



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, May 25, 2011
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Trustee R. Cacchioni
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	Sharlene Drohomereski, President
COTA	No representative
COPVPA	Brenda Kirsch, Executive member
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, Vice-President (left at 7:20 p.m.)
DSC	Peter Davidson, Co-President

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add	Action Item	7.13 Review of the Policy 735 - Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship
Add	Action Item	7.14 COPAC Clarifying Motion
Amend	Information Item	9.2 Field Trips
Add	Board Correspondence	11. Board Correspondence

Main

11P-101 **MOVED** by Trustee Watson, **SECONDED** by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Agenda for May 25, 2011 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - May 11, 2011 (attachment)

Main

11P-102

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 11, 2011 be adopted as amended.

Amendment to Action Item - COPAC Representation - "has regular committee meetings with a ~~quorum~~ adequate PAC representation".

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Watson abstained as he was absent from the meeting.

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognitions:

36th Annual City of Kelowna Civic & Community Award Recipients

The board recognized the following students who were award recipients at the 36th Annual City of Kelowna Civic & Community Awards celebration held on April 27, 2011:

Young Female Citizen of the Year

Danielle Heinzelman Rutland Senior Secondary School

Young Male Citizen of the Year

Peter Davidson Kelowna Secondary School

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award - Female

Jonel Boileau Kelowna Secondary School

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award - Male

Devin Spence Okanagan Mission Secondary School

BCPVPA Partnership Award Recipient - Cheryl McKinnon, RCMP School Liaison Officer

The Board of Education recognized Constable Cheryl McKinnon, RCMP School Liaison Officer, who was the recipient of the British Columbia Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (BCPVPA) Partnership Award.

Presentation:

SOAR Program

Presentation by Kathy Weninger, Principal, Quigley Elementary School and Constable Cheryl McKinnon, RCMP Liaison Officer

The SOAR program (Substance abuse prevention, Options for making better choices, Awareness of what substance use can do to you and your family, Resist any temptations) has been developed to replace the D.A.R.E. program. The ten hour grade 5 D.A.R.E. program, completely taught by RCMP personnel, has been replaced with a 7-8 hour program, whereby RCMP members participate as lead instructors for 3 different 1 hour

sessions and classroom teachers facilitate the remaining 4 – 5 lessons. This program provides a vital link between our students and our community police officers, to reduce ‘at-risk’ behaviours. Clips of the video, “The Gateway – from small beginnings to addiction”, was shown to the Board of Education to highlight testimonials from young adults involved with drugs. Parent evenings will be planned in the Fall to provide parents with the opportunity to learn more about the SOAR program and preview the resources.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- A District-wide Track Day will be held at the Apple Bowl on June 8, 2011 for our elementary schools.
- Kelowna Secondary School - Cancer Week has a variety of activities planned, including the Connor Cochrane and Angela Allen drive-thru breakfast fundraiser on Thursday, May 26, 2011 from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
- Next year’s Education Week will be held between March 5th - March 9th, 2012.

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.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Given requested information on the nomination requirements for the 2011 Board of Education election.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported the School District typically parallels its election bylaws to that of the local municipality, however, the School District does have flexibility to determine its own nomination requirements.

Trustee Given requested that staff research the Electronic School Board computer program.

The Board agreed to refer the matter to the Coordinating Committee.

Trustee Scanlan asked if the Minister of Education had responded to the Board’s request to change the electoral boundaries on the Westside.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Ministry had yet to respond and that an Election Bylaw would be on the June 22, 2011 Public Board Meeting Agenda.

Trustee Watson requested that the Board Chair respond to requests from the parents of Chief Tomat Elementary School further to the Capital News article in February, 2011 where the Board Chair was misquoted regarding FSA results.

The Board Chair agreed to follow up with the parents.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Vice-Chairperson

In accordance with Board Policy 115 - Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings, two trustees' names shall be drawn from those who wish to act as vice-chairperson during the current year. In subsequent years of the term, at the annual general meeting, two names shall be drawn from the remaining trustees wishing to act as vice-chairperson. Should a trustee/trustees not want to serve in the vice-chairperson role, and all trustees who indicated an interest to serve have completed a term, those previously serving would be permitted to resubmit their name/names for inclusion in the draw for the position of vice-chairperson.

Trustee Horning and Trustee Baxter indicated an interest to act as Vice-Chairperson. Both names were included in the draw for the position, and Trustee Horning was appointed as Vice-Chairperson for the second half of the 2011 year.

Raising the Bar - The Three-year Rule (Level 3 Review)

(attachment)

The Board discussed the Three-year Rule Program Review and requested information from Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction - K-12 on the success rate of students who had been denied an exemption from Policy 480 - *Raising the Bar: The Three-year Rule*. The Director of Instruction - K-12 reported that staff would be reviewing the data.

Main

11P-103

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the revised *Three-Year Rule* Program Review, as attached and as presented at the May 25, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board of Education approve the recommendation that the *Three-year Rule* remain as District practice.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 480 "Raising the Bar: The Three-year Rule"

(attachment)

The Board discussed the amendments to Policy 480 "Raising the Bar: The Three-year Rule".

Main

11P-104

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee ,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amended Policy 480 and new 480A (Appendix A and B) - "Raising the Bar: The Three-year Rule", as attached and as presented at the May 25, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Quality Assessment Initiative: Area of Focus

(attachment)

The Board discussed the Quality Assessment Program Review as an evolving and ever-changing program.

Main

11P-105

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Quality Assessment Program Review, as attached and as presented at the May 25, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley

Aboriginal Education Program Review

(attachment)

Trustee Watson, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee presented the Aboriginal Education Program Review.

Main

11P-106

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: The Board of Education accept the Aboriginal Education Program Review, as attached and as presented at the May 25, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Ministry Early Learning Agreement Approval

(attachment)

The Superintendent presented the Ministry Early Learning Agreement as a requirement by the Ministry of Education to receive funding for early learning initiatives.

Main

11P-107

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the new Early Learning Agreement with the Ministry of Education, as attached and as presented at the May 25, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policies: Policies 135, 185, and 725

(attachment)

The Board discussed amendments to Policy 135 and Policy 725, and referred Policy 185 back to the Education and Student Services Committee for further review.

Main

11P-108

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to the Policies as listed below:

Amended Policy 135 - School Board Operation

Amended Policy 725 - Inviting Speakers to Schools

CARRIED

Deletion of Policy 180 - District Scholarship Committee

(attachment)

The Board discussed the deletion of Policy 180, as it was no longer relevant.

Main

11P-109

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the deletion of Policy 180 - District Scholarship Committee.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 215 - Superintendent of Schools Evaluation

(attachment)

The Board discussed the amendments to Policy 215 - Superintendent of Schools Evaluation. The amendment added all school based administrative staff to be surveyed.

Main

11P-110

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

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 215 - Superintendent of Schools Evaluation.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policies and Procedures: Section 3 - Staff (Policy 325 to Policy 370)

(attachment)

The Board discussed amendments to the following Policies and Procedures:

Main

11P-111

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

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policies and Regulations as listed below:

Amended Policy 325 - Self-Funded Leave Plan

Amended Regulations 345R - Violence in the Workplace (Regulations)

Amended Policy 355 - Employee Recognition

Amended Policy 370 - Expenses: Auto and Travel

CARRIED

School Protection Plan - Premium Increase

The Board discussed writing a letter to the Minister of Education regarding the School Protection Plan - Premium Increase and agreed to refer the matter to the Coordinating Committee for further review.

Letter regarding the Carbon Footprint and Pacific Carbon Trust
(attachment)

Main

11P-112

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting the provincial government amend the greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act so that funds paid by the Board of Education to Pacific Carbon Trust for offset credits for greenhouse gas emission levels be used solely for projects aimed at reducing those emission levels within school districts.

CARRIED

Review of Policy 735 - Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship

The Board discussed scheduling a General Affairs Committee Meeting to review Policy 735 - Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship as it relates to service clubs.

Main

11P-113

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board of Education schedule a General Affairs Committee Meeting on June 1, 2011 to review Policy 735 - Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley

COPAC Clarifying Motion

The Board agreed to clarify Main Motion 11P-091, which was passed at the May 11, 2011 Public Board Meeting entitled "COPAC Representation".

THAT: Until such time as COPAC has regular committee meetings with a minimum of one half of School District No. 23 schools represented by a COPAC representative in attendance, that the Board communicate directly with School PAC's and SPC's for the purpose of providing information and soliciting feedback.

Main

11P-114

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: While the Board recognizes the right of COPAC, under Section 8.5 of the British Columbia School Act, to "advise the board on any matter relating to education in the school district", the Board will consult directly with PACs and School Planning Councils while the participation in COPAC by parent advisory councils remains below 50%. The Board is guided by the School Act, Section 67 (5.1) "a Board may establish procedures respecting the provision of advice by a district parents' advisory council to the Board."

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board is committed to providing support to COPAC during their rebuilding process, and to working with COPAC on alternative ways they can gather input from PACs to form their advice to the Board.

Amendment

11P-115

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: While the Board recognizes the right of COPAC, under Section 8.5 of the British Columbia School Act, to “advise the board on any matter relating to education in the school district”, the Board will consult directly with PACs and School Planning Councils while the participation in COPAC by parent advisory councils remains below 50%. The Board is guided by the School Act, Section 67 (5.1) “a Board may establish procedures respecting the provision of advice by a district parents’ advisory council to the Board.”

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board is committed to providing support to COPAC during their rebuilding process. ~~and to working with COPAC on alternative ways they can gather input from PACs to form their advice to the Board.~~

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Baxter

The question was called on Main Motion 11P-114 as amended by 11P-115.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

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INFORMATION ITEMS

2011/2012 Student Fees

(attachment)

Field Trips 2010/2011

(attachment)

The Board discussed the high water levels in rivers and lakes as a result of the late runoff. The Board requested that the Superintendent contact the schools to relate their safety concerns. The Board also discussed field trips which include ziplining activities. The Secretary -Treasurer agreed to follow up with schools on the safety precautions that must followed for high risk activities.

Field Trips 2011/2012

(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows), a letter to the Minister of

Education regarding Bills 27 & 28
School District No. 63 (Saanich), a letter to the Minister of Education regarding Budget
planning process

Main

11P-116 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
**THAT: At the May 25, 2011 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence
listed above.**
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Education and Student Services Committee
Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., School Board Office

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coordinating Committee

- Electronic School Board
- School Protection Plan - Premium Increase

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer