



"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 February 11, 2015
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Hollywood Road Education Services Room 1
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 4N2

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:

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

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Vivian Evans, President
COPVPA	Rod Baruta, Member's Liaison – Middle/Secondary
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add:	Recognition/Presentation/Delegations	3.0	Recognition: Canadian Home and School Federation National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (<i>new item</i>)
Add:	Recognition/Presentation/Delegations	3.2	Presentation: Lake Country Catchment Review (Presenter: David Grabavac) (<i>new material for scheduled item</i>)

Main

15P-017

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Agenda for the February 11, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – January 28, 2015

Main

15P-018

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 28, 2015 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Butler

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition: Canadian Home and School Federation National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

The Board Chairperson recognized the week of February 8 – 14, 2015 as the Canadian Home and School Federation National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

Presentation: Lake Country Catchment Review

- Presenter: Ashley Brain, Oyama Traditional School PAC President

Ms. Brain provided a presentation regarding the catchment review process in Lake Country and delivered a petition with over 470 signatures in support of moving the Lakes students to Oyama Traditional School.

Main

15P-019

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Board of Education receive the presentation provided by Ms. Brain.
CARRIED

Presentation: Lake Country Catchment Review

- Presenter: David Grabavac, Lake Country Parent

Mr. Grabavac delivered a presentation regarding the catchment review process in Lake Country.

The Board Chair referred to Policy 135 – School Board Operation, Section 8.10, regarding “comments which are accusatory or highly critical of an individual trustee’s actions” and provided Trustee Butler with the opportunity to respond to Mr. Grabavac’s comments. Trustee Butler declined to respond to the comments, but did make a short statement.

Main

15P-020

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Board of Education receive the presentation provided by Mr. Grabavac.
CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Butler

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.

The following provided comments/concerns with regard to the Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review:

Diane Crombie, Heidi Starr (provided written comments to the Board), Vivian Evans – COPAC President, Kelly Canning, Rob Shiva, Robert Chayba (directed a question to Trustee Gorman; Trustee Gorman declined to comment), Robert Matheson, May-Bo McAllister, Jeff Wells, Julie Dais, Malcolm McAlister (provided a petition to the Board with over 300 signatures in support of keeping The Lakes subdivision in the Davidson Road Elementary School Catchment Area), and Melanie Fulks-Kraus.

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

Queried whether any updates had been received with regard to the Education Minister's comment that BC schools will become innovation schools, and if any schools in the Central Okanagan School District have been chosen to become an innovation school.

The Superintendent responded that this political announcement was part of an innovation forum focusing on re-energizing education in the province. It has been announced that potential grant funding would be provided to school districts who partner with post-secondary institutions around innovation. No more information has been received to date.

ACTION ITEMS

Westside Middle School French Immersion Program

Main

15P-021

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Superintendent be directed to investigate the option of introducing a second French Immersion elementary school program on the Westside.

Main

15P-022

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: Motion 15P-021 to direct the Superintendent to investigate the option of introducing a second French Immersion elementary school program on the Westside be tabled.

CARRIED

Main

15P-023

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The Board enter into a full consultation process with all school communities in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) regarding the French Immersion Program in the District.

Amendment

15P-024

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education strike a Task Force to review options to guide future plans for the French Immersion Program;

AND THAT: The Task Force bring recommendations forward as to the process to be followed for the public consultation to the General Affairs Committee by October 7, 2015.

Trustees discussed the over-capacity enrolment situation at École KLO Middle School for September 2015, which could mean that it may not be possible to accommodate the in-catchment students in the English program.

**AMENDMENT 15P-024
CARRIED**

MAIN MOTION 15P-023 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 15P-024:

THAT: The Board of Education strike a Task Force to review options to guide future plans for the French Immersion Program;

AND THAT: The Task Force bring recommendations forward as to the process to be followed for the public consultation to the General Affairs Committee by October 7, 2015.

CARRIED

Main
15P-025

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: Motion 15P-021 be lifted from the table.

CARRIED

Tabling Motion 15P-022 (Trustee Cacchioni/Trustee Butler)

THAT: Motion 15P-021 to direct the Superintendent to investigate the option of introducing a second French Immersion elementary school program on the Westside be tabled.

It was unanimously agreed that Motion 15P-021 be withdrawn.

Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review

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

Main
15P-026

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the adjustment of the catchment area for Oyama Traditional School to include the area at the south end of Wood Lake bounded by Highway 97 to the West, both sides of Woodsdale Road to the South, Wood Lake to the North and the existing Oyama Traditional catchment area to the East.

MAIN 15P-026

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Fraser, Trustee Mossman, Trustee Tiede

ABSTAINED: Trustee Butler

Policy and Regulations 405 – Student Placement will be followed for September 2015 registration. The Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review will be referred to the Coordinating Committee.

7:35 pm – The meeting was recessed.

7:43 pm – The meeting was reconvened.

Central School Programs Building – Heritage Award

Main
15P-027

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the placement of the Heritage BC Awards Plaque by school staff in the most appropriate location within the school facility.
CARRIED

Trustee Cacchioni will contact the President of Heritage BC regarding placing the plaque at the school during Heritage Week (February 16 – 22).

Amended Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2014/2015

Main
15P-028

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: At the February 11, 2015 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education give first, second and third readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2014/2015.
CARRIED

Main
15P-029

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2014/2015 in the amount of \$214,432,053 be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 11th day of February, 2015.
CARRIED

District Strike Savings Calculation

Main
15P-030

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry expressing disappointment regarding the lack of reimbursement by the Ministry for strike costs incurred by school districts, and stating that it would have been more beneficial to have the provincial strike savings reinvested into the education system rather than being used to provide the \$40/day fund for parents during the strike.
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.

Jacki Petersen and Susan Zimmermann commented on the Board's decision regarding the District's French Immersion Program.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent had no emergent issues to report.

Ministry Recalculation Allocation – School District No. 23 and Provincial

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Central Okanagan School District's Five Year Capital Plan

The Board reviewed the information provided.

District Student Council 2014-2015

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:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Lake Country Catchment Area Review:

- Diane Crombie, January 26, 2015
- R. Blaine Copeland, January 27, 2015
- Diane Crombie, February 2, 2015

Westside Middle School French Immersion Program:

- Susan Zimmermann, January 28, 2015
- Terry Lum, January 29, 2015
- Jacki Petersen, January 29, 2015

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 10 (Arrow Lakes), January 20, 2015, to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding management and excluded staff compensation freeze.

BCSTA President, January 21, 2015, to the Minister of Education, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding Boards of Education input to shared services.

SD No. 62 (Sooke), January 21, 2015, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the province's existing funding protection model.

SD No. 61 (Greater Victoria), January 22, 2015, to the Minister of Education, local Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding funding upgrading courses for graduated adults.

SD No. 38 (Richmond), January 26, 2015, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the withholding of operating grants from school districts, and the use of those grant funds for the Temporary Education Support for Parents program.

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: At the February 11, 2015 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Trustee Gorman, the Board's representative to the BCPSEA/BCSTA Bargaining Representative Council, provided information on the motion passed at the BCPSEA AGM on January 30, 2015.

Trustee Mossman provided information regarding a conflict of interest discussion at the BCPSEA New Trustee Orientation Session held on January 29, 2015.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: February 20 & 21, 2015

Location: Vancouver

Provincial Councillor Motions Package

Agenda Item 10.1 – Increase in Funding for Educational Programs

(Submitted by: SD No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith))

That BCSTA request: (a) that each Board of Education develop a rationale for an immediate increase in funding for support for educational programs in their school districts; (b) that Boards ask to meet with their local MLAs prior to the end of February 2015; and, (c) that each Board and/or Branch Association present their requests for increased funding to their local MLAs during these meetings.

The Board agreed to support the motion. Should the motion be amended at the meeting, Trustee Fraser, as the Board's representative, will use her discretion when voting on the amendment.

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: February 27 & 28, 2015

Location: Vernon

BCSTA AGM

Date: April 16 – 19, 2015

Location: Vancouver

Substantive Motions due February 15, 2015

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the School Board Office

Planning and Facilities

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 4:30 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

- Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review (*Referred to the Coordinating Committee*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer