



"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 May 28, 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 (*on leave*)
Trustee C. Gorman
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	Des Sjoquist, Executive Member - Economic Welfare
COTA	No representative
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, President, and David Tether, Vice-President
DSC	Kassidie Cornell, Gr. 12, MBSS, and Charles Smith, Gr. 11, GESS

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

14P-091 MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Agenda for May 28, 2014 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – May 14, 2014

Main

14P-092 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 14, 2014 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition: 15th Annual Rotary Club of Kelowna/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest - April 28, 2014

- In attendance: Russ Bischoff, Vice-Principal, George Elliot Secondary School - Contest Organizer

Grade 6

- 1st Place Jenaya McRorie, Rose Valley Elementary School
- 2nd Place Hailey Lewis, Rose Valley Elementary School
- 3rd Place Jocelyn Lockwood, Oyama Traditional School

Grade 7

- 1st Place Isis Darosa, Anne McClymont Elementary School
- 2nd Place Snover Gill, Davidson Road Elementary School
- 3rd Place Logan Braun, Davidson Road Elementary School

The Board of Education recognized and congratulated the above students as winners in the 15th Annual Rotary Club of Kelowna/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest. The Board of Education also recognized the Rotary Club for its many contributions to the District and the community, and thanked Vice-Principal Russ Bischoff for his involvement in organizing the event.

Recognition: BCSTA Long Service Award

- Trustee Baxter (18 years)
- Trustee Cacchioni (9 years)
- Trustee Pendharkar (9 years)

Trustee Baxter, Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Pendharkar were congratulated for receiving the BC School Trustees Association Long Service Award in recognition of their dedicated years of service to public education and local governance.

Presentation: District Student Council Request to Review Policy Form 525.4 - Student Using Vehicle During School Hours

- Presenters: Kassidie Cornell, Grade 12, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Charles Smith, Grade 11, George Elliot Secondary School

The District Student Council representatives provided a presentation requesting that the District align Policy Form 525.4 - Student Using Vehicle During School Hours with the Provincial Graduated Licensing Program which allows the Novice (N) driver to have one passenger, excluding immediate family members. The students reviewed the changes that have taken place to the Graduated Licensing Program since 2003.

The Board Chair thanked the District Student Council representatives for their presentation. The Secretary-Treasurer will research current Schools Protection Program guidelines and provide the information to the Board for discussion/response.

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 Cacchioni

Advised that the proposed change from three years to four years for the term served by municipal officers and school trustees is expected to receive Royal Assent in the next few days. Trustee Cacchioni requested information on projected population numbers for areas within the Central Okanagan School District for possible future Trustee electoral changes.

The Secretary-Treasurer will forward the projected population numbers to Trustees.

ACTION ITEMS

Review of the Department of Student Support Services - Level 1

Main
14P-093

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Board of Education receive the Review of the Department of Student Support Services - Level 1, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the May 28, 2014 Public Board Meeting, and that the Review be forwarded to the Superintendent for further action.

The Superintendent provided information on the Level 1 Review of the Department of Student Support Services. The report includes a series of short-term, medium-term and long-term recommendations which are designed to improve and enhance the services provided by the Department.

**MAIN 14P-093
CARRIED**

Health Promoting Schools Review - Level 2

Main
14P-094

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Board of Education receive the Health Promoting Schools Review - Level 2, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the May 28, 2014 Public Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the possibility of more healthy food options being provided at school stores and when PACS are organizing fundraising events. It was agreed that this item would be added as an agenda topic for the Board's meeting with the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council Executive on June 9, 2014.

**MAIN 14P-094
CARRIED**

New Policy 352 - Discrimination Towards and by Staff as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

New Policy 452 - Discrimination Towards and by Students as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Main
14P-095

MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,
THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 352 - Discrimination Towards and by Staff as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, with the definition for "Heterosexism" removed.

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 452 - Discrimination Towards and by Students as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, with the definition for "Heterosexism" removed.

Amendment

14P-096

MOVED by Trustee Butler,

Add the definition for “Heterosexism” to both policies to read “heterosexism is a system of attitudes, bias, and discrimination in favour of opposite-sex sexuality and relationships”.

NO SECONDER

NO DEBATE

Amendment

14P-097

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

Add the definition for “Heterosexism” to both policies to read “refers to the assumption that all people are heterosexual and that heterosexuality is the norm by which all other sexual orientations and gender identities are measured”.

Sub Amendment

14P-098

MOVED by Trustee Gorman,

Add the definition for “Heterosexism” to both policies to read “refers to the *mistaken* assumption that all people are heterosexual and that heterosexuality is *superior and the* norm by which all other sexual orientations and gender identities are measured”.

NO SECONDER

NO DEBATE

AMENDMENT 14P-097

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 14P-095 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 14P-097

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 352 - Discrimination Towards and by Staff as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, with the definition for “Heterosexism” to read: “refers to the assumption that all people are heterosexual and that heterosexuality is the norm by which all other sexual orientations and gender identities are measured”.

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 452 - Discrimination Towards and by Students as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, with the definition for “Heterosexism” to read: “refers to the assumption that all people are heterosexual and that heterosexuality is the norm by which all other sexual orientations and gender identities are measured”.

CARRIED

Main

14P-099

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

THAT: The Board of Education amend Policy 352 - Discrimination Towards and by Staff as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, with the definition for “Homophobia” to read: “is the *irrational* fear or hatred of, aversion to, and discrimination against people based on an actual or assumed sexual orientation or gender identity”.

THAT: The Board of Education amend Policy 452 - Discrimination Towards and by Students as it Pertains to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, with the definition for “Homophobia” to read: “is the *irrational* fear or hatred of, aversion to, and discrimination against people based on an actual or assumed sexual orientation or gender identity”.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Brinkerhoff, Trustee Gorman

Amendments to Policy 410 - Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over Age 16 Years; Amendments to Policy 725 - Inviting Speakers to Schools; and, Deletion of Policy 415 - Admission of Inter-District Transfer Students

Main
14P-100

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 410 - Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over Age 16 Years, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the May 28, 2014 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment
14P-101

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
In point number 3 replace “*subject to Policy 480...*” with “*notwithstanding Policy 480...*”
CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 14P-100 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 14P-101

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 410 - Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over Age 16 Years, as attached to the agenda and as amended at the May 28, 2014 Public Board Meeting, with the replacement of “*subject to Policy 480...*” with “*notwithstanding Policy 480...*” in point number 3.
CARRIED

Main
14P-102

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 725 - Inviting Speakers to Schools, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the May 28, 2014 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment
14P-103

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
Add to the end of point number 3 “Each candidate may be accompanied by up to two campaign staff members.”
CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 14P-102 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 14P-103

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 725 - Inviting Speakers to Schools, as attached to the agenda and as amended at the May 28, 2014 Public Board Meeting, with the addition of “Each candidate may be accompanied by up to two campaign staff members” at the end of point number 3.
CARRIED

Main
14P-104

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the deletion of Policy 415 - Admission of Inter-District Transfer Students, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the May 28, 2014 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.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Private Travel Companies Offering Trips/Events to Graduating Students

- Several private travel companies are offering large group, multi-school grad trips to winter and summer resort destinations.
- These trips are non-sanctioned events and there are serious concerns regarding student behaviour and safety at these destinations.
- A letter has been posted to the District's website "Letter to Parents/Guardians of Graduating Students", dated April 8, 2014, which provides more information to parents regarding these travel companies and trips offered.

Amendments to the KSS Timetable to Accommodate the Canadian Student Leadership Conference (CSLC) 2014

- Kelowna Secondary School will lose two days of instructional time during the week of September 22, 2014 in order to accommodate the CSLC schedule.
- This time will be recouped through the addition of instructional minutes to each school day in Semester One, and through the extension of the hours of the first day of the school year (normally a shortened day).
- KSS administrators have confirmed that the parent consultation process has been completed for approval of the school calendar for the 2014/2015 year.

Technology Education Program/Safety Review Report

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Proposed Evaluation Cycle for 2008/2009 to 2014/2015 and Draft Education and Student Services Committee Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2013/2014

The field trip list will be updated on an ongoing basis as upcoming field trips are cancelled.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha), May 9, 2014, to the Minister of Education, the Premier of BC, the Minister of Finance, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the announced policy change pertaining to capital project funding.

SD No. 39 (Vancouver), May 21, 2014, to the BC Premier, the Minister of Education, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding their District's approved May 20, 2014 Motion calling on the BC Government to bargain in good faith.

Minister of Education to the BCSTA President and all BC Board Chairs, May 21, 2014, regarding concerns raised at the recent BCSTA AGM.

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: At the May 28, 2014 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

CSBA Congress 2014

Date: July 3 - 6, 2014

Location: Niagara Falls, Ontario

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services (CANCELLED)

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

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education Meeting with the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC)

DATE: Monday, June 9, 2014

- Agenda Item: Healthy Food in School Stores and for PAC Fundraising Events

Board of Education Meeting with District of Peachland Mayor and Council

DATE: Tuesday, June 24, 2014

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Follow up to the District Student Council Request to Review Policy Form 525.4 - Student Using Vehicle During School Hours (*sent to the Coordinating Committee*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer