



"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 third Wednesday in March and the second Wednesday in 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 22, 2017
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, Deputy Superintendent
H. Wendt, Executive Assistant (*Recorder*)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Shelley Courtney, President
COPVPA	Michael Kormany, Pro-D Finance
COTA	Susan Bauhart (<i>arrived at 6:46 pm</i>)
CUPE	David Tether, Acting President
DSC	Claire Robb, Co-President, Okanagan Mission Secondary School

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add:	Recognition/Presentation/Delegations	3.5	Recognition: Chairperson Moyra Baxter
Amend:	Action Items	6.2	Amendments to Policy 515 – Sexual Health Education Program amended to read: Amendments to Policy 515 – Family Life Education Program
Add:	Action Items	6.6	2017-2018 School Calendar (<i>New Action Item</i>)
Add:	Action Items	6.7	Student Learning Grant (<i>New Action Item</i>)

The Board agreed to amend the agenda order and address Recognition/Presentation/Delegations agenda item 3.4 (*Introduction of New District Principal*) prior to agenda item 3.1 ("*Inside 23*") and the Board also agreed to amend the agenda order to address action item 6.2 (*Amendments to Policy 515 – Family Life Education Program*) prior to action item 6.1 (*Policy Review – Library Learning Commons*).

Main
17P-022

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Agenda for the February 22, 2017 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – February 8, 2017

Main
17P-023

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 8, 2017 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Tiede

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Introduction of New District Principal

The Board of Education welcomed and congratulated Leanne Zorn on her new position within the District as District Principal – Human Resources.

Presentation: "Inside 23"

Purchasing and Central Stores

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Eileen Sadlowski, introduced the team from Purchasing and Central Stores:

- Lloyd Pendleton, Purchasing Manager
- Richard Gauthier, Pickup and Delivery Person
- Marcy Dimsdale, Warehouser
- Dave O'Brien, Pickup and Delivery Person
- Teresa Panucci, Central Stores Clerk
- Laura Sevigny, Purchasing Clerk
- Christina Pelsma-McMahon, Purchasing Assistant
- Dave Parmelee, Senior Warehouser

The Purchasing and Central Stores team outlined the myriad of responsibilities inherent in purchasing and delivering a diverse range of products to the schools and Board Office. These 'unsung heroes' work behind the scenes to ensure the District's needs are met and duties include everything from removing old furniture, delivering the District communications, setting up and dismantling for various events and adapting plans as necessary. The CUPE Acting President also commended the team for their efforts.

Recognition: Alida Privett, Principal, Mar Jok Elementary School – Recipient of Canada's Outstanding Principals Award

The Board of Education recognized and congratulated Alida Privett, Principal of Mar Jok Elementary School, for receiving Canada's Outstanding Principals Award. Canada's Outstanding Principals recognizes outstanding contributions of Principals in publicly funded schools and honours those who demonstrate innovation, entrepreneurial spirit and who have accomplished something truly remarkable in public education.

Recognition: Mike Sodaro, Teacher, KLO Middle School – BC's Volleyball Coach of the Year

The Board of Education recognized and congratulated Mike Sodaro, Teacher at KLO Middle School, for receiving BC's Volleyball Coach of the Year Award. Mr. Sodaro has coached hundreds of students throughout his career and helped them become not only better athletes but better members of the community with a greater sense of accomplishment.

Recognition: Chairperson Moyra Baxter

Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Paul, recognized Chairperson of the Central Okanagan Public Schools Board of Education, Moyra Baxter, for her 20 years of service as a School Trustee and more than half of those years as Chair of the Board.

6:39 pm: *The meeting was recessed.*

6:46 pm: *The meeting was reconvened.*

6:46 pm: *The COTA President joined the meeting.*

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

ACTION ITEMS

Amendments to Policy 515 – Family Life Education Program

Main
17P-024

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 515 – Family Life Education Program, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 22, 2017 Public Board Meeting.

Trustee Butler, Chair of the Policy Committee, confirmed the amendment to the Policy had been reviewed by the Policy Committee and the Health Promoting Schools Committee.

**MAIN 17P-024
CARRIED**

Policy Review - Library Learning Commons

Main
17P-025

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: Motion 16P-098 be lifted from the table.
CARRIED

The Board reviewed the policy and in response to queries from Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed the policy is broad enough to meet the provisions of the re-designed curriculum. The Superintendent of School/CEO also confirmed this Policy had been reviewed at an Education and Student Services Committee meeting and a Policy Committee Meeting, with all members of the Committees providing input. The Board also suggested various housekeeping changes to the wording in the policy.

Main
17P-026

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: 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 February 22, 2017 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Core Funding for Aboriginal Education

Main
17P-027

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education outlining the need for the province to provide additional core funding for Aboriginal Education learning resources and staff to support the implementation of the redesigned curriculum.

Trustee Mossman, Chair of the Education and Student Services Committee, noted this matter was reviewed at the February 1, 2017 Committee Meeting wherein it was noted that the funding should be improved to match the needs of the greater scope of resources required.

MAIN 17P-027
CARRIED

Multiple Entry Points into French Immersion Program to Create Flexibility for Families

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO outlined his report.

Main
17P-028

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education supports flexible entry points to the French Immersion Program across the District that are appropriate to community context, purpose and the principles of inclusivity, accessibility and sustainability.

The Board reviewed the information and in response to queries from Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that while the Ministry recognizes two French Immersion entry points (early and late) there is no Ministry funding for Grade 4 middle entry French Immersion. The District would bear the minimal cost for this program out of general revenue. Assistant Superintendent, Rhonda Ovelson, commented that the Official Languages grant, which is a five-

year funding formula, is over and above the provincial per student allocation that is received from the Province. Staff recommendations have been determined as a result of consultations that have taken place over the last two years.

Amendment
17P-029

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board of Education supports the exploration of flexible entry points to the French Immersion Program across the District that are appropriate to community context, purpose and the principles of inclusivity, accessibility and sustainability.
DEFEATED
OPPOSED: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Butler, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Fraser, Trustee Mossman and Trustee Tiede

Amendment
17P-030

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education supports flexible entry points to the French Immersion Program across the District that are appropriate to the principles of inclusivity, accessibility and sustainability.
CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 17P-028 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 17P-030

THAT: The Board of Education supports flexible entry points to the French Immersion Program across the District that are appropriate to the principles of inclusivity, accessibility and sustainability.
CARRIED
OPPOSED: Trustee Gorman

Main
17P-031

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: Further consultation occur with parents regarding the implementation of grade 4 middle entry French Immersion and/or grade 6 late entry French Immersion.

The Board discussed the consultation process that would need to take place to receive further input into middle and late entry into French Immersion. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed evidentiary information regarding the success of grade 4 and grade 6 entry into French Immersion would be provided and posted to the District's website, thereby providing as much information as possible as parents, partner groups and the communities provide feedback. In response to queries from Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted that a sustainable French Immersion cohort must be established before moving towards a French Immersion program at the middle school level on the Westside and in the District of Lake Country schools.

Amendment
17P-032

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: Further consultation occur with the community regarding the implementation of grade 4 middle entry French Immersion and/or grade 6 late entry French Immersion.
CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 17P-031 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 17P-032

THAT: Further consultation occur with the community regarding the implementation of grade 4 middle entry French Immersion and/or grade 6 late entry French Immersion.
CARRIED

Potential Impact of 2002 Restored Collective Agreement Language

Main
17P-033

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education outlining the budget pressures and space challenges that may result from the 2002 restored Collective Agreement language and request assurances that the Ministry will provide adequate, sustainable and predictable funding in order to continue to educate students in a safe and inspirational learning environment in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Trustee Cacchioni, Chair of the Finance and Legal Committee, provided an overview of discussions that had taken place regarding this matter at the February 15, 2017 Committee meeting.

**MAIN 17P-033
CARRIED**

7:57 pm: Trustee Gorman left the meeting.

2017-2018 School Calendar

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reviewed the information contained in his report and outlined the consultation process that was undertaken by the Calendar Committee.

7:59 pm: Trustee Gorman rejoined the meeting.

Main
17P-034

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year as identified in the attached calendar proposal and make the calendar available to the district by February 28, 2017, and the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2017;

AND THAT:

- 1. The Superintendent direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2017-2018 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.**

The Board reviewed the information and it was noted that CUPE staff do not have the opportunity to gather extra minutes each work day while COTA staff do, but CUPE staff are provided with the opportunity to receive compensation to perform work at their facility during the second week of spring break. COTA has requested that spring break be separated from the Easter break or that an extra day be added to spring break in lieu of Good Friday. COPAC and COPVPA have indicated their support of the proposed calendar. In response to queries from Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed Easter Monday as a day off of work is in the CUPE Collective Agreement, but is not part of the COTA Collective Agreement; however, teachers have historically been given that day off. Easter Monday is not a legal statutory holiday in British Columbia.

MOTION 17P-034

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Mossman

Student Learning Grant

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised it is anticipated this one-time grant would be received by the District in mid-March; however, the actual amount of the allocation is not yet known. Once that information is provided, District staff will review and bring a report back to the Board for its consideration.

Main
17P-035

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the process for distribution of the Student Learning Grant as outlined in this memo.

In response to queries from the Board, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed the District does look at distributing funds district-wide based on school vulnerability. The District wishes to utilize the funds to create equity and improve learning. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO also confirmed that the \$30 supply fee would continue to be paid by the parents as they have in the past and this amount would not be covered by the grant.

**MAIN 17P-035
CARRIED**

8:47 pm: Trustee Gorman left the meeting.

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.

Marjorie Brimms, a Peachland resident, noted her support of the two-week spring break as her children, while attending school, did find it to be a welcome break in the student's busy year.

Jim Smithman queried whether the District has considered moving the Christmas break in the 2017/2018 school calendar so that both weeks are in December.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised the District must adhere to the Ministerial order which dictates when the break can take place and must also adhere to provisions of the Collective Agreements.

Mr. Smithman also queried whether changing the existing two-week spring break in order to assist CUPE staff would reduce the school year.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that it would not have an impact on the number of instructional days.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised the District continues to work towards preparing the 2017/2018 budget; however, it is not yet clear what funding will be received once the 2002 Collective Agreement language is restored.

Amendments to Policies, Regulations and Appendix

Trustee Butler, Chair of the Policy Committee, provided a brief overview of discussions that had taken place at the February 1, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting.

Revenue and Expense Summary at January 31, 2017

Trustee Cacchioni, Chair of the Finance and Legal Committee, provided a brief overview of discussions that had taken place at the February 15, 2017 Finance and Legal Committee meeting regarding the Summary.

School Board Office Disposition / Relocation – Update

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that due to the colder weather experienced this winter, construction on the new Board Office has not progressed as quickly as anticipated. The target date for the move is likely November or December.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary

The Board reviewed the information provided. In response to queries from Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed the District has submitted an advisory to the school administrators to ask that all field trip lists be reviewed prior to students entering the United States.

General Statement

The Board reviewed the information provided.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- Sent:** City of Kelowna Mayor and Council, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- Regional District of Central Okanagan Board of Directors, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- Corporation of the District of Peachland Mayor and Council, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- District of Lake Country Mayor and Council, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- City of West Kelowna Mayor and Council, February 15, 2017 extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- Okanagan Indian Band Chief and Council, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- MP Stephen Fuhr, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- MP Dan Albas, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- Premier Christy Clark, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- MLA Steve Thomson, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.

MLA Dan Ashton, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.

MLA Norm Letnick, February 15, 2017, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

The Rendez-vous de la Francophonie 2017 Media Release, January 12, 2017 regarding a Three-Dimensional Celebration.

Assistant Deputy Minister, Capital Division, to all Superintendents and Secretary-Treasurers, February 3, 2017 regarding input into Capital Needs arising out of Restoration of Language.

Ministry of Education, Learning Modernization Project, February 3, 2017 regarding new members of the Outreach Team – Learning Modernization Project.

Ministry of Education, Office of the Deputy Minister, February 9, 2017 to All Superintendents, regarding the Moose Hide Campaign and standing up against violence towards women and children.

Main
17P-036

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: At the February 22, 2017 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Deputy Superintendent advised that 88 Japanese exchange students from Chuba University Haruhigaoka Junior High School are expected to arrive in Kelowna on February 23, 2017. Constable Neil Bruce Middle School and Glenrosa Middle School will be hosting Cultural Assemblies on Monday, February 27, 2017 to welcome these students from Kasugai.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO noted:

- The Pink Shirt Day breakfast held earlier today, hosted by Okanagan Girls and Boys Club and held at the Laurel Packing House, was a great success with an inspiring speaker.
- Friday, February 24, 2017 is the Zonal Professional Development Day hosted by COTA taking place at George Elliot Secondary School. On the same day, CUPE is hosting the Wellness Symposium at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Thompson-Okanagan Branch BCSTA Meeting

Date: February 24 and 25, 2017

Location: Merritt, BC

BCSTA 113th Annual General Meeting

Date: April 20-23, 2017

Location: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

General Affairs

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., School Board Office **(Cancelled)**

Finance and Legal

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., School Board Office

Planning and Facilities

Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer