



"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 acknowledged that this meeting was held on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 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 (*absent*)
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)

Guest:

K. Kaardal, Incoming Superintendent

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Shelley Courtney, President
COPVA	Tamalee Middleton, Member-At-Large
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add:	Action Item	6.4	Traffic Calming via Roundabouts on Webber Road, West Kelowna (<i>New item</i>)
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Main

15P-150 MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Agenda for the October 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – September 23, 2015

Main

15P-151 MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 23, 2015 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Fraser

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Introduction of New Principals/Vice-Principals

- Lindsey Hamilton, Vice-Principal, Chute Lake Elementary School

The Board of Education congratulated the above staff member on her new position within the District.

Recognition: Misty Smith, Teacher – South Kelowna Elementary School, Recipient of the BC Teacher-Librarian of the Year – Diana Poole Memorial Award

The Board of Education congratulated Ms. Smith for receiving the BC Teacher-Librarian of the Year – Diana Poole Memorial Award.

Recognition: Al Hopgood, Teacher – Springvalley Middle School, Recipient of the Canadian Student Leadership Association 2015 BC Leader of Distinction Award

The Board of Education congratulated Mr. Hopgood for receiving the Canadian Student Leadership Association 2015 BC Leader of Distinction Award.

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

Trustee Butler

Noted that the District will be hosting a Youth Mental Health Summit – “The Fire Inside Me” on Thursday, November 5, 2015, 9:30 am – 2:40 pm at Hollywood Road Education Services Room 1. Invitations for parent participation will be sent out through the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council.

Trustee Fraser

Queried whether, given the continuing enrolment growth in the District, consideration would be given to establishing a Summer School Program for students wishing to gain extra course credits or make up courses they are struggling with.

The Superintendent responded that a variety of summer school programs have been offered in the past, e.g. a full-fledged summer school, summer course offerings for a particular cohort group, and summer school programs offered by individual schools. The most recent model, which is consistently used, offers online options for students to complete course work.

Trustee Fraser

Provided information on a recent announcement by Deborah Holmes, Teacher, École KLO Middle School, regarding the establishment of a Dutch Friendship Garden at the school. The Dutch government has sent 100,000 tulip bulbs to Ottawa, to thank Canadians for their contributions to The Netherlands during World War II. To commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands, the Dutch government has provided tulip bulbs for 140 Friendship Gardens across Canada. École KLO Middle School has received 700 red and white tulip bulbs. There will be a planting ceremony at the school on Monday, October 19th at 11:00 am. The ceremony is open to the public.

ACTION ITEMS

Safe Stop Program – Increase in Fines/Penalties for “Fail to Stop for School Bus”

Main
15P-152

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Board of Education send a letter in support of the Safe Stop Program requesting an increase to at least double the fines/penalties for “Fail to Stop for School Bus”.

Trustee Butler, Acting Committee Member of the Planning and Facilities Committee, provided background information on the Motion as discussed at the Committee level. It was agreed that the letter would be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, with copies to the Premier, the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles, the Minister of Education, and local MLAs.

**Main 15P-152
CARRIED**

French Immersion Review Process and Timeline

Main
15P-153

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the representation of parents on the Task Force Steering Committee to include two parents of French Immersion students and two parents of English students from dual track schools;

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed French Immersion Consultation Process and Timeline as presented at the October 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting.

The first meeting of the French Immersion Task Force Steering Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2015, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Hollywood Road Education Services Room 3. Trustee Butler is the Board Representative on the Steering Committee (Trustee Mossman is the alternate Representative).

**Main 15P-153
CARRIED**

MyEducation BC – Provincial Student Demographic System

Main
15P-154

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education outlining the many problems staff are encountering with the performance of the MyEducation BC student demographic system which was implemented over the summer months.

The Board discussed the significant cost for extra time as staff work to complete their required day-to-day tasks, often outside the regular school day in an attempt to work with the system when fewer users are logged in and response time is swifter. The Ministry is aware of the performance problems being experienced with MyEducation BC, however has advised that there will be no additional funding to compensate school districts for overtime incurred by staff.

**Main 15P-154
CARRIED**

Traffic Calming via Roundabouts on Webber Road, West Kelowna

The City of West Kelowna has installed two roundabouts as well as road narrowing medians on Webber Road as a result of a large amount of complaints received regarding the speed of traffic on the road. These traffic calming measures have significantly reduced traffic speed on Webber Road near Glenrosa Elementary School.

Main
15P-155

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the City of West Kelowna Mayor and Council thanking them for the traffic calming measures they have taken on Webber Road, with a copy of the letter sent to the Glenrosa Elementary School Parent Advisory Council.

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.

Vivian Evans, COPAC Representative, thanked the Board for their positive action concerning the problems being experienced with MyEducation BC, and queried whether overtime costs could be recovered from the product supplier, rather than being drained out of school/district budgets.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the product supplier is contracted by the Ministry of Education and school districts in turn are charged by the Ministry to access the software. School Districts are not able to connect directly with the supplier.

Susan Bauhart, COTA President, commented on the stress experienced by staff and the extra costs being incurred by schools for staff overtime due to the ongoing problems being experienced with MyEducation BC, and queried whether the costs for staff overtime could be taken from the District's budget rather than further straining school budgets.

The Superintendent responded that school budgets are constantly monitored by the Director of Finance to ensure that a single school is not left in an untenable position with having to fund extra costs. In such a situation, the school's budget would be adjusted.

Trustee Mossman, Chair of the Finance and Legal Committee, advised that this item would be discussed at the November 18th meeting of the Finance and Legal Committee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Ministry of Education New Curriculum and Provincially-Mandated Competencies – Release Time

- In August 2015, the Ministry of Education provided the timelines for the implementation of the new curriculum and provincially-mandated competencies being phased in beginning September 2016.
- On September 28, 2015, the Ministry announced that a 10 hour allocation (two school days) would be provided as release time for staff to prepare for the new curriculum and provincially-mandated competencies being implemented.
- Senior staff have met with members of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA) Executive regarding the release time being provided by the Ministry, which is in addition to early dismissal days already set in school calendars for the year.

- The Superintendent will be sending a letter to schools for distribution to the school community giving advance notice that there will be changes to the current school calendar once the dates/times have been set for the additional 10 hour allocation of release time.
- More information will be provided in November once the Ministry of Education releases its provincial framework.

2015/2016 Five Year Capital Plan Submission

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Summer Projects 2015

The Board reviewed the information provided. The Board Chair commended Operations staff for the excellent work done at District sites throughout the summer.

School Site Acquisition Charge (SSAC)

The Board reviewed the information provided. The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the City of Kelowna is not required to collect the SSAC for micro-suites as these units meet the size exemption for collection of the charge.

Trustee Travel Expenses/Board Governance Report as of June 30, 2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Amended Policy Regulations 470R – Transportation Services Management (Regulations)

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Kelowna	Trustee Gorman and Trustee Tiede
Lake Country	Trustee Butler
Peachland	Trustee Baxter
Rutland	Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Mossman
West Kelowna	Trustee Fraser

The Secretary-Treasurer's office will provide letters to the individual Legion Branches advising the names of the Trustee representatives for the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Field Trips 2015/2016

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

R. Volk, September 23, 2015, regarding the Rutland Middle School Project Identification Report.

Horatio Alger Scholarship Program Information for secondary schools, September 15, 2015.

Minister of Education, October 6, 2015, thanking the Central Okanagan Board of Education for the opportunity to meet in August and committing to following up on several items discussed at the meeting.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), August 6, 2015, extending a welcome to the new Minister of Education.

SD No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin), September 1, 2015, to the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, the Premier, the Minister of Transportation, the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, requesting that the fine for “Fail to Stop for School Bus” be increased to \$368.00 and 6 demerit points.

BCTF to Board Chairpersons, September 18, 2015, regarding the BCTF brief to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

SD No. 74 (Gold Trail), September 22, 2015, to the Premier, BC MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, sending an endorsement and support for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

SD No. 38 (Richmond), September 24, 2015, to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding recommendations presented to the Committee.

BC Ministry of Education, September 28, 2015, to Superintendents, Board Chairs, Principals and Vice-Principals, announcing a support plan to help teachers deliver the new curriculum efficiently and effectively in their classrooms.

Main

15P-156

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: At the October 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2015: Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 22 and 23, 2015

Location: Vancouver

Trustee Butler, Kevin Kaardal – Incoming Superintendent, Jim Colquhoun – Director of Human Resources – Labour Relations, and John Simonson, Director of Instruction, Human Resources, are attending.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA – Ministry of Education 1st Annual Liaison Meeting

Date: October 21, 2015

Location: Vancouver

Trustee Baxter, Kevin Kaardal, Incoming Superintendent, and Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, are attending.

BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs

Date: October 22, 2015

Location: Vancouver

Trustee Baxter is attending.

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 23 and 24, 2015

Location: Vancouver

Trustee Fraser is attending.

BCSTA Provincial Council Issues Forum – October 24, 2015: Labour Relations and Bargaining Issues related to BCPSEA

Items to be discussed are:

- The introduction of shared legal services
- Exempt staff compensation – current policy and processes
- Input to potential changes in the collective bargaining structure
- Professional Development needs related to labour relations
- The new BCPSEA School District and Government Advisory Committee
- BCPSEA governance and potential structural changes

Trustees reviewed the items to be discussed.

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: November 26 – 29, 2015

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting (***NOTE: This meeting takes place on a Tuesday***)

Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning and Facilities

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 4:30 pm, at the School Board Office

Finance and Legal (CANCELLED)

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 6:30 pm, at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Overtime Costs Associated to the Ongoing Poor Performance of MyEducation BC (*referred to the Finance and Legal Committee*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer