



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2004**

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: School Board Office

Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)

Trustee E. Buckley

Trustee C. Horan

Trustee W. Horning

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley

Trustee G. Scanlan

Trustee C. Wiebe

Table Officers:

R. Rubadeau, Superintendent

J. McElgunn, Assistant Superintendent

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer

Also Attending:

M. Stolze, Executive Assistant/Information Officer (recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC Valerie Broman, President

COTA Alice Rees, President

CUPE Local 3523 Audrey Barr, Vice-President

ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

AGENDA

Add	Correspondence	District of Lake Country
Add	Action	Educational Facility Planning
Defer	BCSTA	Information Items
Add	NOM	French Immersion

Main

R427-04 **MOVED** by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, **SECONDED** by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Agenda for February 25, 2004 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – February 11, 2004

Main

R428-04 **MOVED** by Trustee Buckley, **SECONDED** by Trustee Horan,
THAT: The Minutes of the Meeting of February 11, 2004 be adopted as
circulated.
CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Hunt-Binkley (absent from February 11 Meeting)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported that:

- The KSS AAA girls' Basketball team has won a berth in the provincial championships.
- Mike Roberts, Director of Instruction- Human Resources, has been elected as Director of the BC Association of Personnel.
- The District has opened its fifth preschool.
- The District Review team has concluded its work. A news release states that School District No. 23 received high praise from the provincial review team assembled to judge the district's efforts to improve student achievement. The Team was most impressed with the development of our school planning councils and with the direct involvement of trustees at the review stage; team members stated that they would take this attribute back to their own districts for immediate implementation.
- In preparation for Education Week (March 1), Kelowna Daily Courier printed a four-page insert filled with comments on students, programs and services in School District No. 23.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Proposal for Substantive Change – Pearson Rd. Elementary: Uniforms

Presenter: Susan MacNeil, Principal

In attendance: Members of the School Planning Council and Parents

The presenter reviewed the attached proposal. She highlighted the fact that the intent is to change the persona of the school within its own environment. The intent is to set new standards and new expectations and let the community know that Pearson Pride is alive and well. The majority of parents supports the proposal and believes that an outward appearance would be one step in helping the community to see Pearson Elementary in a new and positive light.

The presenter and school representatives responded to questions.

The Superintendent also responded to questions. He reminded the school that, according to the School Act and Board policy, the school will have to provide a uniform to those students who cannot afford to purchase a uniform. There is a district-wide dress code; the Provincial Safe Schools Committee is encouraging schools to enforce this code to bring about positive changes in behavior. If the implementation of a student uniform were to successfully eliminate behavioral problems at the school, there could in the long-term be a correlation to improved student achievement.

R429-04

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board receive, with thanks, the presentation *Proposal for Substantive Change – Pearson Rd. Elementary: Uniform.*
CARRIED

Proposal for Substantive Change – Oyama Elementary: Oyama Traditional School
(attachment)

Presenters: Vicki Dalgleish, SPC Member, Doreen Stevenson, Principal

In Attendance: Members of the School Planning Council, Parents, School Staff

The presentation is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

The presenters provided a historical review of the proposal process: the Board had allowed Oyama to stay open for the 2003-04 school year. They invited the parents to find ways to make the school viable and self sustaining. As a result of their research on school options, the parents and school staff have embraced a strong focus on academics and social behaviour. Eighty-Nine percent of parents now wish Oyama Elementary to become a Traditional School. The proposal has the support of the school staff, the District of Lake Country and the Oyama community. In concluding, the presenter referred the Board to the Proposal document included in the Action section of the Agenda.

The presenters responded to questions.

In concluding, the Principal indicated that the costs related to changing the school name, including signage, would be met by the school.

R430-04

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board receive, with thanks, the presentation *Proposal for Substantive Change – Oyama Elementary: Traditional School*
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

In response to a question, the Chairperson confirmed that, later in the Agenda, the Board would be discussing the Proposals for Substantive Change.

Earl Timmer, Parent of student attending Kelowna Christian School

- asked about the durability of uniforms.

The Chairperson suggested this matter be discussed with the School Planning Council.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Query – Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- asked when the Board would receive input from schools to the budget-setting process.

The Superintendent advised that only a few schools have yet responded. He hoped to have the information tabulated by the next Board meeting.

Query – Trustee Horan

- asked if the District has registered with the City of Kelowna for advance notification regarding pesticide use in City limits.

The Secretary-Treasurer will make inquiries with the Director of Operations.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendations School Planning Council (SPC) Reports (attachment)

Prior to recommending approval of the Reports, Board representatives who had attended the SPC meetings were each provided with an opportunity to comment. SPC members in attendance were also provided with an opportunity to comment following approval of the Reports.

Anne McClymont Elementary In attendance: Sandra Sellick, Principal

Trustee Scanlan had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.
The Board considered the goals, the Trustee's comments and the recommendation.

Main
R431-04

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board approve the Anne McClymont Elementary School 2003/04 School Planning Council goals to:

- **improve students' performance as writers;**
- **work toward the elimination of incidents of bullying at school;**
- **measure and increase indicators of empathy among students;**
- **read to succeed.**

AND FURTHER THAT:

the Board acknowledges the high parent satisfaction and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Sandra Sellick, Jack Holly, Lisa Jarrett, Naomi Pennington and Sheila Venables.

CARRIED

The SPC member in attendance was provided with an opportunity to comment.

Davidson Road Elementary

Trustee Hunt-Binkley had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.
The Board considered the goals, the Trustee's comments and the recommendation.

Main
R432-04

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Board approve the Davidson Rd. Elementary School 2003/04 School Planning Council goals to increase the:

- **number of students meeting and exceeding grade level expectations in reading and writing;**
- **number of students meeting and exceeding grade level expectations in numeracy;**
- **opportunities for students to actively participate in scheduled daily physical activity.**

AND FURTHER THAT:

**the Board acknowledges the improvement in student and parent satisfaction, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Deidre Bruce, Rose St. Jean, Jennifer Lauriault, Gail Wolanski and Arthur Boehm.
CARRIED**

North Glenmore Elementary

Trustee Buckley had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.
The Board considered the goals, the Trustee's comments and the recommendation.

Main
R433-04

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,
THAT: The Board approve the North Glenmore Elementary School 2003/04 School Planning Council goals to:

- **improve and promote responsible and respectful conduct;**
- **increase reading comprehension levels for all students and target instructional practices for students whose reading is below grade level.**

AND FURTHER THAT:

**the Board acknowledges the high parent satisfaction, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Susan Lund, Cathy Maralia, Jacqueline Kostas, Brenda Harvey and David Harper.
CARRIED**

Springvalley Elementary

Trustee Scanlan had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.
The Board considered the goals, the Trustee's comments and the recommendation.

Main
R434-04

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board approve the Springvalley Elementary School 2003/04 School Planning Council goals to:

- **improve the reading ability of students;**
- **maintain efforts to make the school environment as safe as possible for students, staff and parents, both physically and emotionally;**
- **begin to examine current research, best practice teaching strategies and resources in the area of numeracy in preparation for more intense focus on numeracy in the following year.**

AND FURTHER THAT:

**the Board acknowledges the high parent satisfaction, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Rod Odlum, Linda Mandoli, Cathy Reveen and Maureen Koffler.
CARRIED**

Spring Valley Middle

In attendance: Lisa McCullough, Principal

Trustee Scanlan had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.
The Board considered the goals, the Trustee's comments and the recommendation.

Main

R435-04

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley,

THAT: The Board approve the Springvalley Middle School 2003/04 School Planning Council goals to:

- **improve students' literacy skills in reading and writing;**
- **positively affect our school culture through further improvement of students' personal awareness and social responsibility.**

AND FURTHER THAT:

the Board acknowledges the strong improvement in FSA scores, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Lisa McCullough, Mara Kiceluk, Sue Moser, Kathleen McMurray and Laurie Sinclair.

CARRIED

The SPC member in attendance was provided with an opportunity to comment.

George Elliot Secondary

In attendance: Mike Proch, Principal

Trustee Hunt-Binkley had attended the SPC meeting on behalf of the Board.
The Board considered the goals, the Trustee's comments and the recommendation.

Main

R436-04

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

THAT: The Board approve the George Elliot Secondary School 2003/04 School Planning Council goals to:

- **improve students' skills in analyzing critically, thinking independently creatively reasoning, solving problems and making decisions (numeracy);**
- **provide a safe and accessible learning environment that promotes respect and acceptance for the belief and ideas of others;**
- **improve the provision of programs, opportunities and instruction for students learning at different rates and in different ways (aboriginal achievement).**

AND FURTHER THAT:

the Board acknowledges the improvement in student satisfaction, and congratulates both the school and the SPC comprised of Mike Proch, John Bellamy, Marliss Magas, Rosemary Phillippo, Judy Guido and Jeremy Guido.

CARRIED

The SPC member in attendance was provided with an opportunity to comment.

The Chairperson advised that number of SPC meetings to be attended had been divided amongst the trustees. She acknowledged the fact that the Superintendent had attended all the SPC meetings and she thanked him for his commitment.

Proposal for Substantive Change – Pearson Rd. Elementary: Uniforms
(attachment)

The Board discussed the matter.
The Superintendent responded to questions.

Main
R437-04

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,
THAT: The Pearson Road Elementary School proposal (as presented to the Board on February 25, 2004) to introduce uniforms be approved in principle, and be referred to the Superintendent for implementation on a timely basis.

Amendment
R438-04

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Pearson Road Elementary School proposal (as presented to the Board on February 25, 2004) to introduce uniforms be approved in principle, and be referred to the Superintendent for implementation on a timely basis,

AND FURTHER THAT: a full report reviewing the first year be supplied to the Board by June 2005.
CARRIED

Amendment
R439-04

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Pearson Road Elementary School proposal (as presented to the Board on February 25, 2004) to introduce uniforms be approved in principle, and be referred to the Superintendent for implementation on a timely basis,

AND FURTHER THAT: a full report reviewing the first year be supplied to the Board by June 2005.
CARRIED
Opposed: Trustee Buckley

The Principal confirmed that the SPC could report to the Board by June 2005.

The President of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA) asked if the implementation of uniforms for student was anticipated to impact on the way that staff are expected to dress, and if there was any expectation that staff would also wear uniforms.
A SPC representative responded that this is not the case.

The President of COTA stated that Pearson Elementary is a school with stellar staff, students that are wonderful athletes; she believes that the proposal for Substantive Change is worthy of pursuit.

The question was called on R437-04, as amended in R438-04 and R239-04, reading as follows:

THAT: The Pearson Road Elementary School proposal (as presented to the Board on February 25, 2004) to introduce uniforms be approved,

AND FURTHER THAT: a full report reviewing the first year be supplied to the Board by June 2005.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Buckley

Proposal for Substantive Change – Oyama Elementary
(attachment)

Main

R440 -04

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change – Oyama Elementary to become a *Traditional School* in September 2004, as presented at the February 25, 2004 Public meeting.

The Board discussed the matter.

Amendment

R441-04

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change – Oyama Elementary to become a *Traditional School* in September 2004, as presented at the February 25, 2004 Public meeting,

AND FURTHER THAT: a full report reviewing the first year be supplied to the Board by June 2005.

CARRIED

The question was called on R440-04 as amended in R441-04.

CARRIED

7:50 PM THE CHAIRPERSON CALLED FOR A RECESS.

8:00 PM THE MEETING RESUMED.

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2003/04
(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer introduced the Bylaw.
He responded to a question.

Main

R442-04

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Budget Bylaw (as attached) in the amount of \$136,835,655 be given all three readings at the public Board meeting of February 25, 2004.

CARRIED

Main

R443-04

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Budget Bylaw for 2003/2004 in the amount of \$136,835,655 be read a first, second and third time, and finally adopted this 25th day of February, 2004.

CARRIED

Budget Hold-Back

Recommendation – Finance Committee:

THAT: For the 2004/05 fiscal year, a Budget hold-back, equal to the supplement for enrolment decline, be implemented until final enrolment is known in the Fall of 2004.

The Secretary-Treasurer suggested that more flexibility would be advisable.

The recommendation was withdrawn.

Pest Management Program

The Report and Recommendations (attached to Minutes) were previously discussed at length at a public meeting of the Building and Transportation Committee.

Trustee Horning, Chairperson of the Building and Transportation Committee introduced the recommendations of the Building and Transportation Committee:

The Board discussed the matter and agreed to one minor change in the Committee's first recommendation.

Trustee Horning responded to questions.

Main
R444-04

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,
THAT: The Board remain committed to eliminating pesticide use on school district grounds and facilities,

AND FURTHER THAT: the Board supports developing a long-term plan for sustaining and monitoring district grounds,

AND FURTHER THAT: the Board endorses the report *Review of the Pest Management Program at School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)* and authorizes staff to implement the nine recommendations on a timely basis, with the exception of:

- a) Section 7, Part 1 (use of the herbicide glyphosate)
- b) restrict pesticide use as presented in Table 3 of the report to only those products and applications approved by the Certified Organic Association of British Columbia.

CARRIED

Main
R445 -04

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley,
THAT: The Board request that staff report annually to the Board on the effectiveness of the pesticide management program in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), with appropriate recommendations for possible enhancements.

CARRIED

Regular Public Board Meeting Times

Main

R446-04

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The regular public Board meetings commence at 6:00 PM and conclude at 9:00 PM,

AND FURTHER THAT: The meetings may be extended, by a simple majority vote of the trustees in attendance to 10:30 PM.

The Board discussed the matter.

Amendment

R447-04

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The regular public Board meetings commence at 6:00 PM and conclude at 9:00 PM,

AND FURTHER THAT: The meetings may be extended, by a simple majority vote of the trustees in attendance to ~~10:30~~ 10:00 PM.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustees Baxter, Hunt-Binkley and Scanlan

The question was called on R446-04 as amended in R447-04,'

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustees Baxter, Hunt-Binkley and Scanlan

Re: Amended Policy 605: Educational Facility Planning (attached)

At the February 18, 2004, public meeting of the Education and Policy Committees, a Committee of the Whole Board discussed the proposed amendment and came to consensus on a recommendation for the Board.

Trustee Scanlan, Chairperson of the Policy Committee presented the recommendation.

Main

R448-04

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley,
THAT: The Board adopt amended Policy 605: Educational Facility Planning (as attached) and as presented at the February 25, 2004 Public Board meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

2003 Safety Statistics Review

(attachment)

In attendance: Ken Emmons, Occupational Health & Safety Manager

The Superintendent advised that this is the first report of its kind to be presented to the Board. He commended Mr. Emmons on his work. Ken Emmons was provided with an opportunity to provide a synopsis of the report. He concluded by saying that, WCB currently ranks School District No. 23 with the best provincial safety experience.

Interior Health – School Food and Nutrition Policy Project

(attachment)

The Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Healthy Food Choices will provide this information to Committee members.

Employee Attendance Report – July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

(attachment)

Trustees asked if any action was being taken departmentally, or district-wide, to address absenteeism issues.

The Superintendent responded that in the Operations Department, discussions were taking place with custodians.

The Chairperson of the Finance Committee responded that the Committee had requested to receive information, by employee group, on the effectiveness of flu shots.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

RECEIVED:

S.D. No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) Letter to BC Hydro Power Smart: Rate Increases
Dorothy Mills – AIDS Resource Centre Presentation
Helen Gorman Elementary PAC – Input to Policy 605: Educational Facility Planning
District of Lake Country – Input: Oyama Traditional School

Main

R449-04

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board receive, at the February 25, 2004 Public meeting, the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Education Committee Meeting – Topic: International Education Program
Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 6:00 PM, SBO

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at 6:00 PM, SBO

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at 6:00 PM, SBO

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD AGENDA

Requested by Trustee Hunt-Binkley:
Summer School (to be presented in April with information on the Three Year Rule)
Field Trip Committee Report
Interim Financial Statement

ITEM FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA

NOTICES OF MOTION

Recommendation - Joint Committee of the Whole Board, February 18, 2004 Public Meeting
French Immersion Program in School District No. 23

THAT: The Board review the requirement that all French Immersion be located in dual track programs.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley:

THAT: As soon as is reasonably possible, the Superintendent brings to the Board a plan for implementation of the “Three Year Rule” which addresses (among other things):

- the appeal process;
- the capacity and suitability of Central School Program sites to meet the educational needs of the students affected by the Rule;
- the financial implications relative to implementation of the Rule;
- the staffing implications relative to implementation of the Rule;
- whether a viable District summer school program has implications for the students affected by this Rule;
- the timeframe and process for evaluation of the effectiveness of the Rule.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

605 – EDUCATIONAL FACILITY PLANNING

Introduction

The Board of School Trustees believes that the planning of district schools should be guided by the following principles.

- the best interests of students, including student safety;
- educational effectiveness;
- the needs of each individual and unique community within School District No. 23;
- the importance of community input into any proposed changes;
- the best use of existing buildings;
- financial considerations.

Policy

To implement these principles and to provide an organizational structure for the planning of new facilities:

1. Throughout the district, schools will be organized using one of the following configurations:

Elementary/Secondary

Elementary Schools	Kindergarten to Grade 7
Secondary Schools	Grade 8 to Grade 12

or

Elementary/Middle/Senior Secondary

Elementary Schools	Kindergarten to Grade 6
Middle Schools	Grade 7 to Grade 9
Senior Secondary Schools	Grade 10 to Grade 12

2. Depending on student enrolment, French Immersion programs should be provided at an adequate number of regionally located dual-track elementary schools that direct students to future regional designated dual-track middle schools in several areas of the district and a single dual-track senior secondary school.
3. New school facilities should be designed for maximum use by the educational community and the public in accordance with Ministry of Education directives, including:
 - initiatives for community purposes;
 - collaboration with post-secondary institution programs;
 - compatibility with programs provided by the Ministry for Children and Family Development.