



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, October 27, 2004**

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: School Board Office

Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)

Trustee C. Horan

Trustee W. Horning

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley

Trustee G. Scanlan

Trustee C. Wiebe

Absent: Trustee E. Buckley (on Board business)

Staff:

R. Rubadeau, Superintendent

J. McElgunn, Assistant Superintendent

Eileen Sadlowski, Secretary-Treasurer

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

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPVPA

COTA

CUPE 3523

Vianne Kintzinger, Exec. Member

Alice Rees, President

Bill Zeman, President

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Add Additional Material for Agenda Items

Add Action Item re. Corres. From Information and Privacy Commissioner

Main

04P-632

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,

THAT: The Agenda for October 27, 2004 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – October 13, 2004

Correction on Page 10 - ~~Weibe~~ Wiebe

Main

04P-633

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Minutes of the public Board meeting of October 13, 2004 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(attachment)

The Superintendent reported on:

- Provincial Scholarships and top academic students
- Kiwanis Clubs sponsorship of high school football teams
- The interest in the new hairdressing program at Mount Boucherie Secondary (36 students attend)
- The new provincial program *Ready, Set, Learn* which is available only to BC public schools
- District improvement in all areas on the latest CAT3 scores compares well with provincial and Canadian data
- District outcores provincial average in FSA scores with 95% of our students taking the test.

The Superintendent's detailed report is attached to and forms part of these Minutes and is available at the District's Website: www.sd23.bc.ca.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

AIMS Adolescent Intervention for Marijuana Suspension

(attachment)

Presenter: Colleen Owens, Child and Youth Counsellor
In attendance: Aarin Frigon, PATH Research Group, Okanagan University College
Dean Childs, RCMP
John McMahon, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary
Peter Molloy, Director of Instruction – Student Support Services (SD. No. 23)

The AIMS program has been developed through the cooperation of the RCMP, School District No. 23, ARC Programs Ltd. and the PATH Research Group (OUC). The program provides students and their parents with an alternate to suspension. The alternative consists of students completing a self-report questionnaire and attending a one-hour counselling session. Additionally, three months following the student's participation, he/she is required to complete a follow-up self-report.

The RCMP have not observed an increase in marijuana use by students, rather, this initiative is designed to decrease the current level of use.

The program is presently offered at OKM Secondary, Kelowna Senior Secondary and KLO Middle Schools.

Main
04P-634

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Board receive with thanks the presentation on the *Adolescent Intervention for Marijuana Suspension Program*
CARRIED

**Recognition – Juleen McElgunn, Assistant Superintendent
Letter from Linda Reid, Provincial Minister of State**

The Chairperson read a letter from the Minister of State recognizing Juleen McElgunn for her leadership in the area of early childhood development and in respect to the establishment of preschool partnerships.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

All trustees were provided with an opportunity to comment on their recent involvement in District activities.

Queries: None

ACTION ITEMS

Notice of Motion (Trustee Hunt-Binkley) October 13th Board Meeting

THAT: The Board amend Policy 525: Field Trips to reflect the Board's authority to veto any field trip at any time.

(attachment)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley introduced the motion.

The Board discussed the matter.

The Superintendent responded to questions.

Main

04P-635

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: At the October 27, 2004 Public Board Meeting, the Board amend Policy 525: Field Trips, as attached, with the following additional change:

(Second paragraph of introduction)

“The Board reserves the right to exercise its authority to cancel *or modify* a field trip approved in accordance with this policy and regulations when unforeseen risks occur which may endanger the safety of students, staff or chaperones.”

The Board discussed the matter further.

The Superintendent responded to additional questions.

Amendment

04P-636

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Caryl Horan,
THAT: At the October 27, 2004 Public Board Meeting, the Board amend Policy 525: Field Trips, as attached and with the following additional change:

(Second paragraph of introduction)

“THAT: The Board may cancel or modify a field trip approved in accordance with this Policy and Regulations when unforeseen events occur.”

The Board agreed that this change to the policy would not change the Superintendent's authority to veto any field trip that, in his opinion, endangers the safety of students. The Superintendent will inform the Board if such an occasion occurs.

**The question was called on amendment 04P-636
CARRIED**

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

**The question was called on main motion 04P-635 as amended in 04P-636
CARRIED**

Education Committee Recommendation - Consultation Process: French Immersion
(attachment)

Trustee Horan, Committee Chairperson, introduced the motion.

Main
04P-637

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Board approve the consultation process as outlined below and in the attached memorandum, with a report to be provided to the Board in February 2005:
- A survey will be provided to all schools, partner groups and to affected societies
- Individual groups may also provide written opinion in letter or brief form.

The Superintendent responded to questions.
The Board discussed distribution of the survey and reviewed the survey document.
The following changes were agreed to.

- Bussing Cost - explanation to be included in the preamble.
- Change wording of Item 2: *Should the enrolment in schools be allowed to increase so that 4, 6 or even 10 portables are required.*
- Cost of moving and operating portables to be included in Item 3.
- Swap order of Items 2 and 3
- Reword Item 4 line 2.

**The question was called on 04P-637
CARRIED**

Central Okanagan Sailing Academy – Proposal for Board/Authority Authorized Course
(attachment)

In attendance: Hugh Gloster, Director of Instruction
Gillian Thomson, Learn to Sail Director, COSA

The Director of Instruction reviewed the attached proposal and responded to questions. Additionally, he explained the relevance of the proposed course to the Ministry's new provincial graduation program.

Main
04P-638

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The locally developed courses *Sailing 11* and *Sailing 12* be approved in accordance with Board and Ministry policy.

The Board discussed the matter further.

In response to a trustees' request for comment, the President of COTA said that her presumption would be that teachers would be involved with this course.

The Director of Instruction responded to additional questions.

Deferral
04P-639

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: To allow time to gather additional information, discussion on the *Central Okanagan Sailing Academy – Proposal for Board/Authority Authorized Course* be deferred to November 10, 2004.
CARRIED

The Superintendent asked the Board what additional information it required.
The Chairperson requested that trustees individually provide their requests or comments to the Director of Instruction as soon as possible.

Recommendation – 2004/05 Class Size Report/Declaration to the Minister of Education
(attachment)

The Superintendent reviewed the attached Letter of Declaration, which indicates that the District is in compliance with the B.C. School Act. Additionally, he provided the following information:

Kindergarten	18.97 student average per class
Grades 1 through 3	19.58 student average per class
Combined Grades 4 through 12	26.79 student average per class

Main
04P-640

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,
THAT: The Class Size Report, as presented at the October 27, 2004 Public meeting, be forwarded to the Ministry of Education.
CARRIED

Finance Committee Recommendation
Amendment to Policy 210: *Superintendent of Schools Role Description*
(attachment)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, introduced the recommendation.

The Board discussed the matter.

Main
04P-641

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
**THAT: At the October 27, 2004 Public Board Meeting, the Board amend
Policy 210: Superintendent of Schools Role Description, as attached and with
the following additional change:**

Item 1.5

**-ensuring appropriate procedures for the development of the district's
annual budget and ensuring this budget is administered in accordance with
~~procedures~~ Ministry of Education directives and School District No. 23 Policy.
CARRIED**

Finance Committee Recommendation – Amendment to Policy 160: Finance Committee
(attachments)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Committee Chairperson, introduced the recommendation.
The Superintendent responded to questions.

Main
04P-642

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
**THAT: At the October 27, 2004 Public Board Meeting, the Board amend
Policy 160: Finance Committee, as attached and with the following additional
change:**

(Section 4, second paragraph)

**“The Secretary-Treasurer will advise the Superintendent and the Finance
Committee of significant ~~deviants~~ deviations from the approved budget.”**

The Board discussed the matter further.

Amendment
04P-643

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, Seconded by Trustee Horning,
THAT: Item 3.2 be changed to read:

**“During budget development, *on behalf of the Finance Committee, along
with the Superintendent will solicit input...*”**

The Board discussed the matter further.

The Superintendent responded to questions.

The Chairperson of the Finance Committee explained that the wording, as presented in the
attached draft amended policy, is as requested by the Superintendent.

The question was called on 04P-643

DEFEATED

Opposed: Trustees Baxter, Horan, Hunt-Binkley, Scanlan

Amendment
04P-644

MOVED by Trustees Wiebe and Horan,

**THAT: The wording of items 5.1 and 5.2 be rearranged so that the sentences
are active, rather than passive:**

5.1 The Superintendent is responsible for ...

5.2 The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for ...

CARRIED

The question was called on 04P-642 as amended in 04P-644

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Wiebe

Letter to Minister of Education – Accountability Contract

The Board had discussed the matter at an earlier meeting.

Main

04P-645

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,

THAT: The Board write a letter to the Minister of Education, requesting that the guidelines for accountability contracts be provided earlier in the year to school districts in order to allow for proper planning of district budgets and appropriate and timely considerations relative to district goals.
CARRIED

Property Bylaw No. 89 – Chief Tomat Elementary School Site – Ministry of Transportation Road Dedication (attachment)

Main

04P-646

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: At the October 27, 2004 public Board meeting, the Board give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Property Bylaw No. 89 (as attached).
CARRIED

Trustee Horning, Chairperson of the Building and Transportation Committee, introduced the motion.

The Secretary-Treasurer explained that dedication of this property to the Ministry of Transportation will absolve the School District from future liabilities, including maintenance of the roadway and sidewalks.

Main

04P-647

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: School District No. 23 Property Bylaw No. 89 be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 27th day of October, 2004;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board grant approval of a 2.65 metre wide road dedication to the Ministry of Transportation on Lot A, District Lot 2045, ODYD, Plan KAP54203, known as the Chief Tomat Elementary School site, for the purpose of providing rainwater and pedestrian access as shown on the attached sketch plan, subject to Ministry of Education approval;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board certifies that granting of road dedication shall have no adverse effect on the educational programs provided in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

CARRIED

Correspondence – Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner re. “Use of Video Surveillance in Schools Issue”

The Board discussed the matter.

The Superintendent responded to questions and indicated that, if the Board wishes, he will prepare a brief report.

Main
04P-648

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board provide a brief report in response to the Information and Privacy Commissioner's letter of request, dated October 14, 2004.
CARRIED

The Superintendent will prepare the report.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Alice Rees, President, COTA

- thanked Trustee Horan for the kind comments regarding her motivational leadership.
- thanked the Board for allowing the development of professional growth plans for teachers. She believes that the improved results in CAT3 and FSA scores are the results of teachers' efforts to seek excellence.
- informed the Board about the vast array of courses offered at COTA's three-day summer professional development conference and on the recent professional development day; thanked the Board for helping to fund the cost of Mossi White as the keynote speaker.
- on behalf of the COTA General Membership thanked the Board for its ongoing support of teachers and thanked Superintendent and senior staff for their leadership.

The Chairperson acknowledged the hard work of Alice Rees and the COTA Executive and stated that this Board is fortunate to have an excellent working partnership with its teachers.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Ken Emmons, District Health & Safety Manager – Financial Costs and Savings (attachment)

Main
04P-649

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board write a letter to Ken Emmons thanking him for his work on behalf of the District.
CARRIED

Response to Board/Trustee Queries: October 13th Board Meeting (attachment)

Responses were provided on the following topics:

- RCMP in Schools
- Flagpole at the Board Office
- Field Trip Policy
- Video Surveillance
- Damage to Employee Vehicles
- Horseback Riding
- Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training
- Dr Fromberg's Vaccination Proposal
- Westside Storefront School (the Superintendent responded to additional questions)
- Bridges Transitions Report
- Staff Involvement in 1020 Legacy
- Status of Unpasteurized Apple Juice Advisory
- UBC Steering Committee Representation

Main
04P-650

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Board write a letter to the OUC/UBC/OC Steering Committee asking if School District No. 23 could have a representative on that Committee.
CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

RECEIVED:

Minister of Education – Letter of Appreciation September 22nd Visit
Bill Murphy – Guidelines Transportation of Students
Reg Volk – A ‘Needs’ Budget
Reg Volk – “Speak Out For Students”
Coalition for School Libraries – National School Library Day October 25 & Related Materials
School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) – PAC Funded Purchases for Schools
School District No. 35 (Langley) – GST Exemption Request
Information and Privacy Commissioner – Use of Video Surveillance

Main
04P-651

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board receive, at the October 27, 2004 Public meeting, the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

Trustee Query re. Correspondence

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- asked for the status of letters received by the Board from pensioners.
Mr. Gerry Conway, Local President of the Municipal Pension Retirees Association was in attendance. He advised that he has requested presentation time at a Board meeting. The Board’s Coordinating Committee is in the process of scheduling presentation time at a Public Board meeting in November.

FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance Committee – Public Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 1 PM, SBO

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 6 PM

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 24, 2004 at 6 PM

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS’ ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES’ ASSOCIATION

Provincial Council – October 2004: Motions
(attachment)

Trustee Baxter, Provincial Councillor, reviewed the motions to be put forward and asked for Board direction. There were no issues with Trustee Baxter's voting suggestions, with the exception of the Motion against the BCSTA Pre-Election Strategy. The Board decided that Trustee Baxter should provide more information/background to trustees regarding this Motion. Trustees who wish to provide their views should contact Trustee Baxter immediately. In regard to late motions and amendments, the Board gave Trustee Baxter discretion.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

Superintendent's Report

Provincial Scholarships

While the total scholarships are not yet known as we are awaiting data from the August rewrite, it is noteworthy that five students in B.C. earned a gold medal for perfect scores on three exams. One of these winners is Marissa Jane Patterson from Mount Boucherie Secondary School. Marissa also won the Governor General's Award and now attends the University of Alberta where she received the largest entrance scholarship in the university's history.

Also noteworthy is another Mount Boucherie student, Daniela Van Heerden. Along with Marissa, she is one of the top 21 academic students in B.C. As a result, both Marissa and Daniela have received \$2,000 scholarships.

Football

The football season is underway, but to reach this point the Kiwanis Clubs have generously donated thousands to make Friday night football a reality. Movers and shakers behind the scene include Barry Urness and retired teachers Larry Johnson and Cyril Chalk.

Hairdressing

Coiffure anyone? Our new hairdressing program has 36 students in attendance. While most are from the Westside, 10 students have transferred to Mount Boucherie from Okanagan Mission Secondary, KSS and Rutland Senior Secondary.

Ready, Set, Learn

All 29 elementary schools will participate in *Ready, Set, Learn*, a new program initiated by the province of B.C. and the Legacy 2010 Education Division. Schools will develop a program aimed at providing information and resources to three-year olds and in return will receive \$2500 per school. It is our intent to combine our preschool partnership program, our kindergarten nights and *Ready, Set, Learn* to create a comprehensive program for three, four and five-year-old students.

CAT3 and FSA Scores

Copies of the overhead presentation are available on request from the Superintendent's office.