



"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, June 8, 2016
TIME: 6:00 pm
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
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
M. Essler, Executive Assistant
H. Wendt, Executive Assistant (*Recorder*)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Shelley Courtney, President
COPVPA	Ryan Ward, Member-At-Large
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President and April Smith, First Vice-President
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add: Recognition/Presentation/Delegations Presentation: "Inside 23": #GET LOUD for Mental Health

Main

16P-092

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Agenda for the June 8, 2016 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – May 25, 2016

Main
16P-093

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 25, 2016 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Butler and Trustee Gorman

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Presentation: “Inside 23”

Inter-Generational Program – Dr. Knox Middle School

Director of Instruction K-12, Vianne Kintzinger, presented information on behalf of Dr. Knox Middle School. The inter-generational program provides Grade 7 students with the opportunity to meet senior citizens living at the Highlands Retirement Home. Both the students and the residents of the retirement home form friendships with each other and provide companionship. The program may be expanded in the upcoming school year to two classes visiting residents in the community.

#GET LOUD for Mental Health

Crystal Zaseybida, Teacher at Kelowna Secondary School, encouraged the Board to "Get Loud" for mental health. She provided a poster on which signatures can be noted thereby providing support to the program.

Recognition: Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarian Association – 10 Years of District Author Visits

The Assistant Superintendent provided an overview of the program noting that the Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarian Association (COTLA) has been providing students with the opportunity to hear authors present their work in person for 10 years. Education Week is a prime opportunity for this type of presentation and has allowed more than 5,000 students with a wonderful literary opportunity. It was noted that the next author visits are in the planning stages. Grades 5 to 7 and Grades 10 to 12 will be invited to hear the readings and get to know the authors in person.

The Board of Education recognized Angela MacRitchie, Committee Chair and Misty Smith, Committee Member and COTLA President, for their work with students over the last 10 years. Pat Kirkey, Lisa Kurio, Stacey Manoin and Sarah Parmar, who were not able to attend but are part of the Committee, were also recognized and thanked in absentia.

Recognition: Rotary Students

Rotary Exchange Students Yaika Zeeman from the Netherlands who is attending Mount Boucherie Secondary School, and Maria Bernardes Augusto from Brazil who is attending Kelowna Secondary School, were recognized by the Board of Education. The two students gave a brief presentation outlining their experiences living in Kelowna and attending school in the District. They each wore jackets showcasing the number of pins they had received from other students and noted they have learned so much in their travels which has broadened their scope of the world.

Recognition: Regional Science Fair Winners

The following students outlined their award-winning presentations from the recent Regional Science Fair that took place at KLO Middle School:

- Keira Dail, Davidson Road Elementary School
- Teryl Bates, Dr. Knox Middle School
- Patricia Humer, École KLO Middle School

- Ainsley Horton, École KLO Middle School
- Teagan Ribbink, Okanagan Mission Secondary School
- Georgia Sweet, École KLO Middle School
- Taylor Bay, Anne McClymont Elementary School
- Anna Cleveland, Glenmore Elementary School.

Unable to attend the Board meeting were students Kyle Wilson and Brenden Nichol, both of Glenrosa Middle School.

Karla Lockwood, Teacher at KLO Middle School, and a member of the Regional Science Fair Committee, advised the Board that Ainsley Horton, Teryl Bates, Patricia Humer and Teagan Ribbink were selected to represent the region at the Canada-wide Science Fair in Montreal, Quebec. Anna Cleveland would have been selected to attend as well; however, she did not as she was too young to qualify.

6:42 pm: *The meeting was recessed.*

6:53 pm: *The meeting was reconvened.*

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.

Misty Smith, COTLA President, provided input into the proposed policy review of the Library Learning Commons. She noted COTLA's concern regarding the wording of the revised policy which does not address the responsibilities of teacher librarians to select and de-select resources nor does it outline responsibilities for instructional programs.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Cacchioni

Enquired whether cement barriers can be moved at the old Dr. Knox School site in order to provide more parking space.

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that if the barriers were moved further back, parking would be compromised due to the soft earth that would be uncovered which would easily be torn up.

6:52 pm: *The Assistant Superintendent returned to the meeting.*

ACTION ITEMS

2016-2017 CommunityLINK Allocations

Main
16P-094

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the Recommended School-Based CommunityLINK Allocations, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the June 8, 2016 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Policy Review – Library Learning Commons

Main
16P-095

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The first recommendation "The Board of Education approve new Policy 532 – Library Learning Commons as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the June 8, 2016 Public Board Meeting." be divided from the second recommendation "The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 460 – Appeals, Regulations 460.1R – Appeals, Form 460.1 – Request for Reconsideration of Learning Resource(s), Policy 535 – Instructional Resources and Library Resources and Regulations 535R – Instructional Resources and Library Resources, as amended to reflect the language in Policy 532 – Library Learning Commons, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the June 8, 2016 Public Board Meeting." and considered separately.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Butler and Trustee Fraser

ABSTAINED: Trustee Mossman

Main
16P-096

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 532 – Library Learning Commons as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the June 8, 2016 Public Board Meeting.

The COTLA President confirmed her previous comments were not pertinent to the approval of Policy 532; however, concern was expressed by some Trustees noting that not all information was in hand which would allow a more informed decision of all of the components of the new policy and that further discussion with partner groups needs to take place.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted the new Policy 532 would allow the District to set the philosophical targets necessary to begin implementation and that ensuing work would look at best practices and revised Admin Procedures. The procedures would be co-developed in the Fall with support and input from the partner groups. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed the terminology 'Library Learning Commons' is currently being used in the District.

The COTA President outlined her concerns surrounding the opportunity to discuss this proposed policy in greater depth, thereby allowing more informed input.

Tabling
16P-097

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Motion 16P-096 be tabled until the Board of Education Public Meeting taking place September 14, 2016.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Tiede, Trustee Gorman, Trustee Baxter

MAIN MOTION 16P-096

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Fraser

Tabling
16P-098

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The recommendation "The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 460 – Appeals, Regulations 460.1R – Appeals, Form 460.1 – Request for Reconsideration of Learning Resource(s), Policy 535 – Instructional Resources and Library Resources and Regulations 535R – Instructional Resources and Library Resources, as amended to reflect the language in Policy 532 – Library Learning Commons, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the June 8, 2016 Public Board Meeting" be tabled until a Board of Education Public Meeting in the Fall of 2016 at which time a draft of the pertinent Admin Procedures and other information be included for discussion.
CARRIED

French Immersion Review – Task Force Bundled Options

Main
16P-099

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education meet with the French Immersion Steering Committee for further discussions on the four bundled options and the General Affairs Committee members who are not on the French Immersion Steering Committee be invited to attend.
CARRIED

Ministry Early Learning Agreement Approval

The Secretary-Treasurer noted this is an annual agreement that requires Board approval in order to operate and receive annual funding for early learning programs. He confirmed there are currently eight StrongStart Centres in the Central Okanagan School District and the funding would allow continued operation of those centres as well as funding for the 'Ready, Set, Learn' initiatives.

Main
16P-100

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the Early Learning Agreement with the Ministry of Education as attached to the Agenda and presented at the June 8, 2016 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses

Main
16P-101

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the June 8, 2016 Public Board Meeting.

Clarification regarding expenses that are covered under the revised policy was provided.

MAIN 16P-101

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Gorman

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 COTA President addressed the recent announcement from the Ministry of Education in which it was noted that \$967,983 will be allocated back to the Central Okanagan School District for the 2016/2017 budget. She provided input regarding the allocation of the additional funding.

7:45 pm: *The COTA President and First Vice-President left the meeting.*

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO addressed comments recently posted to Facebook in which it was noted that a community meeting was taking place to discuss reconfiguration of the Westside Schools for 2017. It was clarified that no such meeting has been scheduled by the Central Okanagan School District and, indeed, the District is only now beginning to plan what the process will be to move this forward. The process will include public consultation, consider recommendations coming from the French Immersion Program consultations and the information provided from the Westside Schools Project Identification Report. The Project Identification Report has started this June and will provide information on patterns of growth and future space requirements throughout the Westside. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed he has spoken with the Principals and all are aware that the discussions regarding the reconfiguration of Westside schools is just beginning and that there is currently no plan to reconfigure in September 2017.

May 31, 2016 \$25 Million in Redirected Administrative Savings for School Districts

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted the information will be moving forward to the Finance and Legal Committee Public Meeting on June 15, 2016 at which time recommendations will be brought forward for further discussion pertaining to allocation of the \$967,983 redirected administrative savings. However, the funding that is being received will not cover the entire shortfall that was previously addressed.

Ministry Response to Annual Capital Plan Submission (Non-Monetary Bylaw)

The Secretary-Treasurer addressed the letter from the Ministry of Education dated May 24, 2016 regarding the annual capital plan submission. He noted that in order for the approved school projects to proceed, an authorizing Capital Bylaw is required. The Ministry has also now agreed that the Annual Capital Plan submission deadline will be revised from the initial August 31, 2016 to the new date of September 9, 2016.

7:51 pm: *Trustee Fraser left the meeting.*

The school projects that are supported were noted on the letter. The Central Okanagan School District is working with the Ministry regarding the Rutland Middle School and Quigley Elementary School projects which were not part of the approval letter. Ministry staff have toured these facilities and are now better aware of the significance of ensuring these projects are included in the next group of Capital Projects. District staff is working with the Ministry to move this forward.

7:56 pm: *Trustee Fraser returned to the meeting.*

Grant Thornton Report to the Finance and Legal Committee – Initial Communication on Audit Planning

The Board reviewed the information provided.

School Fees 2016/2017

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Financial Update – International Education Program

The Board reviewed the information provided.

8:00 pm: *Trustee Gorman left the meeting.*

Trustee Travel Expenses

The Board reviewed the information provided.

COPVPA Executive Members – 2016-2017

The Board reviewed the information provided and congratulated the 2016/2017 COPVPA Executive Members on their recent (re)election.

COTA Executive Members – 2016-2017

The Board reviewed the information provided and congratulated the 2016/2017 COTA Executive Members on their recent (re)election.

COPAC Executive Members – 2016-2017

The Board reviewed the information provided and congratulated the 2016/2017 COPAC Executive Members on their recent (re)election.

Field Trips 2015/2016

The Board reviewed the information provided.

8:02 pm: *Trustee Gorman returned to the meeting.*

General Statement

The Board reviewed the information provided. Trustee Gorman stated that had he been in attendance at the meeting, he would have recused himself during the Action Items due to a conflict of interest.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Ministry of Education, May 16, 2016 to BCSTA regarding BCSTA 2016 AGM held on April 15, 2016

Ministry of Education, May 17, 2016 to BCSTA regarding timeliness of written responses from the Ministry

Ministry of Education News Release, May 19, 2016 regarding School Enhancement Projects

SD 23 (Central Okanagan) Members of Parent Advisory Council to Ministry of Education, May 21, 2016 regarding restoring funding to K-12 education in BC

BCSTA to Board Chairs, May 24, 2016 regarding Meeting of Board Chairs – October 27, 2016

SD No. 72 (Campbell River), May 25, 2016 to Minister of Finance regarding funding formula for public schools

BCSTA, May 25, 2016 to Trustees regarding meeting with Minister Bernier and ministry staff to discuss BCSTA AGM motions and related concerns

SD No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), May 26, 2016 to BCSTA President regarding BCSTA process for timely distribution of letters to Boards of Education

SD No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), May 26, 2016 to Minister of Education regarding 2016-2017 funding and budget pressures

Ministry of Education News Release, May 26, 2017 regarding provincial exams on core skills

SD No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), May 27, 2016 to Minister of Finance regarding Administrative Savings

Ministry of Education to All Superintendents, Secretary-Treasurers and Board Chairs, June 2, 2016 regarding redirected administrative savings for school districts

Main
16P-102

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: At the June 8, 2016 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Prince S by author Mikayla Spence

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the book written by former student, Mikayla Spence, as was presented at the February 24, 2016 Board of Education Public Meeting, has now been adopted as a resource by the Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium (ERAC).

Together We Learn

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO recognized the work done by the District, led by the Assistant Superintendent, which resulted in the recent newspaper insert in the Capital News.

The Assistant Superintendent recognized the diligent work that was required to publish *Together We Learn* and noted the many components of the newsletter, highlighting more than 800 students attending school within the Central Okanagan School District. Research has already begun as to articles that could be included in the next edition.

Central Okanagan School District Track and Field Meet

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted that the District Track and Field Meet of over 800 elementary school athletes in Grades 4, 5 and 6 took place at the Apple Bowl in Kelowna earlier in the day. The diligent work by the organizers, in particular Jim Bradshaw, was recognized.

Central Okanagan School District 2016 Retirement Dinner

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted the recent retirement dinner, honouring Central Okanagan School District retirees, was attended by 42 retirees, with a total of 74 retiring to date. The celebration of their accomplishments and work in the District during their careers was an outstanding event.

Annual Fat Cat Children's Festival

Trustee Butler noted that the annual Fat Cat Festival is taking place Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11, 2016 with approximately 1,500 children expected to participate in many of the fun events.

Mount Boucherie Secondary School Dance Recital

Trustee Fraser noted she had attended the Dance Recital that was held Tuesday, June 7, 2016. The two performances were both very well attended and the performances were outstanding.

Golden Star Award

Trustee Fraser congratulated Sharon Foster, a Teacher at Shannon Lake Elementary School, for recently receiving a Golden Star Award from the Excellence in Education Committee of the BC Retired Teachers' Association. Mrs. Foster was recognized for coordinating and facilitating an intergenerational project with Smith Creek Retirement Home and students from Shannon Lake Elementary School.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Canadian School Boards Association 2016 Congress

Date: July 7-19, 2016

Location: Delta Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB

Ministry of Education – Second Annual Liaison Meeting

Date: October 26, 2016

Location: Richmond, BC

Meeting of Board Chairs

Date: October 27, 2016

Location: Pacific Gateway Hotel, Richmond, BC

October Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 28-29, 2016

Location: Wosk Center, Vancouver, BC

Learning Forward Annual Conference

Date: December 3-7, 2016

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Trustee Cacchioni will be absent as he will be attending the Kelowna Secondary School Graduation ceremonies.

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning and Facilities

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Finance and Legal

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education Meeting with Peachland Mayor and Council

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Board of Education Meeting with District of Lake Country

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Board of Education Meeting with City of West Kelowna

DATE: Thursday, June 16, 2016

Board of Education Meeting with Kelowna Mayor and Council

DATE: Tuesday, June 28, 2016

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- *Policy for Learning Commons*

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer