



"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 25, 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
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman (*absent*)
Trustee L. Mossman (*absent*)
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
J. Simonson, Director of Instruction, Human Resources
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Vivian Evans, President
COPVPA	Derek Lea, Past President
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, President
DSC	Mitch Asling, Co-President, Gr. 12 – Kelowna Secondary School

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Amend:	Recognition/Presentation/Delegations	3.1	Presentation: School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2013 2014 Safety Review (<i>amended item</i>)
Add:	BC School Trustees Association	13.1	BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting, February 20 & 21, 2015 - Report (<i>additional material for scheduled item</i>)

Main

15P-032

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Agenda for the February 25, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – February 11, 2015

Trustee Butler requested an amendment to the final paragraph on page 2 – Presentation: Lake Country Catchment Review as follows:

Replace the last paragraph with: “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-033

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

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Presentation: School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2014 Safety Review

- Presenter: Dave Cavezza, District Health & Safety Supervisor
- In attendance: Ken Emmons, District Health & Safety Manager
Dave Gibson, Traffic Safety Officer

Dave Cavezza, District Health & Safety Supervisor, reviewed the information contained within the 2014 Safety Review. The number of workplace injuries is in keeping with the five year historical average. 31 BC school districts and 1 private school have partnered with the Central Okanagan School District for management of their WorkSafeBC claims. The District employs six fulltime clerical staff to manage the program and, beginning in 2012, has hosted an annual conference for partner districts to attend and participate in discussions and speaker presentations. The Health and Safety Department has realized a profit for the District of \$174,962 which has been generated through Claims Management Services contracts, online safety courses and health and safety contracted work. The partner school districts have saved \$1.5 million in claims costs in actual cash and reduction in claims costs for 2014.

Various strategies are being developed to assist injured workers in returning to work earlier. The District has begun the use of online training courses for employees, e.g. Bullying and Harassment Prevention, New Worker Safety Orientation, and Asbestos Awareness Training, which have the benefit of providing employees with the opportunity to complete the training at their own convenience.

Dave Gibson, Traffic Safety Officer, provided information on the safety program partnership with BrainTrust Canada. It was agreed that recognition of BrainTrust Canada would be sent to the Coordinating Committee for addition to a future Public Board Meeting.

Main
15P-034

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education receive the Presentation on the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2014 Safety Review.
CARRIED

Bullying Awareness (Pink Shirt) Day, February 25, 2015

The Board Chair made the following Declaration:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares February 25, 2015 as “Bullying Awareness Day” in School District No. 23 (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.

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 the school district is able to broaden access to mental health support for students beyond special education designations.

The Superintendent responded that the District has a number of resources in place for mental health related challenges, e.g. the hiring of Mental Health Clinicians for middle and secondary school students, and contracting with ARC Programs for social workers to assist students dealing with dependency and emotional anger management. As well, Kelowna General Hospital has an adolescent psychiatric unit, and the District has storefront programs through the McWilliams Centre to assist students dealing with various emotional issues. The ongoing challenge remains finding resources and funding to hire more staff members to meet student needs in this area.

Trustee Fraser

Requested more information on the “Lifesaver Program” provided to students in secondary schools.

Derek Lea, the COPVPA representative, was asked to respond and advised that the “Lifesaver Program” is a peer support group made up of grade 10 students for grade 10 students. All grade 10 students in each secondary school are provided with the opportunity to interact with this program.

Trustee Tiede

Queried whether, with the newly configured middle schools housing grade six students, there was a plan in place for age-appropriate outdoor play equipment to be installed.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that a portion of funding through the Annual Facility Grant has been set aside to support the reconfiguration of outdoor equipment at the middle schools.

Trustee Baxter

Commented on the recent Mayor’s Youth Forum held by the District of West Kelowna which provided an opportunity for students to engage with Council members.

The consideration of a Mayor’s Youth Forum will be added to the agenda for the annual meeting which takes place between the Board of Education and the City of Kelowna Mayor and Council.

ACTION ITEMS

2015-2016 School Calendar

The Director of Instruction, Human Resources, reviewed the development of the 2015-2016 school calendar which included consultation and invitation for input from Partner Groups, parents and employees. The majority of the feedback received was in support of the calendar, with some reservations expressed by CUPE Local 3523 for the loss of pay for 10 month employees during the second week of Spring Break.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (CENTRAL OKANAGAN)

2015-2016 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2015/2016
Days in session	191 (3 summer Pro Days September 1-3)
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	September 8
Administrative Implementation Day	October 9
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 12
Teacher Professional Day	October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 11
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 18
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 21 - January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Family Day	February 8
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	February 19
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 11
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 14 - March 28
Good Friday (schools closed)	March 25
Easter Monday (schools closed)	March 28
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, March 29
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 23
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Thursday, June 30
Schools close	Thursday, June 30

The Calendar for 2015-2016 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The hours of instruction for:

- Kindergarten 880 hours (based on 4.785 hours per day x 184)
- Grades 1-6 880 hours (based on 4.785 hours per day x 184)
- Grades 7-12 953 hours (based on 5.183 hours per day x 184)

Provides the:

- Number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group

Main
15P-035

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year as identified in the attached calendar proposal and make the calendar available to all parents by February 28, 2015, and the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2015;

AND THAT:

- 1. The Superintendent direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.**
- 2. In establishing such calendars, principals must:**
 - a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Board Policy.**
 - b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.**
 - c. Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.**

As in the past, the District will continue to offer employment to groups of 10 month employees during the second week of Spring Break, e.g. clerical staff and bus drivers, as well as some professional development for Certified Education Assistants (CEAs); however, it is acknowledged that the District is unable to provide work for all 10 month employees during that second week.

**MAIN 15P-035
CARRIED**

6:40 pm: The Director of Instruction, Human Resources, left the meeting.

Upgrading Courses for Graduated Adults: Funding Changes

Main
15P-036

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the Ministry's decision to discontinue funding for graduated adults.

The District currently has 150 adult graduated learners taking a total of 176 upgrading courses. The Ministry provides approximately \$500 per course to the school district for these students. As a result of provincial funding changes announced in December 2014, these courses will no longer be funded in the coming school year and students will have to pay to upgrade.

**MAIN 15P-036
CARRIED**

The Board's Response to the Provincial Budget Announcement

The recent Provincial budget announcement has indicated that Boards of Education will be required to reduce spending on administration and related services by a total of \$29 million in the 2015-2016 school year, and a further \$25 million in the 2016-2017 school year. Clarification has not yet been received regarding which areas will be considered to be "administration and related services", and whether the cuts will be distributed equally between school districts. A Ministry conference call is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th and is expected to include budget specifics.

Main
15P-037

MOVED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education send a brief letter to the Minister of Education expressing disappointment in the recent budget announcement, and stating that, as the District has previously made significant cuts due to budget reductions, any further reductions will affect all students in the District.

**NO SECONDER
NO DEBATE**

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

The Superintendent had no emergent issues to report.

Aboriginal Education Program Annual Report

The Board reviewed the information provided.

District Scholarship and Award Winners 2013-2014

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Month End Enrolment – January 2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2014/2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statements

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: School District No. 23 Aboriginal Education Council, February 16, 2015, confirming the Board's representatives to the Council for 2015.

Minister of Education, February 17, 2015, regarding the reimbursement of September strike savings costs and the \$40/day Temporary Education Support for Parents fund.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Minister of Education, February 17, 2015, congratulating the Central Okanagan School District on achieving its highest Aboriginal 6-year completion rate of 73%, and for the District's ongoing commitment to Aboriginal student success.

Minister of Education, February 17, 2015, in response to the Board's letter regarding the use of government social media accounts during the BCTF job action.

Minister of Education, February 18, 2015, in response to the Board's letter requesting the reinstatement of the BCPSEA Board of Directors.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 44 (North Vancouver), February 2, 2015, to the Minister of Finance, the Premier, the Minister of Education, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding findings and recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Ministry of Education, Services and Technology Division, February 6, 2015, to all School Boards, regarding the Service Delivery Project – Interim Solution for Shared Procurement.

SD No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), February 11, 2015, to the Minister of Finance, the Premier, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding a progress update on recommendations from the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Report on the Budget 2014 Consultations.

SD No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), February 11, 2015, to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Education, the Premier, BCTF, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding capital funding for school building infrastructure upgrades and replacement.

SD No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), February 13, 2015, to the Minister of Education, the Premier, the Minister of Justice, MCFD, local area MLAs and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the 2008 Education Guarantee Policy Changes.

Main

15P-038

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: At the February 25, 2015 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Assistant Superintendent commended the COPAC Executive for the recent parent evening event featuring key speaker Gary Anaka, who focused on brain health and wellness. The event was very well attended.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting, February 20 & 21, 2015 - Report

Trustee Fraser, BCSTA Provincial Councillor, reviewed the motions passed at the Provincial Council Meeting.

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: February 27 & 28, 2015

Location: Vernon

BCSTA AGM

Date: April 16 – 19, 2015

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

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

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services (CANCELLED)
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Education and Student Services (CANCELLED)
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education Meeting with Westbank First Nation Chief and Council
DATE: Monday, March 2, 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

Board of Education Meeting with District Student Council
DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Board of Education Meeting with District of Lake Country Mayor and Council
DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2015

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Board's Response to the Provincial Budget Announcement *(Trustee Fraser)*

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education expressing disappointment in the recent budget announcement, and stating that, as the District has previously made significant cuts due to budget reductions, any further reductions will affect all students in the District.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Recognition of the Safety Program Partnership with BrainTrust Canada *(Referred to the Coordinating Committee)*

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer