



"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 acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

DATE: Wednesday January 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 (*absent on Board business*)
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman (*via teleconference*)
Trustee L. Mossman (*via teleconference*)
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer (*absent*)
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
E. Sadlowski, Director of Finance
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Vivian Evans, President
COPVPA	Linda Ross, Member's Liaison - Elementary
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	No representative
DSC	Kelsey Munro, Grade 11, Rutland Senior Secondary School

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add: Agenda 1.1 Appointment of Acting Secretary-Treasurer (*new item*)

Appointment of Acting Secretary-Treasurer

Main

15P-010

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: Eileen Sadlowski, Director of Finance, be appointed Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the Public Board Meeting on January 28, 2015, in the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer.
CARRIED

Add: Board Correspondence 10. Correspondence Directed to the Board:
- Steve Marino, January 26, 2015, regarding the Rutland School District Grade Configuration (*new material for scheduled item*)

Main

15P-011

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Agenda for the January 28, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – January 14, 2015

Main
15P-012

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 14, 2015 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Harmony Day and Human Rights Month - 2015

Leigh-Ann Yanow, Chair - Harmony Day Committee, reviewed the various events planned and resources available for this year's Harmony Day.

The Board Chair made the following Declaration:

WHEREAS Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan School District community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day allows the Central Okanagan School District to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and,
THEREFORE I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 18, 2015 as Harmony Day in the Central Okanagan School District;
and also do hereby proclaim the month of February 2015 as Human Rights Month in the Central Okanagan School District.

School Bus Safety Week – February 2 through to February 6, 2015

The Board Chair made the following Declaration:

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares the week of February 2 through to February 6, 2015 as "School Bus Safety Week" in the Central Okanagan School District, supporting the theme "2015: Bully Free Zone!"

Presentation: District School Planning Council Meetings

Background information was provided on the legislation pertaining to School Planning Councils which became law on July 1, 2002. School Planning Councils are advisory bodies, responsible for developing, monitoring, and reviewing school plans for student achievement in consultation with the school community. The Board of Education maintains policies and procedures to support School Planning Councils.

6:20 pm – The Assistant Superintendent left the meeting.

Annual meetings with School Planning Councils include the Liaison Trustee, either the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, the zonal Director of Instruction, school staff, and student and parent representatives. Discussion at the annual meeting includes current and future school goals, structures in place to support the goals, and evidence that school goals are improving learning. Dates for this year's School Planning Council Meetings will be set in the near future.

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

All trustees were provided with an opportunity to comment on their involvement, since the previous Board meeting, in District activities.

Trustee Fraser

Provided information regarding an initiative undertaken by the Board of Education of School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha), who, in an effort to investigate relief from rising utility rates, met with the Penticton Mayor and Council to discuss electricity rates and the impact the rising costs are having on funding for education. Their school district also uses reclaimed water for sports field irrigation which provides significant cost savings.

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer responded that the Central Okanagan School District has been able to maintain its utility budget for the past seven years, due to facility retrofits, installation of cost-effective lighting systems, etc., and by continually working with arborists to ensure the most efficient watering procedures are strictly adhered to.

The Superintendent advised that the District's Energy & Sustainability Manager is diligent in pursuing all avenues of utility efficiencies in order to ensure rising utility rates have the least amount of financial impact as possible.

NOTE: At the February 18, 2015 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, the Energy & Sustainability Manager will be providing a presentation on energy and sustainability initiatives.

ACTION ITEMS

Timing of the Rutland Grade Configuration

Main
15P-013

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendation to implement the grade configuration change to Rutland area schools as per Board Motion 12P-089 for September 2015. (This will result in elementary schools being Kindergarten to grade 5, middle schools being grades 6 to 8, and secondary schools being grades 9 to 12.)

Trustee Fraser, Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, provided information on the Rutland Grade Configuration as discussed at the committee level. Approximately 700 families provided input on the proposed grade configuration and community feedback has been supportive. Trustees discussed the grade configuration, its effect on elementary, middle and secondary school enrolment, and the possible future closing of an elementary school in the Rutland area should enrolment continue to decline.

**MAIN 15P-013
CARRIED**

Registration Dates for 2015/2016 School Year – Motion to Amend a Previously Approved Motion

The Superintendent provided information on the amendment which is a housekeeping change due to the late school opening date in September (September 8th).

Main
15P-014

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: Motion 15P-004 (January 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting):

“THAT: The initial registration dates for the 2015/2016 school year be set as February 16, 2015 through to March 6, 2015;

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 27, 2015.”

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

THAT: The initial registration dates for the 2015/2016 school year be set as February 16, 2015 through to March 6, 2015;

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 September 3, 2015.

CARRIED

ThoughtExchange – Approval of Timeline and Proposed 2015/2016 Budget Questions

The Director of Finance provided background information on the use of the ThoughtExchange survey tool which will invite more widespread feedback during the budget consultation process.

Main
15P-015

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the ThoughtExchange timeline and proposed questions, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the January 28, 2015 Public Board Meeting.

Trustees reviewed the proposed questions which are designed to gather feedback/input on the broader budget perspective rather than on specific budget items. The Director of Finance will ensure that participants in the ThoughtExchange survey are aware that feedback is being requested on the operational budget rather than the capital budget.

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.

Shelley Courtney, COPAC member, queried whether there is an opportunity for parents to provide feedback on the capital budget.

The Chairperson responded that capital budget discussions occur at the school level, where principals request input from their Parent Advisory Council, the School Planning Council, staff, parents and students.

The Superintendent advised that distribution of Annual Facility Grant funds is determined by management staff through a thorough review and prioritization of all school improvement requests received.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) Distribution for the 2015-2016 School Year

- Senior staff and members of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA) Executive have had their first meeting to discuss how best to distribute the Learning Improvement Fund resources in support of classrooms and vulnerable students.
- A sizable LIF allocation will be received for the 2015-2016 school year which will fund approximately 33 teaching positions throughout the school district.

The COTA President thanked the Superintendent and senior staff for the opportunity to engage in discussions regarding the disbursement of the LIF resources.

Student Readiness Report

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2014/2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Vivian Evans, COPAC President, January 15, 2015, extending an invitation for the COPAC Executive to meet with the Board of Education.

University of British Columbia Okanagan Faculty of Education, January 15, 2015, extending an invitation for the Faculty of Education to meet with the Board of Education.

Regional District of Central Okanagan, January 15, 2015, extending an invitation for the Regional Board to meet with the Board of Education.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Lake Country Catchment Area Review:

- Karen Clark Le Poole, January 17, 2015
- Nancy Dunsmore, January 17, 2015
- Oyama Traditional School Parent, January 19, 2015
- Christy Mckeating, January 19, 2015
- Laura Wells, January 19, 2015
- Rob Geier, January 19, 2015
- Trina Mackie, January 20, 2015
- Chantelle Manzuik, January 20, 2015
- Jeannie and Bill Chaplin, January 20, 2015
- Amanda Ulliac, January 21, 2015
- Lyndsay McEwen, January 21, 2015
- Kristy Hansen, January 21, 2015
- Zabi Zbehin, January 21, 2015
- Fred Novin, January 22, 2015

Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation, January 8, 2015, in response to the Board's request in October 2014 to reinstall a four-way stop at the intersection of Pelmeash Parkway and Oyama Road.

James Pengilly, January 15, 2015, regarding the proposed French Immersion Program on the Westside.

Steve Marino, January 26, 2015, regarding the Rutland School District Grade Configuration.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 52 (Prince Rupert), December 12, 2014, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding September strike savings.

SD No. 61 (Greater Victoria), December 12, 2014, to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Education, local Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services recommendations contained in the Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations.

SD No. 52 (Prince Rupert), December 12, 2014, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services recommendations contained in the Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations.

BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch, December 16, 2014, to the BCSTA Board of Directors, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding BCSTA's Selection of Deputy Chairs and Readers for the BCSTA Annual General Meeting.

SD No. 82 (Coast Mountains), January 5, 2015, to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the management and exempt staff compensation freeze.

SD No. 35 (Langley), January 8, 2015, to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the management and exempt staff compensation freeze.

BCSTA President, January 15, 2015, to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, and all BC Boards of Education, expressing concern regarding the future governance of the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA).

Main

15P-016

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: At the January 28, 2015 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA New Trustee Orientation

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2015

Location: Vancouver

BCPSEA Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday, January 30, 2015

Location: Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: February 20 & 21, 2015

Location: Vancouver

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: February 27 & 28, 2015

Location: Vernon

BCSTA AGM

Date: April 16 – 19, 2015

Location: Vancouver

**Extraordinary Motions (to change BCSTA Bylaws or Foundational Statements)
due February 5, 2015**

Substantive Motions due February 15, 2015

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

General Affairs

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 4:00 pm at the School Board Office

Human Resources and Staff Services (CANCELLED)

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

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education Meeting with CUPE Local 3523

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Board of Education Meeting with District of West Kelowna Mayor and Council

DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2015

Board of Education Meeting with City of Kelowna Mayor and Council

DATE: Friday, March 6, 2015

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Chairperson

Acting Secretary-Treasurer