



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

*(Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month, except July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December,
at the School Board Office.)*

DATE: Wednesday, March 28, 2012
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Board of Education:

Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
R. Dumontet, Director of Instruction, Human Resources
J. Colquhoun, Director of Human Resources - Labour Relations
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Trustee J. Fraser (absent)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	No representative
COTA	Alice Rees - President, Susan Bauhart - 1 st Vice-President, and April Smith - 2 nd Vice-President
COPVPA	Ashley Ragoonaden, Executive Member – Pro-D Programs
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, Vice-President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add: Information Item 9.4 Field Trips 2011/2012 (Additional information)

Main

12P-032 MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Agenda for March 28, 2012 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - February 22, 2012

Main

12P-033 MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 22, 2012 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

Special Public Board Meeting - February 29, 2012

Main

12P-034

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Minutes of the Special Public Board Meeting of February 29, 2012 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported the following:

- The Kelowna Art Gallery is currently hosting their annual "Art in Action" show which continues until June 24, 2012. A 25 year anniversary book has been developed which celebrates the wonderful works of art created throughout the District. The book was produced by Harry Tonn, Teacher – Mount Boucherie Secondary School.
- The School District will be hosting the 35th annual BC Interior Jazz Festival in Kelowna from April 12 – 14, 2012.
- The District's annual Years of Service Recognition/New Employee Welcome Reception will be held on Thursday, March 29, at 4:00 pm at the Coast Capri Hotel.
- Earth Hour 2012 will take place from 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm on Saturday, March 31st.
- The Kraft Hockeyville Finale Celebration takes place at the Royal LePage Place on the Westside on Saturday, March 31st. Events will occur throughout the day from 8:00 am – 9:30 pm.
- The District will be receiving more information from the Ministry of Education regarding regulations and expectations from Bill 22 legislation. It is anticipated that further direction will be provided regarding expectations for the management team in terms of implementation, reporting requirements for the new Learning Improvement Fund, a consultation plan and issuing of report cards. The Superintendent will be consulting with the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association and CUPE regarding the use of learning improvement funds and other resources to support the District's most vulnerable students.

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 Gorman

Requested information on how possible teacher job action may impact upcoming graduation ceremonies and events.

The Superintendent responded that the District is in the early stages of assessing the possible job action impact and it would be premature to predict how graduation events may be affected. Each school celebrates graduation events in a different manner with a wide variety of community, parent and teacher involvement and support. The commencement exercise and grad dinner and dance are Board-sanctioned events. These will proceed; however, the format may be different than from previous years.

Trustee Gorman

Requested that, once graduation activity formats have been established, the information be communicated to parents/students.

The Superintendent advised that all graduation dates have been established and will take place as scheduled. Information will be communicated to parents and graduates.

Trustee Baxter

Requested information on Board-sanctioned events that may have volunteer supervisors only.

The Superintendent responded that school administrators will review events scheduled and assess the level of supervision and adult presence required.

ACTION ITEMS

School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report: February 2012

The Director of Instruction - Human Resources reviewed the information provided, which is a summary for elementary, middle and secondary school class size and composition. The Director noted that the large increase in secondary class composition changes is due to the beginning of the new semester in February.

Main
12P-035

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,
THAT: The Board approve the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of February, 2012 as presented at the March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting, and the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.
CARRIED

Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2012/2013 to 2016/2017

Trustee Baxter, Chairperson of the Planning and Facilities Committee, provided background on the recommendation.

Main
12P-036

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2012/2013 to 2016/2017, as attached and as presented at the March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting.

Trustee Baxter clarified that the plan does not include major capital expenditures.

The question was called on Main Motion 12P-036.
CARRIED

Interim Policy 386 - "Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication"

In the absence of Trustee Fraser, Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, the Assistant Superintendent provided background information on the development of the interim policies (Policy 386 for employees and Policy 486 for students), which included extensive research and input from partner groups over the past year. The interim policies were sent to PACs and COPAC for feedback in December 2011 and again in January 2012. PAC feedback was received from 5 elementary, 3 middle and 4 secondary schools. 10 PACs supported the interim policies, 2 PACs provided conditional support and one PAC remained opposed to the interim policies as currently presented. Once the interim policies receive final Board approval, staff and the subcommittee will commence revision of the District's Network User Agreements for employees and students, school Codes of Conduct, and the development of K-12 curriculum around digital citizenship.

Trustees requested information on administrator access to social media sites on school properties and discussed provisions for acceptable social media use during lockdown or emergency situations. The Assistant Superintendent and Jon Rever, Director of Instruction K – 12, advised that school administrators have access at their schools to social media sites, and social media use during emergency situations will be addressed in Network User Agreements and Codes of Conduct, as well as in lockdown procedures and drills in schools.

Trustees discussed PAC feedback, personal cell phone use, safety standards and exposure limits, and the information contained within the policies.

The Board agreed to add “School and District Codes of Conduct” to the consequences outlined in Student Policy 486. The policy will be amended to read “Use of electronic and social media communication which violates the terms outlined in policy, the Student Network Account and Internet Agreement, or the District or School Code of Conduct may result in serious consequences including definite or indefinite suspensions and/or police intervention”.

Main

12P-037

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The Board of Education approve interim Policy 386 “Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” as the final School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) social media policy for employees, as attached and as presented at the March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment

12P-038

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education approve interim Policy 386 “Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” as the final School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) social media policy for employees, as attached and as presented at the March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting,

AND THAT: Policy 386 “Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” be brought back to the Education and Student Services Committee within a year’s time for review.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Gorman, Trustee Pendharkar

The question was called on Main Motion 12P-037 as amended by Motion 12P-038.

CARRIED

Interim Policy 486 - “Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication”

Main

12P-039

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education approve interim Policy 486 “Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” as the final School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) social media policy for students, as attached and as amended at the March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment

12P-040

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education approve interim Policy 486 “Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” as the final School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) social media policy for students, as attached and as amended at the March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting,

AND THAT: Policy 486 “Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” be brought back to the Education and Student Services Committee within a year’s time for review.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Gorman, Trustee Pendharkar

The question was called on Main Motion 12P-039 as amended by Motion 12P-040.

CARRIED

New Policy 387 - “Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy”

The Secretary-Treasurer provided background information on the development of the new policy which was forwarded to school PACs and COPAC for feedback in December. One school PAC responded and supported the policy.

Main

12P-041

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 387 “Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy”, as attached and as presented at the March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Naming of the New Elementary School on Rosewood Drive

Main

12P-042

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education direct the Planning and Facilities Committee to initiate the process of establishing the name for the new elementary school to be built on Rosewood Drive, as per Policy 630 “Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities”.

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.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Revenue and Expense Summary at January 31, 2012

Trustee Gorman, Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, provided a brief review of the information contained within the summary. The Board reviewed the summary.

Policy 453 and Regulations 453R “Child Protection”

The Superintendent advised that the policy and regulations were sent as information items to PACs and COPAC in December. One school PAC expressed concern regarding the training required for volunteers, given the struggle to find volunteers, and the cost for training. The Superintendent confirmed that language contained within the policy is consistent with provincial standards and cannot be amended. The expectation is that volunteers who work with students on an ongoing basis will receive training. This does not prohibit schools from using volunteers on a “one off” basis. School administrators will determine which of their volunteers fit the criteria and require training. A training module will be developed for new volunteers and existing volunteers will work with a “train the trainer” module.

General Statements

Field Trips 2011/2012

Additional information was provided as item #65 on page 3, the Constable Neil Bruce Middle School field trip to Calgary/Drumheller, Alberta on May 3 – 5, 2012.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Okanagan Nation Alliance, February 22, 2012, in response to their letter of February 9, 2012 regarding the decision to add another Métis seat on the Aboriginal Education Council.

Westbank First Nation, February 22, 2012, in response to their letter of February 14, 2012 regarding the decision to add another Métis seat on the Aboriginal Education Council.

Alice Rees, COTA President, March 2, 2012, regarding BCTF Job Action and the Board's support of public education in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Reg Volk, March 13, 2012, regarding the process for the replacement of Rutland Middle School.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Ministry of Energy and Mines, February 6, 2012, in response to the Board's letter regarding the WestCan gravel pit proposal on Westside Road.

Briana Hokazono, Teacher, March 4, 2012, regarding the BCTF Job Action and the February 29, 2012 Special Public Board Meeting.

Ann Bell - Aboriginal Education Council, March 5, 2012, regarding the definition of an Aboriginal student in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Karen Bernath, Teacher, March 5, 2012, requesting Board support for teachers.

Karen Regan, Teacher, March 5, 2012, requesting Board support for teachers.

Blane Després, UBC-O, March 5, regarding Bill 22.

Aaron Volk, March 6, 2012, regarding teacher job action and Bill 22.

Karen Bernath, Teacher, March 12, 2012, 2nd E-mail regarding Board support for teachers.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

School District No. 41 (Burnaby), February 15, 2012, to the Vancouver Board of Education, Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the recent decision of the Vancouver Board of Education to reinforce their commitment to existing policy dealing with bullying behaviour based on sexual orientation.

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), February 17, 2012, to all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Confucius Institute.

Vancouver School Board, February 16, 2012, to the Premier and all BC Boards of Education regarding Anti-Bullying Day.

Vancouver School Board, February 16, 2012, to all BC School Boards, press announcement from the Vancouver District Students' Council regarding Anti-Bullying Action.

School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia), February 21, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC School Boards, regarding funding allocation for students with unique needs.

School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia), February 21, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC School Boards, regarding input into the educational funding formula.

Cowichan Valley School District, February 28, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding teacher job action and Bill 22.

School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes), February 29, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC School Boards, regarding the appointing of a mediator in the BCTF Job Action.

School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Trustee Deborah Nohr, February 29, 2012, to the Minister of Education, MLAs, BCPSEA and all BC Boards of Education regarding Bill 22 - Education Improvement Act.

School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) Trustee Edith Loring-Kuhanga, February 29, 2012, to the Minister of Education, MLAs, BCPSEA and all BC Boards of Education regarding Bill 22 - Education Improvement Act.

School District No. 57 (Prince George), March 6, 2012, to the Minister of Education and MLAs regarding Bill 22.

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha), March 9, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education regarding savings incurred from the Teacher Job Action.

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), March 9, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education regarding the purchase of carbon offsets.

Minister of Education, George Abbott, March 13, 2012 regarding the government's 2012 Budget and Fiscal Plan.

School District No. 84 (Vancouver Island West), March 13, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education regarding Bill 22 and the appointment of an independent mediator.

School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), March 14, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education regarding Bill 22.

School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains), March 14, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education regarding savings incurred from the Teacher Job Action.

Minister of Education, George Abbott, March 16, 2012, to all BC Board Chairs, regarding Bill 22 – Education Improvement Act.

Main

12P-043

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

THAT: At the March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Comparison of BCSTA Member Fees 2011/2012 to 2012/2013, as Presented at the Provincial Council Meeting - February 25, 2012

The Board reviewed the comparison of BCSTA Member Fees.

BCSTA AGM - April 26 - 29, 2012

Motions have been posted by BCSTA and will be discussed at the April 11, 2012 Public Board Meeting Agenda.

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal Committee
Wednesday, April 4, at 1:00 p.m., School Board Office

Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
Wednesday, April 4, at 4:30 pm, School Board Office

NOTE: The meeting start time has been AMENDED TO 5:00 pm.

Education and Student Services Committee
Wednesday, April 4, at 6:30 pm, School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

BCSTA AGM - April 26 - 29, 2012

2012 AGM Motions – April 11, 2012 Public Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer