; and,
THEREFORE I, Rolli Cacchioni, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 9, 2009 as Harmony Day in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

School Bus Safety Week – February 2, 2009 through to February 6, 2009

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – January 21, 2009

The Chairperson read the following Declaration:

I DO SO DECLARE THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declare the week of February 2, 2009 through to February 6, 2009 as “School Bus Safety Week” in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) supporting the theme “Stop on Red, Kids Ahead”.

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.

ACTION ITEMS

Foundation Skills Assessment Testing and Publishing of Results

Referred from the January 14, 2009 Incamera Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed the following recommendations:

Main

09P-015

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

Resolution to BCSTA

RATIONALE: The ranking of schools and school districts is seen as both unfair and counterproductive to the betterment of public education in British Columbia.

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT: BCSTA lobby the Ministry of Education to work towards having FOIPOP legislation changed so that limitations are placed on the access of information that outside organizations can use to rank schools and school districts.

CARRIED

The deadline for submission of Motions for the BCSTA AGM is February 20, 2009.

Main

09P-016

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

Resolution to BCSTA

RATIONALE: The issues surrounding the Foundation Skills Assessment continue to be disruptive to schools and the learning process for students.

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT: The BCSTA lobby the Provincial Government to invite all partner groups to the Education Round Table in order to seek a common and long-term resolution to the situation regarding FSA.

Bill Zeman, President of CUPE, advised that CUPE is not a member of the Education Round Table.

The question was called on 09P-016.

CARRIED

The deadline for submission of Motions for the BCSTA AGM is February 20, 2009.

Main

09P-017

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) write to the Ministry of Education expressing concerns regarding the current controversy over the Foundation Skills Assessment, the ranking of schools, and the disruption to the learning environment for students.

The Board discussed the contents of the letter to the Ministry of Education also make reference to Motion 09P-015 and 09P-016.

The question was called on 09P-017.

CARRIED

The Board discussed the letter dated January 20, 2009 from the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association forwarded to each individual Trustee. The Board agreed to reply to the letter of January 20, 2009 in order to provide a clear understanding of the Board's position, as follows:

Bullet 1

"Not directing teachers to administer the 09 FSA test"

- The Board, through the Superintendent, has already directed teachers to administer the 2009 FSA test.

Bullet 2

"Not disciplining teachers for refusing to administer the test."

- The Superintendent advised that the process for disciplining of teachers who do not administer the FSA exams will be reviewed at the completion of the testing period. A teacher who contravenes a directive would receive a letter of reprimand which may be also provided to the British Columbia College of Teachers. If there are further extenuating circumstances separate from refusal of the directive, other levels of discipline may occur.

Bullet 3 and 4

"Sending a letter to all grade 4 and 7 parents similar to the one being sent home by the boards in Vancouver and Coquitlam (Vancouver example included) to inform them of the opt-out procedure".

"Acceding to the wishes of those who request that their children be exempted for 'extenuating' circumstances.

- The Superintendent advised that the Ministerial Order indicates that all able students are to complete the FSA exams. Upon request Principals will speak with individual parents to review circumstances for the parents request for exemption of their child writing the FSA exams. The Central Okanagan Teachers' Association and the School District have both provided letters to parents of grade 4 and 7 students outlining the expectation of student participation. The School District letter included that Principals may also excuse a student in the event of a family emergency, a lengthy illness or other extenuating circumstances. Each parent request for exemption for extenuating circumstances would be reviewed separately with the principal and parent.

Bullet 5

"Sending a letter to the Minister that states the board's objection to the ranking of schools based upon the results and that advocates for administration on a random sample basis with neither schools nor students identified".

- The Board earlier in the meeting approved three Motions. One of the Motions included writing a letter to the Ministry of Education expressing concerns regarding the current controversy over the Foundation Skills Assessment, the ranking of schools, and the disruption to the learning environment for students.

Main

09P-018

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

THAT: The Board write a letter to the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association in response to their letter of January 20, 2009, including in the letter the comments of the Board at the January 28, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Achieving A Necessary Future Program Review

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – January 7, 2009

Jeff Watson, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation. The Education and Student Services Committee initially were presented with the *Achieving A Necessary Future: Beyond the First Five Years* program review at the October 1, 2008 meeting. The Committee at that time requested revisions and that the program review be brought back to a future meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee for further discussion. The revised program review was presented at the January 7, 2009 Education and Student Services Committee meeting.

Main

09P-019

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the *Achieving A Necessary Future Program Review*, including guiding principles, as attached and as presented at the January 28, 2009 Public Board Meeting;
AND FURTHER THAT: The *Achieving A Necessary Future Program* continue with the suggested improvements outlined in the report.
CARRIED

The Learning Centre Review

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – January 7, 2009

Jeff Watson, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

09P-020

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the continued operation of The Learning Centre as a support structure within School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).
CARRIED

Grade Configuration Review

(attachment – Memo only)

(The Grade Configuration Review Report and Appendix was available upon request, and was also available to view on the School District No. 23 website: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca>.)

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee – January 7, 2009

Trustee Cacchioni, as Chairperson of the General Affairs Committee, introduced the recommendation. The Grade Configuration Review Report was presented to the Board on October 22, 2008 with the Superintendent and the Grade Configuration Review Committee.

Main

09P-021

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Board, based on the 2008 Grade Configuration Review process and the recommendation of the General Affairs Committee, commit to the following:
1. The current District grade configurations not be changed at this time; either in whole or in specific neighbourhoods.

2. **Should full day Kindergarten and preschools need to be added to elementary schools across the School District, the implications of such changes be included in a *review of grade configuration at all levels. Moving all current grade 6 and elementary based grade 7 students to middle schools and grade 9s to secondary schools, where applicable, is seen as the most likely option. The Capital Construction Plan should be adjusted to meet the resulting pressure on secondary facilities.**
**Note: Review and recommendation by senior staff*
3. **Should the implementation of full day Kindergarten and preschools be ruled out by the Ministry of Education, there should be no change in the District grade configuration until such time as a substantial majority of students throughout the School District can be accommodated in any new grade configuration and within available budget. The intent of this recommendation is to ensure there is not a further fracturing of District grade configuration into multiple structures or a substantial drain on budget to facilitate change.**
4. **The School District continues to pursue a major addition and updating of Okanagan Mission Secondary, with the addition to be purpose built to meet the needs of a senior secondary school grade configuration (either grades 10 to 12 or grades 9 to 12).**
5. **Once Okanagan Mission Secondary reaches the maximum number of students (grades 8 to 12) suitable for the current site, construction of a feeder middle school serving the Mission neighbourhood be pursued, and that any such middle school match the standard District grade configuration in place at that time.**
6. **George Elliot Secondary retains a grades 8 to 12 configuration at this time, but should it be necessary to move grade 7s out of area elementary schools due to overcrowding, George Elliot Secondary would become a grades 7 to 12 school. The early grades within the building should be accommodated through a “school within a school” middle-years program.**
7. **Mount Boucherie Secondary School remains as the only secondary school on the Westside until such time as there are a sufficient number of students to justify an additional senior secondary for the area. No reduction in the number of grades served by the school should be implemented even if enrollment numbers rise.**
8. **The District Capital Plan should be updated on a yearly basis toward meeting these educational objectives.**
9. **The District Capital Plan and long-range Strategic Plan should identify the need for, and plans to acquire, a middle school in the Mission area, a North Glenmore secondary school site, an additional Westside secondary school site, and elementary school sites to accommodate additional elementary students throughout the District.**

10. The need for age appropriate educational programming and structures be emphasized with staff throughout the School District. This is especially needed at the preschool and middle school levels.

11. District Policy 605 – Educational Facility Planning remain as written.

Trustee Cacchioni made specific reference to item 1 of the recommendation which states that “The current District grade configurations not be changed at this time; either in whole or in specific neighbourhoods”. In response to a query from Trustee Hunt-Binkley, the Superintendent confirmed that should full day Kindergarten and preschools need to be added to elementary schools across the School District, moving all current grade 6 and elementary based grade 7 students to middle schools and grade 9s to secondary schools would be the currently recommended option. The Capital Construction Plan would then need to be adjusted to meet the resulting pressure on secondary facilities. Any substantive change in District grade configuration or adjustment to the Capital Construction Plan would come back to the Board for a final decision.

The Superintendent provided clarification on the terms “reaches the maximum number of students suitable for the current site” and “overcrowding”. The maximum number of students suitable for the current site refers to the physical site maximum being reached as a result of such factors such as: sewer capacity, no more space on the site to add portables, available washroom space, electrical and parking limitations. At the time any changes are be considered there would be additional consultation. The School District No. 23 space capacity utilization has been at 108%, which is the highest space capacity utilization in the Province.

**The question was called on 09P-021.
CARRIED**

Draft Climate Action Charter

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – January 21, 2009

Trustee Baxter, as Acting Chairperson for the Planning and Facilities Committee at the January 21, 2009 Committee meeting, introduced the recommendation.

Main

09P-022

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board forward the Draft Climate Action Charter, along with the points for consideration as developed by the Planning and Facilities Committee, to the BCSTA.

The deadline to respond to BCSTA is January 31, 2009.

The points for consideration, as prepared by the Planning and Facilities Committee, to be forwarded to the BCSTA include:

1. The ‘Parties’ indicates multiple Boards are involved in the agreement, however, on the signature page only one Board is signing the document. A single Board cannot sign on behalf of multiple Boards. Therefore, the agreement should be modified to reflect only one Board or the signatory page should be expanded to include all Boards that are willing to sign the document.
2. 1(g) - The term ‘price signal’ is undefined. Perhaps the word price should be deleted.
3. 3(a) - There is an apostrophe missing at the end of the word ‘Boards’.
4. 4(c) - The Board would like to know what government legislation, regulations and policies they may be supporting to have removed.

5. The Board would like clarification if the grants received, under this agreement, can be used to pay for the additional staff that will be required to meet the demands in the Climate Action Charter.

**The question was called on 09P-022.
CARRIED**

Proposed 2009/2010 Local School Calendar

(attachment)

In attendance: Rod Odlum, Director of Instruction – Human Resources

Ross Dumontet, District Principal – Human Resources

Recommendation of the School Calendar Committee:

Rod Odlum, Director of Instruction – Human Resources, introduced Ross Dumontet, District Principal – Human Resources, Chairperson of the School Calendar Committee.

Main

09P-023

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Board adopt the 2009/2010 local school calendar as outlined in the report from the School Calendar Committee.

THAT:

1. The Superintendent direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2009/2010 school year and to make the calendar available to all parents by May 31, 2009; and
2. In establishing such calendars, principals must:
 - a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 Board Policy.
 - b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.
 - c. Schedule their school’s calendar as follows:

Days in session	188 (3 summer Pro Days Aug. 31 – Sept. 4)
Number of days of instruction	181*
Number of non-instructional days	3
Schools open	September 8
Administrative Implementation Day	September 18
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 12
Teacher Professional Day	October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 11
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday December 18
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 21- January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	February 19
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday March 5
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 8-12 + March 15-19
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday March 22
Good Friday (schools closed)	April 2
Easter Monday (schools closed)	April 5
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 24
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Wednesday, June 30

- d. **Maintain the Ministry prescribed minimum number of minutes of student instruction per day (Kindergarten – 2.4 hours per day, elementary grades 1 to 7 – 4.75 hours per day, middle/secondary grades 7 to 12 – 5.15 hours per day). *By withdrawing three non-instructional days from the standard school calendar to the summer and adding a small number of minutes per school day (3 minutes for Elementary and 4 minutes for Middle/Secondary), we would be maintaining the same total hours of instruction for students (as in the B.C. Standard School Calendar).**

CARRIED

The School Calendar Committee first met on November 27, 2008. The Committee membership included representatives from all partner groups (teachers, parents, support staff and administrators). A letter was forwarded to parents requesting feedback on the proposed school calendar which is a Ministry of Education requirement when there is a variation to the standard Provincial school calendar. Parents were requested to respond with their comments by mid January 2009. The Committee met on January 19, 2009 to review the parent feedback. There were 230 parent responses with 189 (82.2%) in favour of the proposed local school calendar including the two week spring break, and 41 (17.8%) opposed. With the exception of CUPE Local 3523, all partner groups supported the adoption of the local school calendar. CUPE Local 3523 expressed concern for the 10 month CUPE employees' loss of wages as a result of the two week spring break, and the potential financial hardship on single parent employees. The proposed two week spring break would be March 8-12 and March 15-19, 2010.

The Superintendent advised that in order to help alleviate the concerns expressed by CUPE Local 3523, the intent is to again offer opportunities to some CUPE members for employment in the second week of spring break. This opportunity was also provided last year, but only a few support staff took advantage of the opportunity preferring instead to take the full two weeks off work.

The Board discussed the Ministry prescribed minimum number of minutes of student instruction per day. The cost savings to the School District in approving a two week spring break period is approximately \$300,000.00.

The question was called on 09P-023.

CARRIED

Application for Chute Lake Elementary School Parent Advisory Council
(attachment)

Main

09P-024

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The application for the establishing of a Chute Lake Elementary School Parent Advisory Council be received and so declared in accordance with Section 8 of the *School Act*.

The application for a Chute Lake Elementary School Parent Advisory Council is being brought forward at the request of parents of students who will be attending Chute Lake Elementary School in September of 2009. At the January 21, 2009 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting the Committee discussed whether there can be an application for the formation of the Chute Lake Elementary School Parent Advisory Council if the students are not actually 'attending' that school. Section 8(1) of the *School Act* states that "Parents of students of school age attending a school or a Provincial school may apply to the board or to the minister, as the case may be, to establish a

parents' advisory council for that school". The students who will be attending Chute Lake Elementary School are currently attending Anne McClymont Elementary School or Dorothea Walker Elementary School. Chute Lake Elementary School is scheduled to open September of 2009. The Secretary-Treasurer contacted the Legislative department at the Ministry of Education for clarification. The Legislative department advised they saw no reason why the formation of the Parent Advisory Council could not proceed. Judith Clark, legal counsel for BCSTA, advised that an interim Parent Advisory Council could be established for the purpose of fundraising, and once a Principal has been appointed, the funds raised can be submitted to the school Principal.

Amendment

09P-025

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson

THAT: The application for the establishing of a Chute Lake Elementary School Parent Advisory Council be received and so declared in accordance with Section 8 of the ~~School Act~~ an interim Chute Lake Elementary School Parent Advisory Council be approved for the specific purpose of fundraising for the supplementary adventure playground;

AND FURTHER THAT: Any funds raised are to be submitted to the School Principal.

CARRIED

The question was called on Main Motion 09P-024.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Adrian Nieoczym, Reporter, Kelowna Capital News

- Adrian Nieoczym requested that the Board reconsider the first Motion passed on the Foundation Skills Assessment Testing and Publishing of Results for a Resolution to BCSTA to lobby the Ministry of Education to work towards having FOIPOP legislation changed so that limitations are placed on the access of information that outside organizations can use to rank schools and school districts. As a journalist who has dealings with FOIPOP, there is the need to push the government to reduce the restrictions on information not increase them. The FOIPA Act already contains many exceptions for the manner in which the Government can keep information away from the public.

Trustee Cacchioni confirmed that this is a Resolution to the BCSTA and will be brought forward at the BCSTA AGM in April, at which time there is the opportunity to have further discussions, including amendment of the Motion. The concern of the Board is the release of information could be provided in a format which does not provide identification.

Tom Potts, President, C.O.T.A.

- Mr. Potts requested clarification on the resolutions provided to the BCSTA and if all submitted resolutions are discussed.

Trustee Baxter confirmed all submitted resolutions are discussed. In the event two School Districts have submitted resolutions which are similar in nature the Resolutions may be combined, or if a resolution is a request for something which has already occurred it will be removed.

Jessica Lenoble, Member of the District Student Council

- Jessica Lenoble referred to the memo provided to the Board providing the names of the District Student Council representatives from the five secondary schools (information item

9.3). There is the need to provide information to the schools on the District Student Council and acquire students from the secondary schools who are committed to participating.
The Assistant Superintendent advised that at the next Superintendent's meeting Principals could be reminded of the important role the District Student Council has in School District No. 23.

INFORMATION ITEMS

General Statement

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2008/2009

(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer provided information on a field trip which is to be added. The field trip is for the Outdoor Education class at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School to go to Silver Lake on February 24 and 25, 2009. This field trip has been approved by Terry Beaudry, the Director of Instruction for Constable Neil Bruce Middle School.

Superintendent Response to Questions from the Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES)

(attachment)

Final 2008/09 Per Pupil Block Rates Adjusted For Provincial Learning Network And Annual Facility Grant

(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Finance and Legal Committee – January 21, 2009

10.2 Planning and Facilities Committee – January 21, 2009

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board:

Reg Volk regarding Foundation Skills Assessment
Terri Nakayama, Chair, Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES)
regarding Response to Survey Questions and the General Affairs Report
dated June 4, 2008

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

Joe Stoochnoff – copy of letter to Mayor Sharon Shepherd, regarding bicycle
safety on City of Kelowna roads
School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley
Bond, regarding student funding

School District No. 72 (Campbell River) – copy of letter to Irene Lanzinger, President, BCTF, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)
School District No. 72 (Campbell River) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment
School District No. 38 (Richmond) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment
School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Addressing the Foundation Skills Assessment Controversy
School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) – copy of letter directed to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Transportation Funding
School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment
School District No. 59 (Peace River South) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Action Against Eliminating BC Child Poverty
School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North) – copy of letter to Irene Lanzinger, President, BCTF, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment
School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment
School District No. 63 (Saanich) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding province-wide assessments
School District No. 51 (Boundary) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment
School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, and Irene Lanzinger, President, BCTF, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment

Main

09P-026

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: At the January 28, 2009 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 4, 2009

- 4:30 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
- 6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

February 18, 2009

- 4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee
- 6:30 Finance and Legal Committee

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Report on BCPSEA 15th Annual General Meeting

Date: January 23 and 24, 2009

Trustee Hunt-Binkley and Trustee Baxter represented the Board. The proposed Resolution submitted by School District No. 23 that BCPSEA ask the Ministry of Education to consider provincial Guidelines for Board of Education policies regarding 'Freedom of Expression By Teachers', as determined by Arbitrator John Kinzie in his Arbitration award dated May 2, 2008 was passed with an amendment that the guidelines to be prepared by BCPSEA.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: February 6 and 7, 2009
Location: Forster's Convention Center
Kamloops, B.C.

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: February 25 to 27, 2009
Location: Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites
Vancouver, B.C.

BCSTA Provincial Council

Date: February 27 and 28, 2009
Location: Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites
Vancouver, B.C.
Deadline for Motions: January 26, 2009

BCSTA Annual General Meeting

Date: April 23 to 26, 2009
Location: Delta Hotel
Kelowna, B.C.
Deadline for Extraordinary Motions: February 11, 2009
Deadline for Substantive Motions: February 20, 2009

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Scanlan:

THAT: The Board forward a resolution to the BCSTA AGM urging that the BCSTA lobby the Provincial Government and Ministry of Education to develop and adopt a comprehensive strategic plan to eliminate Child Poverty as outlined in the BCTF's brief on Education Funding;

AND THAT: The Provincial Government and Minister of Education report to the public with recommendations on how the plan would be implemented;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board request letters of support for the BCSTA motion on Child Poverty from the local governments in the Central Okanagan, partner groups, CATCH, Success By 6, Kelowna Childcare and The Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain).

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer