



"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, October 28, 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 (*absent*)
Trustee L. Mossman
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent (*absent*)
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	Ryan Ward, Member-At-Large
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	No representative
DSC	Kelsey Munro, Gr. 12, RSS, and Shola Fashanu, Gr. 12, KSS

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

15P-157 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Agenda for the October 28, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – October 14, 2015

Main

15P-158 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 14, 2015 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Cacchioni

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

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 why a Capital Plan was not submitted to the Ministry for 2014/2015 and whether this was due to the administrative savings that all school districts were required to achieve and submit to the Ministry.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the Ministry of Education did not request a Capital Plan submission for 2014/2015. The Ministry has requested an updated Capital Plan for 2015/2016 as a funding envelope has been established for capital projects.

Trustee Baxter

Noted that, as a result of the recent federal election, Stephen Fuhr has been elected as the new Member of Parliament for Kelowna-Lake Country, and Dan Albas is returning as the Member of Parliament for Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola.

It was agreed that the Board Chair would send letters of congratulation to MP Stephen Fuhr and MP Dan Albas, as well as a letter of thanks to former MP Ron Cannan for his service to the community during his term as the Member of Parliament for Kelowna-Lake Country.

ACTION ITEMS

2015-2016 Senior Management Team Workplan

Trustee Tiede, Chair of the General Affairs Committee, provided background information on the Workplan as discussed at the Committee level.

It was noted that, with the transition to a new Superintendent in January 2016, an amended Workplan may be brought forward in the New Year.

Main
15P-159

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Senior Management Team Workplan.
CARRIED

2015/2016 Five Year Capital Plan Submission

Main
15P-160

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2015/2016 Capital Plan, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the October 28, 2015 Public Board Meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the information contained in the Capital Plan. Existing facilities have been examined in order to determine the feasibility of implementing the Board's approved grade reconfiguration as outlined in the District's Long-Term Facility Plan.

Trustees discussed the priority order on the Plan which lists the construction of an Okanagan Mission Junior Middle School as the first new construction priority, followed by a new Glenmore Secondary School and a new Lake Country Junior Middle School. Fourth on the priority list and the number one replacement project is the replacement of Rutland Middle School. The Central Okanagan School District is one of the few districts in the province with increasing enrolment, which translates into minimal competition for funding for new construction; however, all 60 school districts are competing for funding for replacement capital projects.

As the construction of a new Okanagan Mission Junior Middle School has progressed to phase two for approval at the Ministry level, the District has been directed to list construction of the new middle school as the number one priority.

Amendment

15P-161

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

THAT: The Rutland Middle School Replacement be moved to priority one on the Capital Plan.

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 15P-160 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 15P-161:

THAT: The Rutland Middle School Replacement be moved to priority one on the Capital Plan, and that Board of Education approve the 2015/2016 Capital Plan, as attached to the agenda and as amended at the October 28, 2015 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Further discussion occurred regarding the direction by the Ministry of Education – Capital Division to place the construction of a new Okanagan Mission Junior Middle School as the number one priority on the Capital Plan.

Reconsideration

15P-162

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,

THAT: In consideration of the clarifying information that the Ministry's direction is to place the construction of a new Okanagan Mission Junior Middle School as the number one priority on the Capital Plan, Main Motion 15P-160 as amended by Amendment 15P-161 be reconsidered.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Cacchioni

Amendment

15P-163

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,

THAT: The construction of a new Okanagan Mission Junior Middle School be placed as priority one on the Capital Plan, and the Rutland Middle School Replacement be moved to priority two.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Cacchioni

MAIN MOTION 15P-160 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 15P-161 AND 15P-163:

THAT: The construction of a new Okanagan Mission Junior Middle School be placed as priority one on the Capital Plan, and the Rutland Middle School Replacement be moved to priority two, and that Board of Education approve the 2015/2016 Capital Plan, as attached to the agenda and as amended at the October 28, 2015 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Cacchioni

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

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

We Day – October 21, 2015

- Approximately 600 Central Okanagan School District students and staff attended this year's We Day Conference in Vancouver.
- The Assistant Superintendent commended the We Day Committee Members for their outstanding organization of this year's event.

"Drop Everything and Read Day" – October 26, 2015

- Students across the District participated in this provincially coordinated event.
- The Assistant Superintendent commended Misty Smith, President of the Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarians' Association (COTLA), and the District's teacher-librarians for their organization of the event.

Enrolment Numbers – Central Okanagan School District

- The District's enrolment numbers currently sit at 380 students over projected numbers, which is 320 students more than last year's enrolment.
- Support for the new students and the opportunities presented by the increased enrolment numbers will be discussed with the Board and Partner groups.

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) – Grade 4 and Grade 7 Students

- Administration of the FSA will take place from January 11 to February 19, 2016. This information will be shared with parents and discussed with Partner groups.

Action Schools! BC

- Action Schools! BC is a provincial government initiative designed to assist schools in creating and implementing action plans to promote healthy living, while achieving academic outcomes and supporting comprehensive school health.
- Action Schools! BC has been placed temporarily on hold as the province reviews all school-based healthy living programs in an effort to improve coordination and integration.
- Workshops and new equipment/resources will not be available until a new model of delivery is established.

Mar Jok Elementary School – 2015 "Green" Award

- Mar Jok Elementary School has recently received the Southern Interior Construction Association Okanagan Kootenay Commercial Building Green Award, which recognizes all of the "green" initiatives incorporated into the school building.

Annual Report on Special Program: Hiring Exemption

The Human Rights Commission has approved the preferential hiring of teachers with Aboriginal ancestry. The Special Program provides approval for the hiring of a proportion of teaching staff to the proportion of Aboriginal students. An annual report is required by the Human Rights Commission. By September 2015, a total of 51 teachers had identified themselves as having Aboriginal ancestry.

District Health Promoting Schools Committee – Yearly Summary of School Planning Council Reports and School Goals Related to Health Promoting Schools 2014-2015

In 2014-2015, 20 District schools reported a school goal related to Health Promoting Schools, with six schools reporting a focus area related to Health Promoting Schools. Schools continue to place a strong emphasis on social responsibility, self-esteem, social/emotional support, and establishing a community culture through increasing student engagement.

Ombudsperson’s Report of Files Closed – July 1 to September 30, 2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Ministry of Education New Curriculum and Provincially-Mandated Competencies – Release Time– Letter to Parents, October 19, 2015

District staff have been working with the Central Okanagan Teachers’ Association (COTA) through the Joint Educational Change Committee to develop a plan for the structure of the 10 hours of release time being provided by the Ministry. It is anticipated that the Ministry framework will be made public in early November. Approximately 80 teachers (selected by COTA) will be trained to provide support to schools. Early dismissal days in November have been previously scheduled (by zone) and will proceed as planned. The 10 hours of release time are in addition to any early dismissal days previously scheduled.

The COPAC President and the COTA President expressed an interest in having a staff member from the Ministry of Education provide a local presentation to parents explaining the new curriculum and provincially-mandated competencies. Senior staff will work with COPAC and COTA in arranging the presentation by Ministry of Education personnel.

Amended Policy Regulations 470R – Transportation Services Management (Regulations)

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Kelowna	Trustee Gorman and Trustee Tiede
Lake Country	Trustee Butler
Peachland	Trustee Baxter
Rutland	Trustee Cacchioni
West Kelowna	Trustee Fraser (<i>unable to attend</i>) Trustee Mossman will attend

Field Trips 2015/2016

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Mayor and Council, City of West Kelowna, October 19, 2015, thanking the Council for the traffic calming measures which have been instituted on Webber Road.

Minister of Education, October 19, 2015, outlining the many problems staff are encountering with the performance of the MyEducation BC student demographic system which was implemented over the summer months.

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, October 19, 2015, requesting an increase to at least double the fines/penalties for “Fail to Stop for School Bus”.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Minister of Education, October 19, 2015, to Mayor James Baker, District of Lake Country, regarding the timeline for the new middle school in the District of Lake Country.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 72 (Campbell River), October 6, 2015, to the Minister of Transportation, the Premier, the Attorney General, the Minister of Education, the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding increasing the fines/penalties for “Fail to Stop for School Bus”.

SD No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), October 8, 2015, to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the opportunity to submit input for the 2016-2017 provincial budget.

Deputy Minister of Education, October 9, 2015, to Superintendents and Board Chairs, outlining the development of a set of provincial guidelines regarding the use of physical restraint and seclusion in school settings.

SD No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), October 19, 2015, to the Attorney General, the Premier, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Education, the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding increasing the fines/penalties for “Fail to Stop for School Bus”.

Main
15P-164

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: At the October 28, 2015 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 Provincial Council Meeting, October 23 - 25, 2015 - Report

Trustee Fraser, the Board's Provincial Councillor, provided a report on motions approved at the Provincial Council Meeting. A synopsis of the Provincial Council Meeting will be attached to the November 10, 2015 Public Board Meeting Agenda.

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: November 26 – 29, 2015

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting (***NOTE: This meeting takes place on a Tuesday***)
Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

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

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services
Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 4:30 pm, at the School Board Office

Education and Student Services (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW START TIME)
Wednesday, November 4, 2015, **at 6:00 pm**, at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting Synopsis (*November 10, 2015 Public Board Meeting*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer