



"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 P.M.)

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

DATE: Wednesday, January 13, 2016
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
Trustee L. Mossman
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Shelley Courtney, President
COPVA	Raelyn Larmet, Executive Member - Social
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, President
DSC	Branden Jewsbury, Co-President, Grade 12, MBSS

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add:	Recognition/Presentation/Delegations Item	3.1	"Together We Learn" Special Edition – Kelowna Capital News <i>(New item)</i> <i>It was agreed that current Agenda Item 3.1 "Presentation: Inside 23" would be moved to Agenda Item 3.2</i>
Amend:	Action Item	6.3	French Immersion Review – Task Force Direction <i>(New material for scheduled item)</i>

Main

16P-001

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Agenda for the January 13, 2016 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting – December 9, 2015

Main

16P-002

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of December 9, 2015 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

Public Board Meeting – December 9, 2015

Main

16P-003

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of December 9, 2015 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

“Together We Learn” Special Edition - Kelowna Capital News

The Board Chair thanked the Assistant Superintendent for leading the endeavour to craft the 20-page Special Edition which showcases many of the District’s programs and events while highlighting Trustees, students and staff. The Kelowna Capital News provided 24,500 copies of the Special Edition at no cost to the District for distribution to schools.

The Assistant Superintendent commended the many team members involved in the development of the edition, in particular Donna Stathers, Principal – Glenrosa Elementary School, Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant, Karen Hill, Publisher – Kelowna Capital News, and the Kelowna Capital News staff.

The Board of Education agreed to send a letter thanking all those involved in the project.

A second edition for May 2016 is being discussed with the Kelowna Capital News. This edition would highlight the District’s graduating students.

Presentation: “Inside 23”

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided information on the “*Inside 23*” permanent addition to the agenda which will provide opportunities at Public Board Meetings to showcase both students and staff whose work and learning make School District No. 23 a safe, inclusive, learning community focused on success for each learner.

CUPE Local 3523

Wendy Johnson, CUPE President, and Treena Harley, CUPE Recording Secretary, provided information on “CUPE Connection” which is a local CUPE newsletter distributed on a quarterly basis. The first issue of the newsletter won the Provincial Communications Award at the 2015 CUPE National Convention for an innovative approach to communicating to members.

International Education Program

Rick Oliver, Director of Instruction K-12, provided background information on the International Education Program. There are approximately 800 new immigrant students (from 61 countries), 400 international students, and 370 English Language Learners attending schools in the Central Okanagan School District. The Board was provided with the opportunity to view a promotional video prepared by the International Education Department.

The Federal Government provides funding for two Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS), Donna Garbelya and Carol Davidson, who work with new immigrant families, providing support to students in schools and assistance to families as they settle into their new community.

Donna Garbelya provided information on the various ways families are assisted, and introduced parent Lily Qin, who shared her story and expressed her appreciation for the support that she and her family received when they moved to the Central Okanagan.

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.

David Grabavac, Lake Country Parent, provided a comment on the Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review agenda item.

Raelyn Larmet, COPVPA Representative, thanked the Board and senior staff for supporting the compensation increase for Principals and Vice-Principals.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review

6:39 pm: *Trustee Butler recused herself from participating in the discussion and the vote for the Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review.*

Main

16P-004

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the adjustment of the catchment area for Lake Country to include the Woodsdale Road area to Oyama Traditional School and the Southwest Quadrant of Lake Country to Peter Greer Elementary School (not including the Sage Glenn subdivision) as described by the Option A map in Appendix A.

Trustee Fraser, Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, provided background information on the Motion as discussed at the Committee level.

Board discussion included grandfathering of existing students, potential changes to bus routes should the catchments be amended, and enrolment numbers/school capacity at the three Lake Country elementary schools.

Amendment

16P-005

MOVED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: Grandfathering be suspended in Davidson Road and Peter Greer Elementary Schools.

NO SECONDER

NO DEBATE

Main 16P-004

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Fraser

Amendments to Policy 735 – Advertising and Sponsorship in Schools

A revision was made to the amended Policy as follows:

Page 3, Item 4.8, "...cultural values of the community, the school and the ~~Board~~ **District** as determined by the Board."

Main

16P-006

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 735 – Advertising and Sponsorship in Schools, as attached to the agenda and as amended at the January 13, 2016 Public Board Meeting.

The amendments to the Policy will provide the Board with the opportunity to review sponsor/donor recognitions on an individual basis.

Main 16P-006

CARRIED

French Immersion Review – Task Force Direction

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reviewed the information provided regarding the proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference for the French Immersion Task Force, as well as the proposed revisions to the French Immersion consultation process and timeline.

Main

16P-007

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposed Terms of Reference for the French Immersion Task Force and the Proposed Consultation Process and Timeline, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the January 13, 2016 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Appointment of Board Standing Committee Members

Main

16P-008

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: The Board of Education appoint the Board Standing Committee Members as follows:

- Education and Student Services Committee: Trustee Mossman and Trustee Butler
- Finance and Legal Committee: Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Gorman
- Human Resources and Staff Services Committee: Trustee Fraser and Trustee Tiede
- Planning and Facilities Committee: Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Gorman

CARRIED

Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the District Bargaining Committee

Main

16P-009

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,

THAT: Trustee Butler be appointed as the Trustee Representative to the District Bargaining Committee, with Trustee Tiede being appointed as the Alternate Trustee Representative.

CARRIED

Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the Aboriginal Education Council

Main

16P-010

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: Trustee Mossman and Trustee Butler be appointed as the Trustee Representatives to the Aboriginal Education Council, with Trustee Fraser being appointed as the Alternate Trustee Representative.

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 Representative commented that parents are receiving mixed responses from school principals regarding the process for having students opt out of taking the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Exams for grades 4 and 7.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO responded that parents are welcome to contact either the Director of Instruction for their school or the school board office for clarification on opting out of FSAs. This topic will be discussed at the January 19th Superintendent's Meeting to ensure that FSA information provided to parents is consistent District-wide.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Special Hiring Exemption Approved by the BC Human Rights Tribunal

- A five-year hiring exemption has been approved by the BC Human Rights Tribunal.
- The exemption is for the hiring of two Youth and Family Support Workers and a part-time Exempt Staff Manager to oversee the Support Workers.
- The successful applicants for the three positions will have an Aboriginal cultural background and an understanding of indigenous ways.

February 9th District Non-Instructional Day

- A joint letter written by the Superintendent of Schools/CEO, the COTA President, and the COPVPA President, has been sent to teachers, Principals and Vice-Principals, and Senior Educational Staff, providing information on the Non-Instructional Day.
- The day's activities are being planned through the Joint Educational Change Committee, and it is anticipated that there will be over 1,500 attendees and 58 teacher/facilitators focusing on the K-9 redesigned curriculum and the K-12 learner competencies.

The COTA President commended those involved in planning the Non-Instructional Day.

Principals and Vice-Principals – Approved Compensation Increase (December 14, 2015)

Main
16P-011

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance expressing the District's outrage that the government is not funding the approved differentiated compensation increase for Principals and Vice-Principals.

CARRIED

Report Out – Joint Meeting of the Okanagan Nation Alliance Chief Executive Council and Okanagan MLA Caucus – December 11, 2015

The Board Chairperson, the Assistant Superintendent, and Chris Derickson, Westbank First Nation Councillor and Chair of the District's Aboriginal Education Council attended the meeting. The Board Chairperson commended Assistant Superintendent Terry-Lee Beaudry for her excellent presentation on the District's Aboriginal Education Program and the practises in place to support Aboriginal student achievement.

Board Representatives on District Committees

The Board Chair reviewed the Trustee representatives on District Committees for 2016.

Board Representatives on Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies

The Board Chair reviewed the Trustee representatives on Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies for 2016.

District Scholarship and Award Winners – 2014-2015

The Board reviewed the information provided and commended the Governor General and Provincial Scholarship Award Winners for 2014-2015.

Field Trips 2015/2016

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that, following discussions with other districts regarding travel advisories and liability concerns, and a meeting with KSS administrators to discuss their school's planned trip to Europe in March 2016, a report will be brought to the Board regarding field trips abroad.

General Statements

Trustee Gorman declared that, if he had been in attendance at the December 14, 2015 Special Incamera Meeting, he would have declared a Conflict of Interest for the Action Item.

At the December 9, 2015 Incamera Board Meeting, Trustee Gorman declared a Conflict of Interest for the Human Resources Action Item and left the meeting while that item was discussed.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Minister of Finance, December 14, 2015, with copies to the Minister of Education, local MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, endorsing the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services' report and recommendations for K-12 funding.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia, December 3, 2015, regarding the appointment of auditors for government organizations and trust funds.

Teachers' Pension Board of Trustees, December 17, 2015, regarding 2014 actuarial valuation, contribution rates and sustainable indexing.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Ministry of Education, December 4, 2015, to all School Districts regarding the Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) – 2016/2017 Call for Projects.

SD No. 57 (Prince George), December 3, 2015, to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, endorsing the recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia, January 4, 2016, to all School Districts regarding the release of the report "The Status of Government's General Computing Controls: 2014".

Main
16P-012

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: At the January 13, 2016, Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Branden Jewsbury and Kelsey Munro, District Student Council Co-Presidents, have recorded a radio advertisement for the start of the student registration period in the Central Okanagan School District. The ad will be aired on Power 104 FM.

French Immersion Information Open Houses for Kindergarten 2016 have been scheduled. The dates and locations of the meetings are posted on the District website (www.sd23.bc.ca).

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

Date: February 19 & 20, 2016

Location: Vancouver

Provincial Council Emergent Motions Due January 16, 2015

Main

16P-013

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,

THAT: The Board of Education send the following Emergent Motion to BCSTA for the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting:

MOTION:

THAT: BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to pay for costs incurred by School Districts for the modest, differentiated increases for Principals and Vice-Principals recently approved by the Public Sector Employers' Council (PSEC).

RATIONALE:

School Boards have approved the July 1, 2015 retroactive increase and are in the process of approving funding for the January 1, 2016 differentiated increase for Principals and Vice-Principals at a time where school districts are faced with the second year of \$1 million in Administrative cuts.

CARRIED

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: February 26 & 27, 2016

Location: Salmon Arm

BCSTA AGM

Date: April 14 – 17, 2016

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education meeting with Okanagan College Board of Governors

DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2016

Board of Education meeting with District Student Council

DATE: Monday, February 1, 2016

Board of Education meeting with Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association

DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2016

NOTICES OF MOTION

Davidson Road Elementary School Enrolment

(Trustee Fraser)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT: The Board of Education redirect the overflow of students from Davidson Road Elementary School to Oyama Traditional School.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Field Trips Abroad – 2015/2016 *(Referred to the Coordinating Committee for a future Public Board Meeting Agenda)*

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer