



"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: Tuesday, November 10, 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 (*absent*)
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 (*absent*)
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Shelley Courtney, President
COPVPA	Mike Kormany, Pro D Finance
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	No representative
DSC	Branden Jewsbury, Gr. 12, MBSS, and Sheylee Arishenkoff, Gr. 10, MBSS

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

15P-165 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Agenda for the November 10, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – October 28, 2015

Main

15P-166 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 28, 2015 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Gorman

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition: Caleigh Wong, Grade 12 (First Place), Kelowna Secondary School, and Abby Thompson, Grade 12 (Second Place), Kelowna Secondary School – Winners of the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association Cross Canada Writing Contest

(Abby Thompson was unable to attend)

The Board of Education congratulated Caleigh Wong and Abby Thompson for winning the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association Cross Canada Writing Contest.

Recognition: Jordan McGill, Grade 11, Kelowna Secondary School - Government of Canada History Award for Students

The Board of Education congratulated Jordan McGill for being the recipient of the Government of Canada History Award for Students for her essay *“Throwing Out the Apron: Canadian Women During WWII”*.

Recognition: Graeme Stacey, Teacher, Kelowna Secondary School, and Derek Smith, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Government of Canada History Award for Teachers

The Board of Education congratulated Graeme Stacey for being the recipient of the Government of Canada History Award for Teachers for his project *“Canadian POWs and the Battle of Hong Kong”*.

The Board of Education congratulated Derek Smith for being the recipient of the Government of Canada History Award for Teachers for his project *“Notable Prime Ministers”*.

Declaration: National Bullying Awareness Week – November 15 – 21, 2015

The Board Chairperson made the following declaration:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares the week of November 15 – 21, 2015 as “Bullying Awareness Week” in School District No. 23.

National Child Day – Friday, November 20, 2015

The Board Chairperson made the following declaration:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares Friday, November 20, 2015 as “National Child Day” in School District No. 23, celebrating this year’s theme “It’s Our Right to Learn”.

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

Queried whether, with the influx of Syrian refugees being accepted into Canada, the school district has contingencies in place to address a possible spike in enrolment when these Syrian families arrive in the Central Okanagan.

The Superintendent responded that, to date, the number of refugees who will be moving to the Okanagan is largely unknown. The District's Welcome Centre and Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) are in place to assist immigrant families, and a number of schools have the capacity to take more students. These families will be supported through the coordinated efforts of several organizations, including local municipalities, churches, and the school district.

ACTION ITEMS

Annual Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Report

Main
15P-167

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education receive the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM), as attached to the agenda and as presented at the November 10, 2015 Public Board Meeting.
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 questioned what the timelines were for funds allocated by the province for several of the District's Routine Capital requests.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the three approved Capital Project Bylaws will be added to the November 18th Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting Agenda and subsequently forwarded to the Board for approval at the November 25th Public Board Meeting. All projects must be completed by March 31, 2016.

The COPAC President queried whether the addition of new schools to the MyEducation BC student demographic system has affected the performance of the system.

The Superintendent advised that no feedback has been received to date on the latest addition of approximately 75,000 more students to the system. The real test on the system's performance will be when report cards are being produced.

The COPAC President queried whether the District has amended its existing privacy policies with regard to MyEducation BC.

The Board Chair responded that no amendments have been made to the District's policies. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the privacy controls relating to software have not changed. The Provincial Government has indicated that legislation dealing with the alignment of privacy issues with FOIPOP (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy) may be forthcoming, however no further information on the alignment has been received.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Lake Country Catchment Area Review Public Consultation Meeting

- The Public Consultation Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 pm at George Elliot Secondary School.
- The Focus Group, made up of representatives from the three Lake Country elementary schools and the secondary school, has had three meetings and has reached several conclusions for potential changes to catchment areas. These will be shared at the consultation meeting.

French Immersion Task Force Steering Committee

- The smaller Steering Committee is meeting on Friday, November 13th from 9:00 am – noon.
- One of the agenda items for the meeting will be to plan the third meeting of the larger French Immersion Task Force.

Ministry of Education New Curriculum and Provincially-Mandated Competencies – Provincial Framework Update

The framework guidelines have been received and will enable the District to proceed with the multi-year project of implementing the new curriculum and competencies. Senior staff and members of the COTA Executive will be meeting on Thursday, November 12th to review the framework and continue planning the implementation. The District's Joint Educational Change Committee (JECC) is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 16th to discuss how to move forward with the ten hours of release time provided by the Ministry.

Month End Enrolment – October 2015

The Superintendent provided information on enrolment trends since 2010/2011.

District Student Council 2015-2016

Branden Jewsbury, the District Student Council Co-President, advised that every secondary school has representatives on the District Student Council, however every grade does not yet have a representative. District Student Council members have also chosen the District Committees they will be attending.

Field Trips 2015/2016

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: The Honourable Ron Cannan, Outgoing Member of Parliament, November 4, 2015, thanking him for his many years of service as the Member of Parliament for Kelowna-Lake Country.

Dan Albas, Member of Parliament, November 4, 2015, offering congratulations on his re-election as the Member of Parliament for Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola.

Stephen Fuhr, Member of Parliament, November 4, 2015, offering congratulations on his election as the Member of Parliament for Kelowna-Lake Country.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Raquel Steen, President – Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, October 23, 2015, thanking the Board for sending a letter to the Ministry of Education addressing the continuing issues with MyEducation BC.

Executive Vice President, Fujitsu America, October 29, 2015, acknowledging the concerns with the new MyEducation BC student demographic system.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 43 (Coquitlam), October 12, 2015, to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, providing recommendations for the 2016 provincial budget.

SD No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), October 20, 2015, to the Minister of Education, extending a welcome and an invitation to visit the school district.

Main
15P-168

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: At the November 10, 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 Provincial Council Meeting, October 23 - 25, 2015 – Synopsis

The Board reviewed the information provided.

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: November 26 – 29, 2015

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 25, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal Committee

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the School Board Office

Planning and Facilities Committee

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer