



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

*(Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month, except July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December,
at the School Board Office.)*

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2012
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Board of Education:

Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee J. Fraser
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	Shaun Bos, President
COPVA	Des Sjoquist, Economic Welfare
COTA	Alice Rees – President, Susan Bauhart – First Vice-President and April Smith - Second Vice-President
CUPE	Wendy Johnson - Vice-President
DSC	George Walker, Gr. 11 - George Elliot Secondary School

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Board Chairperson requested that the Superintendent provide a brief comment on the fatal motor vehicle accident in Peachland involving current and former West Kelowna students. Sympathy was extended to the families and friends of the young people involved.

Additionally, Mr. Marlon Brown, teacher at Dr. Knox Middle School, recently passed away unexpectedly. Sympathy was extended to his family and the students and staff at Dr. Knox Middle School.

The Chairperson called for a moment of silence.

AGENDA

Add: Action Item

6.3 Board Letter to the Minister of Education Regarding the Provincial Three-Year
Commitment to the Learning Improvement Fund

Main

12P-147

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Agenda for October 24, 2012 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – October 10, 2012

Main

12P-148

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 10, 2012 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

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.

Mr. David Bruce, presenter at the October 10, 2012 Public Board Meeting regarding a request to amend the Regional District Central Okanagan Dog Control Bylaw No. 366, Section 12, provided a statement asking Trustees to give serious consideration to changing the Bylaw to allow restricted access/times when dogs on leash could be allowed in certain areas of school grounds when children are walked to and from school.

The Board Chairperson thanked Mr. Bruce for his presentation.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Pendharkar

Requested a correction to the Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2012 regarding the “Gibson Road Sidewalks” Information Item. The request for information was for a sidewalk addition to Hartman Road, rather than Gibson Road.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that, although the road named in the Information Memorandum was incorrectly noted as “Gibson Road”, the information researched was in fact for “Hartman Road”.

The Chairperson advised that a request for a review of sidewalk priorities should first be sent to the Safe Schools Committee, which has representatives from all areas of the municipality. Trustee Gorman, as Trustee Representative to the Safe Schools Committee, will take the sidewalk review request to the next meeting of the Committee.

The minutes of the September 26, 2012 Public Board Meeting will be amended to reflect the correct road name in the Information Item.

Trustee Fraser

Requested clarification on the District’s policies and regulations regarding the recent showing of the Amanda Todd YouTube video in several classrooms across the District.

The Superintendent responded that conflicting messages have been received from the Ministry of Education regarding the sharing of the video in classrooms around the province. The Ministry’s position has changed somewhat with regard to students being shown the Amanda Todd YouTube video in their classroom. Should a District teacher wish to show the video to their class, discussion must first occur with school administration and district senior staff (including the Director of Instruction, Student Support Services), and parental permission must be received. The District’s Policy 460 “Appeals Bylaw” and 460.1R (Regulations) “Appeals Related to Instructional Resource Materials and Library Resource Centre Material”, offer an opportunity for parents/guardians to appeal the use of any classroom resource.

ACTION ITEMS

Presentation from Mr. David Bruce – Leashed Dogs at Dorothea Walker Elementary School – October 10, 2012 Public Board Meeting

Main

12P-149

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The Board of Education not agree to the request for the Board to lobby for an amendment to Regional District Central Okanagan Dog Control Bylaw No. 366, Section 12.

The question was called on Main Motion 12P-149.

CARRIED

The Chairperson advised that the recommendation was made by the Coordinating Committee as a result of safety and health concerns for students.

Community Literacy Plan – Request for Clarification of Board Approval

An amendment to the recommended Motion was requested.

Main

12P-150

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Library and Literacy Branch of the Ministry of Education requesting clarification on Boards of Educations' role in the Community Literacy Plans, and of the approval process required for submission of the Plans. ~~annual Community Literacy Plan.~~

The Board discussed the clarification of the recommendation.

The question was called on Main Motion 12P-150.

CARRIED

Board Letter to the Minister of Education Regarding the Provincial Three-Year Commitment to the Learning Improvement Fund

Main

12P-151

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education advising that the Learning Improvement Funds for this year have been received and dispersed to support the learning of students in the School District, and thanking the Minister for the provincial three-year commitment to providing Learning Improvement Funds to school districts.

Trustees discussed the need to ensure that the provincial three-year commitment to distribution of the Learning Improvement Fund is emphasized, as the District's program and staff components of the funds have been committed for three years.

The question was called on Main Motion 12P-151.

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.

Mr. David Bruce requested clarification and an explanation regarding the Board's decision to not lobby for an amendment to the Regional District of Central Okanagan Dog Control Bylaw No. 366, Section 12. Mr. Bruce also queried whether it was necessary for the Board to lobby for an amendment, or whether the Regional District would simply amend the Bylaw at the Board's request.

The Chairperson responded that the Board had made the decision that no move would be made to amend the Bylaw, and enforcement of the Bylaw would be in the hands of the Central Okanagan Regional District.

6:35 pm: Trustee Gorman left the meeting due to other Board business.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Provincial ERASE Bullying Strategy

- Elementary Schools: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 - One Day Session
- Middle and Secondary Schools: Thursday and Friday, December 13 & 14, 2012 - Two Day Session
- Staff from several districts will be attending the training sessions

Long Term Facility Plan Public Consultation Meetings - Update

- Two Public Consultation Meetings have been held (Westside and Central Kelowna), with the third meeting in Lake Country scheduled for Thursday, October 25th.
- ThoughtStream links are being added to the website for Westside and Central Kelowna community feedback. An additional link will be added following the Lake Country Public Consultation Meeting.
- Feedback gathered will help to guide the Board in its final decisions regarding the Long Term Facility Plan. Final approval of the Plan will take place prior to the Winter Break.

Bill 22 - Update

- The District continues to be responsible for reporting out on class composition (e.g. where CEA support staff have been placed, or the number of gifted students or English language learners in each class) on a class-by-class, school-by-school basis.

Learning Improvement Fund - Update

- A brief review of the distribution of the money received by the District through the Learning Improvement Fund was provided.
- 12.5% of the fund has been allocated to increasing CUPE CEA support staff roles.
- In a two-step process, 50% of the remaining funds were allocated toward enhancing the staffing levels in classrooms, and improving the allocation of teaching staff to class size ratio. Schools were then invited to apply for funding through criteria developed at the District level. Resources were allocated based on specific needs.

The COPAC President requested further clarification regarding resources allocated.

We Day

- 550 students and 49 chaperones attended this year's We Day event in Vancouver on October 18th. All those involved in the organization of the District's attendance at this event were thanked for their efforts.

2012 Early Learning Initiatives Report

Trustee Fraser, Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, provided a brief background on the 2012 Early Learning Initiatives Report. Further information was provided by the Director of Instruction K-12 responsible for the District's Early Learning initiatives.

2011/2012 Family Life Program Annual Report

Trustee Fraser, Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, provided a brief review of the 2011/2012 Family Life Program Annual Report.

Trustees discussed the placement of Committee Meeting Information Items on the Public Board Meeting agenda. This item will be added to the Coordinating Committee Meeting November 6th agenda.

COPAC 2012/2013 Draft Budget

The COPAC draft budget has been received and bank signing authority has been updated.

School Planning Council Process for 2012/2013

The School Planning Council Process for 2012/2013 has been discussed with principals and vice-principals. One hour and fifteen minutes is being proposed for the School Planning Council meeting which takes place at the school and includes senior district staff and the Liaison (or Alternate) Trustee. These meetings will be take place from February to May 2013. Discussion at the meeting will include how the school is "meeting the needs of all learners".

Further information will be provided on proposed District Orientation Meetings.

Month End Enrolment – September 2012

Trustees discussed the information provided.

Field Trips 2012/2013

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Mike Lachocki, BC Housing, October 3, 2012, providing a letter of support for Aboriginal Housing Units.

Mr. Ryan Murdain, Parent – Oyama Traditional School, October 17, 2012, in response to his request to make a presentation at the October 25th Public Consultation Meeting.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Minister of Education, October 16, 2012, in response to the Board's congratulations and invitation to visit the District.

Kelowna General Hospital Foundation, October 9, 2012, regarding the Foundation's "Giving Catalogue".

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade), September 21, 2012 (received October 17, 2012), regarding program options for public and independent schools.

West Vancouver School District, October 1, 2012, to the Honourable Don McRae congratulating him on his recent appoint as Minister of Education.

SD No. 38 (Richmond), October 16, 2012, final brief to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Main

12P-152

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: At the October 24, 2012 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2012 – Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 25 and 26, 2012

Location: Coast Coal Harbour Hotel, Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 26 and 27, 2012

Location: Vancouver

Provincial Councillor Motions Package

The Board discussed the Provincial Councillor Motions.

- Motion No. 1 – Consultation re: Student Information System Replacement
Trustees reviewed the process for setting criteria for looking at a replacement for the BCeSIS student information system.

The COTA President was unaware of any requests last year for teacher input into the replacement of the BCeSIS system, and advised that the exclusion of input from the largest users of the system would be inadvisable.

The COPVPA Representative was unaware of any requests last year for input from the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, regarding replacement of the BCeSIS system.

- Motion No. 2 – Board of Education By-Election Requirement
Trustees briefly discussed the second motion.
- Motion No. 3 – Approval of VISTA Branch Bylaws
Trustees briefly discussed the third motion.

2012 Joint Educational Leadership Conference

Date: November 15 and 16, 2012

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office
(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN MEETING DAY)

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 28, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

Planning and Facilities Committee

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 4:30 pm at Hollywood Rd. Education Services

(PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FROM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST AND THE VENUE CHANGE)

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Placement of Committee Meeting Information Items on the Public Board Meeting Agenda
(*Coordinating Committee*)
- School Planning Council Process for 2012/2013 – Update on Orientation Meetings
(*Coordinating Committee*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer