



"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.)

DATE: Wednesday October 8, 2014
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 J. Brinkerhoff
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman (*absent*)
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Vivian Evans, Vice President
COPVPA	No representative
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President, and April Smith, First Vice-President
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Amend: Recognition/Presentation/Delegations Item 3.5 Presentation: School Opening Report – Part 2 (*New material for scheduled item*)

Main

14P-171

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Agenda for the October 8, 2014 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – September 24, 2014

Main

14P-172

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 24, 2014 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2014

The Board Chairperson formally recognized all teachers in the Central Okanagan School District in observance of World Teachers' Day which took place on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

Introduction: New Vice-Principal

- Dana Patterson, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

The Board of Education congratulated the above staff member on their new position within the District.

Recognition: Emily Ganske, Angel Yu, and Katie Webb, Grade 12 Students - Kelowna Secondary School - First, Second, and Third Place Winners - Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association (HKVCA) Cross Canada Writing Contest

(Emily Ganske was unable to attend)

The Board of Education congratulated the above students for winning the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association Cross Canada Writing Contest.

Recognition: Graeme Stacey, Teacher, Kelowna Secondary School – Recipient of the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation

The Board of Education congratulated Graeme Stacey for being the recipient of the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation.

Recognition: Rhonda Draper, Teacher, École Glenmore Elementary School – Recipient of the UBC Okanagan's Excellence in Teaching Award

The Board of Education congratulated Rhonda Draper for being the recipient of the UBC Okanagan's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Presentation: School Opening Report – Part 2

- Presenter: Hugh Gloster, Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent reviewed the information contained within the report. To date, the District's enrolment shows an increase of 14 students over last year (currently 21,327 students). Variations in student head count and FTE (full time equivalency) occur as a result of short-term international education students, adult students, and cross-enrolled students (between schools and districts) who are enrolled in various specialty programs and academies. It is expected that, once these student numbers have been factored in, the District will be providing services to approximately 22,000 students. The Ministry snapshot for funding has been extended from September 30th to October 17th for the 2014/2015 school year. Approximately 16 of the 216 students who chose alternate education providers have returned to District schools.

A review of student migration and transfers, teacher hiring, transportation, career preparation, portables and vacant classrooms, and extra-curricular activities was provided.

It was noted that transportation assistance is available to parents whose children are eligible for transportation however, due to remoteness, the District is unable to provide a bus. The transportation assistance is capped at the average cost of transporting a student for the school year.

Main
14P-173

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Board of Education receive the School Opening Report – Part 2.
CARRIED

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.

Shelley Courtney, Glenmore Elementary Parent, requested information on the significant drop in student numbers at several of the District's schools, i.e. Raymer Elementary School.

The Superintendent responded that some students have moved to other education providers, and several neighbourhoods have changed, due to being more transient in nature.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser

Queried whether the Central Okanagan School District would be putting together a Capital Plan submission.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the government has requested transportation requirements from school districts, however are not expecting a Capital Plan submission this year. The Central Okanagan School District's Capital Plan will not have any significant changes from last year as no additional funding has been received.

Trustee Brinkerhoff

Noted that many favourable comments have been received regarding the District's *What's Next?* booklet for senior students, which provides detailed information including post-secondary options, career choices and scholarship information.

The Superintendent responded that the document is developed by school counsellors, in particular Karen Gilbert, George Elliot Secondary School, and Marilyn Green, Okanagan Mission Secondary School, and is posted to the District's website. The booklet is used in Planning 10 courses and all senior students are provided with information regarding access to the document. The Superintendent will convey the Board's appreciation to those involved in creating the booklet.

Vivian Evans, COPAC Vice President

Requested more information on the Rutland Family Hub initiative being developed at Pearson Road Elementary School.

The Board Chair responded that the concept was initiated by Robert Zoppi, Principal of Pearson Road Elementary School. The concept involves various agencies using the school site to provide services to the community. An initial presentation on the Rutland Family Hub was provided to the Education and Student Services Committee on October 1st.

The Superintendent advised that the initial presentation on October 1st was to provide information on the proposal and to receive approval in principle to proceed with next steps. A detailed presentation will be provided to the Education and Student Services Committee at the November 5th Committee meeting. The School District's contribution will be to provide after-hours access to Pearson Road Elementary School. The community agencies involved will hire a coordinator to develop and oversee the services that will be offered within the Rutland Family Hub.

ACTION ITEMS

Regional Strategic Transportation Plan Endorsement

Main
14P-174

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education send a letter of support to the City of Kelowna/Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO) endorsing the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan.

Trustee Fraser, Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, provided information on the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan as discussed at the September 27th Committee meeting.

Amendment
14P-175

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
Add:
“and including a request that the School District be involved in future planning of the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan.”
CARRIED

Main 14P-174 as Amended by Amendment 14P-175

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter of support to the City of Kelowna/Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO) endorsing the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan, and including a request that the School District be involved in future planning of the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan.
CARRIED

2014/15 School Bus Replacement Request

The Ministry of Education has requested that school districts submit school bus replacement requests by October 10, 2014. The Central Okanagan School District is requesting six replacement buses.

Main
14P-176

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) approve the 2014/15 School Bus Replacement Request, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the October 8, 2014 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Request for Endorsement of the *Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning (\$10/day Child Care Plan)* Proposed by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and Early Childhood Educators of BC

This is the second request received by the Board to endorse the *Community Plan*. The initial request was received on November 30, 2013 and, at that time, no motion was made regarding the request for endorsement. Trustees reviewed the request for endorsement and the potential future financial implications for establishment of the *Community Plan*.

Main
14P-177

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education support the concept of a universal daycare system in BC and that it be fully funded by the provincial government.
CARRIED

Request from the District of Lake Country to Support their Request for the Re-Installation of a Four-Way Stop at the Intersection of Pelmeash Parkway and Oyama Road

Main
14P-178

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure in support of the District of Lake Country's request that a four-way stop be reinstalled at the intersection of Pelmeash Parkway and Oyama Road.

Trustees reviewed the request to support the re-installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Pelmeash Parkway and Oyama Road. The two-way stop currently installed at the intersection is a safety concern for students attempting to cross the road.

**Main 14P-178
CARRIED**

SD No. 57 (Prince George) September 24, 2014 Letter to the Minister of Education Regarding Use of the BCED Plan Brand

During the recent BCTF labour dispute, the BCED Plan website was used for political statements regarding the labour situation.

Main
14P-179

MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education, similar to the letter sent by School District No. 57 (Prince George), regarding the use of the BCED Plan brand in politically-oriented messaging.

Trustees discussed the information that was posted to the BCED Plan website during the labour dispute which included government messages commenting on BCTF contract negotiations.

The COPAC Vice President noted that parents use the BCED Plan site to access information regarding public education and do not expect to see political messages posted by the government on a site paid for by tax dollars.

Amendment
14P-180

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
Remove the words “similar to the letter sent by School District No. 57 (Prince George)” and add “inappropriate” before “use of the BCED Plan brand in politically-oriented messaging”.

**Amendment 14P-180
CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Pendharkar**

Main 14P-179 as Amended by Amendment 14P-180

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding the inappropriate use of the BCED Plan brand in politically-oriented messaging.

**CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Pendharkar**

School Age Before and After School Care Program (and Possibly a Preschool Program) at École Casorso Elementary School

The Ministry of Children and Family Development has announced a funding program to add new child care spaces. The Clubhouse Child Care Center is requesting endorsement from the Board of Education in support of their application for a grant submission for a school age before and after school care program (and possibly a preschool program) at École Casorso Elementary School.

Main
14P-181

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education support the grant application for The Clubhouse Child Care Center to operate a school age before and after school care program (and possibly a preschool program) at École Casorso Elementary School.

Trustees reviewed the proposal and the availability of space on the school site, including the need for additional washroom facilities if the program is approved. A detailed study of the proposal will be conducted by staff once The Clubhouse Child Care Center has received funding approval from the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

**Main 14P-181
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.

Peter Pagliocchini, Retired Teacher, requested information on revenue received by the District through the International Education Program.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that funds received from fee-paying students through the International Education Program are listed as a line item in the District budget and generated approximately \$2.5 million for the previous school year.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Lake Country Schools Consultation Meetings

- Meetings are taking place with the Parent Advisory Councils of schools in Lake Country regarding preliminary planning for catchment area changes. A meeting has taken place at Oyama Traditional School (September 29, 2014), and meetings are scheduled at Davidson Road Elementary School (October 9, 2014), and École Peter Greer Elementary School (October 14, 2014). An online survey will also be used to gather community feedback.
- A meeting with the George Elliot Secondary School Parent Advisory Council will be scheduled after the elementary school meetings have taken place and will be followed by a public meeting for all Lake Country area residents.
- Following the public meeting, feedback will be compiled and brought to the Board of Education for consideration.

Summer Projects 2014

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Tender for Audit Services

Trustee Cacchioni, Chair of the Finance and Legal Committee, advised that the Tender Evaluation Committee met on October 7th to review the five proposals received. This item has been added as an Action Item on the October 15th Finance and Legal Committee Meeting Agenda.

System Goals for the 2014/2015 School Year

The Superintendent reviewed the System Goals Report which includes a summary of student achievement goals and objectives as outlined in the District's 2014/2015 Achievement Contract. The Report also includes the organizational/system goals and objectives for the 2014/2015 school year, including completion of aspects of the Long-Term Facility Plan scheduled for the coming year.

Regional meetings are taking place at Rutland schools regarding the possibility of moving grade 9 students to Rutland Senior Secondary School in September 2015. It is anticipated that feedback and direction from the community will have been received prior to the Winter Break. Depending on feedback received, the District may be in a position to consider changes for September 2015.

Level 4 and 5 Field Trip Summary Information

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Kelowna	Trustee Gorman and Trustee Brinkerhoff
Lake Country	Trustee Butler
Peachland	Trustee Baxter
Rutland	Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Pendharkar
West Kelowna	Trustee Fraser

Field Trips 2014/2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statements

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Welcome Back to Staff, September 22, 2014, from the Board Chair on behalf of the Central Okanagan Board of Education.

Mayor Doug Findlater, District of West Kelowna, September 26, 2014, in response to the District of West Kelowna's request for a cost sharing commitment for improvements around the Constable Neil Bruce Middle School site.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Adrienne Montani, Provincial Coordinator, First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, requesting that the Board adopt and implement strong school board policies to support students with diverse gender identities and expressions.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

BCTF/BCPSEA Provincial Bargaining:

- SD No. 62 (Sooke), August 27, 2014
- SD No. 72 (Campbell River), September 9, 2014
- SD No. 50 (Haida Gwaii), September 10, 2014
- SD No. 62 (Sooke), September 10, 2014
- SD No. 82 (Coast Mountains), September 15, 2014
- SD No. 93 (Le Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique), September 16, 2014

SD No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), September 11, 2014, to the Minister of Education, the Premier, BCPSEA, BCTF, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, the media, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the \$40/day program for parents.

Deputy Minister of Education, September 18, 2014, to Board Chairs regarding amendments to the capital cost sharing policy for school districts under the Cash Management Strategy.

SD No. 44 (North Vancouver), September 19, 2014, to the Minister of Education, BCPSEA, BCTF, the Premier, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding returning students to school and successful negotiations.

SD No. 69 (Qualicum), September 22, 2014, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the chronic underfunding of school districts.

SD No. 71 (Comox Valley), September 23, 2014, to the Minister of Education, BCPSEA, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding ensuring that Boards of Education are included in future bargaining.

SD No. 57 (Prince George), September 24, 2014, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the use of the BCED Plan brand in politically-oriented messaging during the BCTF labour dispute.

SD No. 57 (Prince George), September 29, 2014, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Government's use of strike savings.

SD No. 45 (West Vancouver), September 29, 2014, to Trustee Alan Chell thanking him for his participation on the bargaining team during the BCTF negotiations.

SD No. 45 (West Vancouver), September 29, 2014, to Trustee Silas White thanking him for his participation on the bargaining team during the BCTF negotiations.

SD No. 35 (Langley), September 30, 2014, to the Premier, the Minister of Education, BCPSEA, BCTF, local Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the government's use of strike savings.

SD No. 35 (Langley), September 30, 2014, to the Minister of Education, BCTF, BCPSEA, local area Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding successful bargaining and students returning to school.

Main
14P-182

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: At the October 8, 2014 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2014: Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 23 & 24, 2014

Location: Vancouver

Trustee Pendharkar attending.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 24 & 25, 2014

Location: Vancouver

Trustee Fraser attending.

Trustee Cacchioni attending the Finance Committee Meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning and Facilities (CANCELLED)

Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Finance and Legal

Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Baxter – September 30, 2014 Coordinating Committee Meeting

THAT: All Trustees must complete a criminal record check at the beginning of their term of office.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Notice of Motion – Trustee Baxter (*October 22, 2014 Public Board Meeting*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer