



"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, November 9, 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	No representative
COTA	Alice Rees, President, Susan Bauhart, 1 st Vice-President, and April Smith, 2 nd Vice-President
COPVPA	Kevin Auclair, Members Liaison
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, Vice-President
DSC	Teagan Welch, Co-President

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

11P-182 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Agenda for November 9, 2011 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - October 26, 2011
(attachment)

Amend - Action Item - Social Media Policy Survey - social media devices for personal use during instructional hours? Yes ~~or No~~, No or
Other ____, Comment ____

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 26, 2011 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Presentation:

Presentation by students who attended the Canadian Student Leadership Conference in Cornerbrook, NFLD - September 26 to October 1, 2011

Students, Emily Kluftringer and Emily Hannigan, made a presentation to the Board on their attendance at the Canadian Student Leadership Conference, September 26 to October 1, 2011 in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland. The students shared that the main purpose of the conference was to gain leadership skills in order to inspire and motivate their peers to make a difference in their school and community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported:

- Bill 12, which describes a new Teacher Council structure for the Province of British Columbia, will replace the existing College of Teachers governing body. The new Council will be composed of 15 members: 3 teachers from the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, 5 teachers elected from around the province, and 7 members representing the various partner groups. The main purpose of the Council will be to set standards and approve teacher education programs. Additionally, a Disciplinary and Professional Conduct Board will be formed to receive complaints, conduct investigations, and oversee consent resolutions.
- The labour dispute between the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) that started at the beginning of the year is ongoing. Despite the current teachers' strike, the duties and responsibilities of Principals/Vice-Principals and Superintendents remain unchanged. As such, first term reports cards will be sent home; however, it is anticipated that most report cards will be incomplete in terms of student achievement information and teacher comments. Parents wishing to receive an update with regard to their child's achievement are invited to contact their teacher(s) by either e-mail or phone. Any grade 12 student requiring first term grades for scholarship applications are encouraged to contact the school administration or the counselling department. (The District website has a 'Contact information' link which contains a search feature for the email address and voice mail number of all employees.)
- For information regarding Ministry News Releases, please refer to the Ministry of Education website at: www.bced.gov.bc.ca. The Ministry's New Education Plan is now available on this site. The most recent Ministry news releases concerning the Central Okanagan included the building of the new Rosewood Drive Elementary School in West Kelowna as well as a 300 student addition at OKM Secondary School.
- The class size averages for the Central Okanagan School District have been finalized. As of November 1, 2011, the class size averages were as follows:
 - Kindergarten 18.8
 - Grades 1-3 20.5
 - Grades 4-7 26.6
 - Grades 8-12 26.1

- The Central Okanagan School District is currently hosting the AAA Provincial Field Hockey Tournament. This is the first time this provincial tournament has been held outside of the lower mainland for some time. Special thanks goes to the coaches, parents, and volunteers for organizing this tournament and best wishes to the KSS team playing in the tournament.

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 Watson requested information on the new requirements by the Ministry of Education for parents to provide proof of residency in British Columbia.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Ministry of Education is requesting proof of residency from parents to meet funding requirements. The Secretary-Treasurer further reported that there are multiple documents that parents can provide to the schools in order to prove "ordinary residency". The documents include drivers licence, BC Care Card, automobile insurance, etc.

Trustee Baxter reported that she had attended the West Kelowna Youth Mayors Forum on Friday, October 28, 2011, and thus followed up with a previous query by Trustee Horning at the Public Board Meeting on October 12, 2011, that Middle School students were in fact invited to attend the Forum.

Trustee Horning reported that the issue of dogs on School District property had been discussed at the Safe School Committee meeting and that staff would be ensuring that school grounds have the proper signage in place prohibiting dogs on school property.

ACTION ITEMS

October 31, 2011 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report (attachment)

The Director of Instruction, Human Resources presented the October 31, 2011 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report.

Main

11P-184

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

THAT: The Board approve the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of October, 2011 as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting, and the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED

School Board Office Disposition/Relocation

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Meeting - October 19, 2011

The Board discussed the disposition/relocation of the School Board Office and the current conditions in the real estate market.

Main

11P-185

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: Pursuant to the information from the Secretary-Treasurer presented at the Planning and Facilities Committee meeting on October 19, 2011, that any further action regarding the School Board Office Disposition/Relocation be put on hold at this time.

CARRIED

Registration Dates for 2012/2013 School Year

(attachment)

Recommendation:

The Superintendent presented the Registration Dates for the 2012/2013 School Year, with an initial registration period of February 1, 2012 and closing date of March 9, 2012. The Summer registration period will be between August 28 & 30, 2012.

Main

11P-186

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The initial registration dates for the 2012/2013 school year be set as February 1, 2012 through to March 9, 2012;

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 30, 2012.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 735 - Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship

(attachment)

Recommendation from the General Affairs Committee Meeting - November 2, 2011

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the amendments to Policy 735 - Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship.

The Board discussed the amendments and agreed that the Policy should be applied consistently amongst all groups.

Main

11P-187

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

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 735 - Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship to include corporations, partnerships, proprietorships, joint ventures, co-ops, community groups, foundations and service clubs/groups, as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

The Board discussed adding an approved list of service clubs/groups to the policy.

Amendment

11P-188

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: The Board of Education refer Policy 735 - Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship back to the General Affairs Committee for further review and to add an approved list of service clubs/groups to the policy.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Trustee Horning, Trustee Cacchioni, and Trustee Watson

The question was called on Main Motion 11P-187

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Scanlan, Trustee Given, Trustee Baxter

Student Use of Zip Lines

(attachment)

Recommendation from the General Affairs Committee Meeting - November 2, 2011

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the amendments to Policy 525A - Field Trip Activities (Appendix) to include zip lines as a restricted activity in British Columbia and Alberta. The Board discussed the height and weight restrictions for zip lines.

Main

11P-189

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board of Education add the use of zip lines while on field trips as a restricted activity in Policy 525A - Field Trip Activities (Appendix).

CARRIED

Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposals

(attachment)

Recommendation from the Education and Student Services Committee Meeting - November 2, 2011

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as acting Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee on November 2, 2011, presented the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposals to the Board.

Main

11P-190

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

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Rugby 11 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Basketball 11 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Utility Arborist 11 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Aboriginal Outdoor Education 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Studies in Emergency Medical Services 12 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board Authorized Course (BAC) Proposal - Baseball 10 (Rutland Senior Secondary School), as attached and as presented at the November 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

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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

Aboriginal Education Program Eighth Annual Report - September 2010 to June 2011

(attachment)

Referred from the Education and Student Services Committee - November 2, 2011

Cammy Coughlin, District Principal - Aboriginal Education Program presented the Aboriginal Education Program 8th Annual Report - September 2010 to June 2011.

Board Policy and Regulation 631 - School Closures/Consolidation

(attachment)

The Superintendent confirmed there were no recommendations for school closures or consolidations for the 2012 school year.

Field Trips 2011/2012

(attachment)

The Board discussed field trips which included horseback riding.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Doug Findlater, Mayor, District of West Kelowna, a letter regarding late correspondence.

The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, a letter regarding the Capital Plan.

Charlene Wowchuk, PAC President, George Elliot Secondary School, a letter regarding Social Media Policy.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

School District No. 39 (Vancouver School Board) a letter to the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education regarding the Purple Letter Campaign.

School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) a letter to the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education regarding Costs of Legislative Changes.

School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) a letter to the Honourable George Abbott,
Minister of Education regarding Designation of Students.

Main

11P-191 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
**THAT: At the November 9, 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

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: December 8 to 10, 2011

Location: Hyatt Hotel

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Inaugural Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., School Board Office

Planning and Facilities

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer