



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

(Second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July and August and the fourth Wednesday in March and December, at the School Board Office, at 6:00 PM.)

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

DATE: Wednesday, November 25, 2015

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Board of Education:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee L. Mossman
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
K. Kaardal, Superintendent/CEO Designate
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Shelley Courtney, President
COPVPA	Mike Dornian, Treasurer (<i>arrived at 6:16 pm</i>)
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President (<i>arrived at 6:23 pm</i>)
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add:	Action Item	6.9	Ministry of Education New Curriculum and Provincially-Mandated Competencies Provincial Framework Update – Scheduling Additional Non-Instructional Time (<i>New item</i>)
Delete	Information Item	8.5	Ministry of Education New Curriculum and Provincially-Mandated Competencies - Provincial Framework Update (<i>Replaced by new Action Item 6.9</i>)

Main

15P-169

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Agenda for the November 25, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – November 10, 2015

Trustee Baxter requested an amendment as follows:

Page 4, Superintendent's Emergent Issues, Lake Country Catchment Area Review Public Consultation Meeting, second bullet: Replace "The Task Force Group" with "The Focus Group".

Main
15P-170

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of November 10, 2015 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition: Jonah Cooke, Grade 4, South Kelowna Elementary School – First Place – TELUS WISE Footprint Comic Contest

Jonah Cooke was congratulated for achieving First Place (\$3,000.00 for the school and \$500.00 for the student) in the TELUS WISE Footprint Comic Contest for his comic entitled "Ballistic Bully".

Recognition: Instructional Leadership Team – First Place – Canadian Education Association and Reader's Digest 2015 Canadian Innovators in Education Awards

Members of the Instructional Leadership Team were congratulated for achieving First Place (\$25,000.00) in the Canadian Education Association and Reader's Digest 2015 Canadian Innovators in Education Awards.

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 Fraser

Queried the method that was used for distribution of the letter to impacted families in Lake Country elementary schools regarding potential catchment area changes (as discussed at the November 18, 2015 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting).

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the letter was physically given to the eldest child in each potentially affected family to take home.

ACTION ITEMS

Amendments to Policy 701 – Preschool Partnerships and Other Early Childhood Opportunities

Main

15P-171

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the rewrite of Policy 701 – Preschool Partnerships and Other Early Childhood Opportunities, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the November 25, 2015 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

2015/2016 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126934 – Approved Routine Capital - Roof Replacement for A.S. Matheson Elementary School

Main

15P-172

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126934 – Approved Routine Capital - Roof Replacement for A.S. Matheson Elementary School.
CARRIED

The Secretary-Treasurer provided background information on the three Routine Capital Project Bylaws to be approved. The capital projects must be completed by March 31, 2016.

Main

15P-173

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126934 in the amount of \$683,000, for a Roof Replacement for A.S. Matheson Elementary School, be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 25th day of November, 2015.
CARRIED

2015/2016 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126935 – Approved Routine Capital – Replace Sawdust Collection System at Springvalley Middle School

Main

15P-174

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126935 – Approved Routine Capital – Replace Sawdust Collection System at Springvalley Middle School.
CARRIED

Main

15P-175

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126935 in the amount of \$160,800, for Replacing the Sawdust Collection System at Springvalley Middle School, be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 25th day of November, 2015.
CARRIED

2015/2016 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126936 – Approved Routine Capital – Lighting Upgrade at Glenmore Elementary School

Main

15P-176

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126936 – Approved Routine Capital – Lighting Upgrade at Glenmore Elementary School.
CARRIED

Main
15P-177

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126936 in the amount of \$232,000, for a Lighting Upgrade at Glenmore Elementary School, be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 25th day of November, 2015.

The lighting equipment which will be placed in Glenmore Elementary School is of the newest technology and can be moved to a different building should the capital project for the replacement of the school be approved by the provincial government in the foreseeable future.

**Main 15P-177
CARRIED**

Planning and Facilities Committee – Proposed Meeting Date

Main
15P-178

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Board of Education set the next Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting for January 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm to discuss the Lake Country Catchment Area Review.

Trustee Fraser, Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, provided background information on the Motion as discussed at the Committee level.

**Main 15P-178
CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Butler**

Staff Recommendation – Lake Country Catchment Area Review

Main
15P-179

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board of Education direct senior staff to provide a staff recommendation regarding the Lake Country Catchment Area Review at the January 6, 2016 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

**CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Butler**

The Superintendent advised that, in addition to the letter sent out last week to potentially impacted families in the Davidson Road and Peter Greer Elementary Schools, a letter will be sent out on Thursday, November 26th to families in all Lake Country schools to provide notification that the staff recommendation for Lake Country school catchment areas will be discussed at the January 6, 2016, 6:30 pm, Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting. The letter will be sent to schools for fan out to their school community using their regular distribution methods.

The Board agreed that the recommendation(s) from the January 6th Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting would be added as an Action Item on the January 13, 2016 Public Board Meeting. The Superintendent will include this information in the letter to be sent home to Lake Country families.

Community feedback on the Lake Country Catchment Areas has been requested to be submitted by December 9, 2015 via Planning.Review@sd23.bc.ca.

Registration Dates for 2016/2017 School Year

Main
15P-180

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The initial registration dates for the 2016/2017 school year be set as February 1, 2016 through to March 4, 2016;

AND THAT: The closing date of registrations, in order to apply the Board's registration priorities as established in Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), be set as August 25, 2016.

The electronic registration process instituted several years ago has been well-received by the community. Updates and enhancements to the system continue to be made in order to improve the process for parents. Provisions are made at each school for parents/guardians who wish to have access to a school computer to register their child using the online system. The opening and closing dates have been advanced by one week from previous years' dates in order to provide additional planning time for the 2016/2017 school year.

**Main 15P-180
CARRIED**

Special Program for Youth and Family Support Positions in the Aboriginal Education Department

Main
15P-181

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Board of Education support the application for a Special Program with the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal for positions associated with the Youth and Family Support initiative in the Aboriginal Education Program.

In order to focus the hiring for the two Youth and Family Support Workers and the part-time Clinical Manager (Exempt Staff position) to qualified candidates of Aboriginal ancestry, an application must be made to the BC Human Rights Tribunal for a "Special Program". The District currently has a "Special Program" in place for hiring Aboriginal Student Advocates and Teachers of Aboriginal Ancestry; however, since the positions for two Youth and Family Support Workers and a Clinical Manager are new positions, a separate application must be made. The new positions are strongly supported by the District's Aboriginal Education Council.

**Main 15P-181
CARRIED**

Ministry of Education New Curriculum and Provincially-Mandated Competencies Provincial Framework Update – Scheduling Additional Non-Instructional Time

Main
15P-182

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education approve February 9, 2016 and May 24, 2016 as the additional non-instructional days to help teachers prepare for the introduction of the revised curriculum.

The Superintendent acknowledged the COTA Executive and senior staff for their work in finding the best possible dates/times for the two non-instructional days. Some schools may need to make adjustments to their school calendar where events have previously been set for those two days, e.g. parent/teacher conference days, or fieldtrips. The Joint Educational Change Committee and the COTA Executive are in the process of planning the most effective use of the two days. A press release will be issued advising the community of the two additional non-instructional days being added to this year's calendar.

As these are full work days for all employees, senior staff are investigating various options for CUPE staff, such as providing training opportunities, and scheduling maintenance work in schools since students will not be in attendance on those days.

Main 15P-182
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.

The COPAC President commented on the fact that Lake Country parent feedback distributed at the November 18, 2015 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting contained the respondents' personal information.

The Board Chair advised that the Board had already discussed this oversight and future feedback received would not be distributed in such a manner. The process for feedback distribution will be discussed at a later date by the Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Level Five Field Trips (Out of Province including International Travel)

- Due to the recent events taking place in Europe, and in order to make every effort to ensure student/staff safety, senior staff have flagged and will be monitoring scheduled international field trips for the coming months.
- The federal government's travel advisory site is being checked on a regular basis and parent meetings are held routinely to ensure that parents/students have the latest information available.

Board Policy and Regulations 631 – School Closures/Consolidations

No school closures are recommended for the 2016/2017 school year. With the recent grade re-configuration in the Rutland area, Rutland elementary schools have increased their capacity for more students. This may result in a future repurposing of a Rutland area school as a replacement site for the existing Rutland Middle School (RMS), should the RMS capital project request be approved by the Ministry.

City of Kelowna's Water Management System Priorities

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the information provided by the City of Kelowna, the Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District, and the Director of Operations regarding water management and water quality in schools. The Central Okanagan School District spends approximately \$28,000.00 annually on providing bottled water to schools that have received a "Boil Water Advisory" issued by the Interior Health Authority. A number of schools have also purchased a bottled water dispensing system which requires maintenance every year.

It was agreed that no further action was required by the Board of Education at this time.

Policy 735 – Advertising and Sponsorship in Schools

The Board will be re-examining the District's policy regarding forms of sponsor/donor recognition for non-profit service clubs/groups.

It was agreed that Policy 735 would be sent to the General Affairs Committee for review.

CUPE Local 3523 Executive – November 2015 to November 2016

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2015/2016

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Ministry of Education, November 13, 2015, to all Board Chairs, regarding the Ministry of Education's and the BC School Trustees Association's shared partnership focusing on improving the quality of the BC public K-12 education system.

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15P-183

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: At the November 25, 2015 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA 22nd Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday, January 29, 2016

Location: Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: November 26 – 29, 2015

Location: Vancouver

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: February 19 & 20, 2016

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2016 Standing Committee Meeting Dates To Be Confirmed.

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Policy 735 – Advertising and Sponsorship in Schools (*referred to the General Affairs Committee*)

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

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer