



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, December 8, 2010
TIME: 6:00 PM (immediately following the Annual General Meeting)
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Trustee R. Cacchioni (Chairperson)
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee G. Given
Trustee W. Horning
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley
Trustee G. Scanlan
Trustee J. Watson

Staff:
H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
K. Hannigan, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC No representative
COTA Alice Rees, President (left the meeting at 8:01 p.m.)
COPVPA Jill Voros, Executive Member
CUPE Wendy Johnson, Vice-President
DSC Teagan Welch, Co-president

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Amend	Material for Action Item	7.1 School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report
Amend	Action Item - Amended Motion	7.2 BCPSEA Policy Template
Add	Action Item	7.6 Letter to the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding Future Plans for a Correctional Facility within the boundaries of the Central Okanagan School District
Add	Information Item	9.5 Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates 2011
Add	Material for Information Item	9.1 Draft - School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Superintendent's Report on Achievement

Main

10P-215 **MOVED** by Trustee Watson , **SECONDED** by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Agenda for December 8, 2010 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - November 24, 2010 (attachment)

Main

- 10P-216 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley , SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan ,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of November 24, 2010 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The Superintendent noted that there had been errors in reporting in an article in the Kelowna Daily Courier regarding the final decision date and recommendations for French Immersion, Full Day Kindergarten and the Future of Grade 7's in the Mission and Lake Country Schools. The Superintendent reported that he had spoken to the newspaper and they have assured him they would correct the errors.
- The Superintendent reported that Administrative Assistants Ltd., the developer of BCeSIS software, has been purchased by Pearson Education. The Ministry and Pearson are working together with the intent to address system performance issues.
- The results from the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) have been released. The survey, based on two-hour tests of half a million students in more than 70 economies, tested reading literacy, mathematics and science among 15 year olds. Overall, Korea is on the top of the list for strongest student performance and Canada is fifth in student achievement on the list of 65 countries.
- For the 2009/2010 year, Ministry data shows that our six-year Completion Rate has risen from 83% to 85%. The Aboriginal graduation rate has also risen over the past decade with 60% of our Aboriginal students graduating from our district last year. There is also an encouraging trend in the overall success rate of male students achieving their Dogwood Diplomas.
- The Superintendent recognized the partner groups for what has been accomplished to date and for their ongoing commitment to improving the achievement goals.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The purpose of this public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any items on the agenda. The total time for this period shall normally be 15 minutes. A person wishing to speak is requested by the Chairperson of the Board to state his/her name and provide, if possible, a written copy of the comments.

Jill Voros, Executive Member, Central Okanagan Principals and Vice-Principals Association thanked the Board and the Superintendent for their support to teachers and administrators during the issues with BCeSIS.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Given commented that the eSchool Blended Learning 2.0 Pilot Program was leading edge 21st Century Learning and should be recognized.

The Superintendent reported that the group would be showcased at the BCSTA Chapter meeting. Trustee Hunt-Binkley expressed concern that the School District had not been consulted by the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding future plans for a correctional facility within the boundaries of the Central Okanagan School District.

The Board agreed to discuss the issue further as an action item.

ACTION ITEMS

School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report

(attachment)

The Superintendent reported on the School Act Class Size/Class Class Composition Update Report for the month of November 2010.

Main
10P-217

MOVED by Trustee Baxter , SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Board approve the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of November, 2010 as presented at the December 8, 2010 Public Board Meeting, and the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED

BCPSEA Policy Templates

Recommendation of the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee - December 1, 2010

At the BCPSEA Symposium in Vancouver, November 4 & 5, 2010, it became evident that there were a number of emergent issues requiring complicated policies. The Board discussed requesting BCPSEA to provide draft policy on each issue for consideration by individual districts, as BCPSEA has the expertise and access to legal council to create appropriate policy.

Main
10P-218

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

THAT: The Board send the following resolution to the BCPSEA January 2011 Annual General Meeting:

“That BCPSEA identify emerging Human Resource issues which impact all school districts, advise districts of these issues and provide draft policy on each issue for consideration by individual districts.”

CARRIED

Motion to Review the Recommendations of the General Affairs Committee on “French Immersion Program Supplemental Review 2010” and “French Immersion (FI), Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) and the Future of Grade 7’s in the Mission and Lake Country Schools”

Main
10P-219

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: Agenda items 7.3 and 7.4 be discussed and, as approved at this Board meeting, be forwarded to the January 12, 2011 Board meeting for final debate and decisions.
CARRIED

French Immersion Program Supplemental Review 2010

(attachment)

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee - December 1, 2010

- 1. THAT: The Board continue to support the early French Immersion program model and not add a late French Immersion program option at this time.**
- 2. THAT: The Board maintain the French Immersion program in a dual track setting.**
- 3. THAT: The Board consider no specific District action relative to the secondary French Immersion program at Kelowna Secondary School at this time.**
- 4. THAT: The Board consider no specific District action relative to the middle years French Immersion program at KLO Middle School at this time.**
- 5. THAT: The Board maintain the existing French Immersion program at Peter Greer Elementary at this time;
AND THAT: Reconsideration of the delivery of French Immersion in Lake Country take place in the event of new school construction or significant changes in student enrolment.**
- 6. THAT: The Board consider no specific District action relative to the French Immersion program at George Pringle Elementary School at this time;
AND THAT: Reconsideration of the delivery of French Immersion on the Westside take place in the future with consideration of a middle school French Immersion program on the Westside.**
- 7. THAT: The Board maintain the French Immersion program at Belgo Elementary School and monitor enrolment growth;
AND THAT: The Board add a portable classroom or relocate the preschool program should additional space be required in the future.**

The Board discussed Recommendation #7 and agreed that the decision to add portable classrooms or relocate the preschool program should additional space be required in the future, be made by the Board of Education at the time the situation occurs.

Main
10P-220

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: Recommendation #7 be changed to read as follows:

- 7. THAT: The Board maintain the French Immersion program at Belgo Elementary School and monitor enrolment growth.**

CARRIED

- 8. THAT: The Board maintain the French Immersion program at Glenmore Elementary School and monitor enrolment growth;**
AND THAT: The Board add portables should additional space be required in the future.

The Board discussed Recommendation #8 and agreed that the decision to add portables should additional space be required in the future, be made by the Board of Education at the time, if the situation should occur.

Main
10P-221

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: Recommendation #8 be changed to read as follows:

- 8. THAT: The Board maintain the French Immersion program at Glenmore Elementary School and monitor enrolment growth.**
CARRIED

The Board agreed that Recommendation #9 be removed from the list of recommendations.

- ~~**9. THAT: The final decision regarding the French Immersion Program be dealt with as part of the process the Board is engaged in to determine the future of Full Day Kindergarten, Grade 7's and French Immersion in the Mission and Lake Country schools.**~~

French Immersion (FI), Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) and the Future of Grade 7's in the Mission and Lake Country Schools

(attachment)

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee - December 1, 2010

- 1. THAT: The Board approve to maintain the existing grade configuration for all schools within both Lake Country and the Mission areas;**
AND THAT: The Board consider any unique program proposals for select groups of grade 7's to attend the grade 8-12 secondary schools in their communities on their own merit, using the guidelines established in Board Policy 540 – Proposals for Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs and Specialty Academies).
- 2. THAT: The Board approve the capping of the enrolment of Chute Lake Elementary at its capacity as established for the 2011/2012 year, ensuring that all existing students are able to complete grades K to 7 within their neighbourhood school. Limit future Kindergarten enrolment based on the number of students who can be sustained at Chute Lake Elementary through to the completion of their elementary school program. (Existing Board Policy 405 and Regulations 405R – “Student Placement” gives preference to siblings of catchment area students during the new student registration period. This will help to achieve the goal of keeping families with younger children wanting to enroll at Chute Lake Elementary together.)**

By consensus, the Board agreed to remove the underlined section of the Recommendations #2 to a footnote.

3. **THAT: The Board approve the opening of the primary building at Anne McClymont Elementary, using the funds that have been dedicated to this project by the Ministry of Education. This will provide sufficient space to house both the overflow population from Chute Lake Elementary as well as the growth taking place in the Anne McClymont Elementary catchment area.**

By consensus, the Board agreed to remove the underlined section of the Recommendations #3 to a footnote.

4. **THAT: The Board direct any future overflow English students in the Mission area from Chute Lake Elementary to Anne McClymont Elementary and any overflow from Anne McClymont Elementary to Dorothea Walker Elementary.**

The Board discussed Recommendation #4 and agreed to change the recommendation to allow for future catchment area decisions.

By consensus, the Board agreed to add a qualifying footnote referencing Policy #470 - Transportation Services Management.

Main
10P-222

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

4. **THAT: The Board direct any future overflow English students in the Mission area from Chute Lake Elementary to Anne McClymont Elementary.**

CARRIED

5. **THAT: The Board adopt a phased-in dual-track French Immersion program at Dorothea Walker Elementary School, starting with Kindergarten to Grade 3 students from Chute Lake Elementary, Anne McClymont Elementary and Dorothea Walker Elementary catchment areas in September 2011, and then adding grades 4 to 6 French Immersion, one grade each year;
AND FURTHER THAT: The Board approve students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 who have older siblings already attending Casorso Elementary, be given the option of attending that school instead.**
6. **THAT: The Board approve Kindergarten French Immersion enrolment at both Dorothea Walker Elementary and Casorso Elementary Schools be limited to a maximum of two classes each (44 students).**

Letter to Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding Future Plans for Correctional Facility within the boundaries of Central Okanagan School District

The Board discussed writing a letter to the Minister of Solicitor General requesting notification for any information being distributed regarding future plans for the establishment of a correctional facility in the area.

Main

10P-223

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

THAT: The Board write to the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding ensuring that the School Board is on the notification list for any information being distributed regarding future plans for the establishment of a correctional facility within the boundaries of the Central Okanagan School District.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

This public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any matter pertaining to public education.

Paige Bannerman, Parent, expressed concerns in relocating 22 students from Casorso Elementary School to the new French Immersion Program at Dorothea Walker Elementary School.

Mark Hesketh, PAC President, Dorothea Walker Elementary, expressed concern that capping the French Immersion Program at Dorothea Walker Elementary would not allow for growth in the English Program, creating an imbalance.

The Superintendent reported that projections indicated that the French Immersion Program would grow over time to match the projected enrolment of the English Program.

Hilary Pada, Parent, thanked the Board and staff for their work on the issue and finding a solution that builds a strong future for the students and schools.

Sonya Lance, Parent, expressed concerns in relocating from Casorso Elementary School to Dorothea Walker Elementary.

Alice Rees, President, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, commented that the students would be taught by excellent teachers in all schools, despite funding challenges.

Paige Bannerman, Parent, requested information on what they could do, as a parent community, to further influence the Board's decision prior to the January 12, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

The Board Chair responded that parents should continue to explore alternate options and forward them to the Superintendent for consideration.

Heather McInnis, Parent, requested that the Board consider a lottery system for students on the waitlist to remain at Casorso Elementary, if space comes available.

8:01 p.m. The Board Meeting recessed.

8:10 p.m. The Board Meeting reconvened.

INFORMATION ITEMS

DRAFT - School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) - Superintendent's Report on Achievement

The Superintendent presented the draft School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) - Superintendent's Report on Achievement which is due to the Minister of Education by January 31, 2011. The report will be brought forward to the Board of Education for approval at the January 26, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

Drinking Water in Schools

(attachment)

The Superintendent reported on the use of bottled water in schools on an ongoing basis at District expense due to water advisories. The Superintendent also reported that although the memo states that the cost of the bottled water is in the range of \$20,000 per year, it has been as high as \$40,000 per year in the past.

The Board requested further information from staff elaborating on the range of costs of bottled water in schools, as a result of water advisories in the various irrigation districts within the School District. It was further requested that staff report on the length of time schools have been under a water advisory.

General Statements

(attachment)

Month End Enrolment - November 30, 3010

(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal Committee

Trustee Given, Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee reported on the anticipated budget pressures for the upcoming year.

Employee Wellness Committee

Trustee Hunt-Binkley reported from the Employee Wellness Committee that the Pedometer Challenge would be held in February 2011, the Employee Health Newsletter comes up for renewal in April 2011, and that a list of local businesses is being compiled to give corporate discounts to employees of School District No. 23.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board:

Doug Findlater, Mayor, District of West Kelowna, a letter regarding the School Site Acquisition Charge.

Stephen Banmen, Chief Financial Officer, District of Lake Country, a letter regarding the School Site Acquisition Charge.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

School District No. 38 (Richmond) a letter to the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of

Education regarding BCeSIS.
School District No. 47 (Powell River) a letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid,
Minister of Education, regarding Roots of Empathy Program.

Main

10P-224

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
**THAT: At the December 8, 2010 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the
correspondence listed above.**
CARRIED

The Board discussed the letter from the District of West Kelowna regarding the School Site
Acquisition Charge and agreed to write a letter referring to current legislation and the Indian Act
(R.S., 1985, C.I.5).

Main

10P-225

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
**THAT: The Board write a letter to the District of West Kelowna regarding the School Site
Acquisition Charge, and referring to current legislation and the Indian Act (R.S., 1985, C.I.5).**
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: December 9 - 11, 2010

Location: Westin Bayshore
Vancouver, BC

Attendees: Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Scanlan, Trustee Horning, and Trustee Hunt-Binkley.

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., School Board Office

General Affairs Committee

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

Education and Staff Services
Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., School Board Office

Finance and Legal
Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., School Board Office

Planning and Facilities
Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Drinking Water in Schools - Information Item
French Immersion Supplemental Review
French Immersion, Full Day Kindergarten, and the Future of Grade 7's in the Mission and Lake
Country Schools

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer