



"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, January 11, 2012
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman
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	No representative
COTA	Susan Bauhart, 1 st Vice-President
COPVPA	Vianne Kintzinger, Treasurer
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President
DSC	Teagan Welch, Co-President

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

12P-001 MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Agenda for January 11, 2012 be adopted.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - December 14, 2011

(attachment)

Main

12P-002 MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of December 14, 2011 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

KSS Girls' AAAA Volleyball Team

The Board congratulated Coach Tony Sodaro, Assistant Coaches David Nault and Nikki Valgardson, and the members of the 2011 KSS AAAA Girls Volleyball Team for winning the BC Provincial Championship as well as achieving Gold at the UBC-O Best of the West Tournament, the Kelowna City Championship and Okanagan Valley Championship.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Three proposed policies have been forwarded to Parent Advisory Councils for review. These policies are specific to employee and student use of social media, freedom of information and protection of privacy, and child protection. Parent Advisory Councils are invited to provide input to the Board of Education prior to these policies being approved.
- Professional development and teacher learning is continuing within the district, despite current job action. Currently, project-based learning sessions are being provided to teaching staff by the Buck Institute. The February 17, 2012 Professional Development Day sessions, featuring the Kagan Group, will offer workshops focused on new strategies to increase student engagement. These sessions are being provided in partnership with the Central Okanagan Teacher's Association (C.O.T.A.).

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 Gorman provided information on a Globe and Mail article related to student use of electronic devices during a lockdown at a Vancouver school and requested information on the district's policy regarding use of electronic devices during a lockdown.

The Assistant Superintendent advised that the district's Board-approved interim social media policies for employees and students do not have a component regarding use during a lockdown situation. The district is currently awaiting Parent Advisory Council feedback for these policies. Once compiled, the feedback will be brought back to the Board of Education for consideration when policies are finalized. Once final approval has been received, network user agreements will be amended and will include language regarding electronic device use during a lockdown. The Superintendent advised that a number of protocols exist within the district regarding critical response plans.

Staff agreed to forward the Globe and Mail article to all Trustees.

ACTION ITEMS

Westside Road - Gravel Pit

The Board discussed the impact in school zones of increased heavy traffic flow due to gravel pit operations.

Main
12P-003

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board write a letter to the Ministry of Energy and Mines, with a copy to the Regional District of Central Okanagan and the District of West Kelowna, expressing its concern regarding the WestCan Gravel Pit located on Westside Road, and request that heavy vehicle traffic be restricted before and after school when school buses and children are typically traveling on the road.

CARRIED

Education Week Breakfast - Tuesday, March 6, 2012

The Assistant Superintendent provided a brief background on the annual Education Week Breakfast, which is hosted by a different school each year, with over 500 community and education partners invited to the event.

Main
12P-004

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education proceed with Education Week (March 5 - 9, 2012), however cancel this year's Education Week Breakfast due to the increased responsibilities and duties assigned to Principals, Vice-Principals and excluded staff as a result of teacher job action.

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.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Field Trips 2011/2012

(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer provided information regarding a field trip scheduled for George Elliot Secondary School (GESS) students to attend an Encounters Canada Program in Ottawa from February 11 - 18, 2012. The week-long event is focused on Inuit Arts and Culture and students will tour parliament, meet influential Canadians and collaborate with students from across the country. The program is subsidized by the Federal Government. GESS students were invited due to a last minute cancellation by an alternate school and the timeline between Board approval and the field trip dates does not meet Policy 525 *Field Trips* requirements.

The Board requested that this be placed as an item on the Coordinating Committee Agenda for a future presentation by students participating in the field trip.

Main
12P-005

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

THAT: The Board of Education suspend the approval timelines in Policy 525 *Field Trips* requirements to enable George Elliot Secondary School students to participate in the Encounters Canada Program in Ottawa from February 11 - 18, 2012.

CARRIED

Draft Vision and Guiding Principles for Neighbourhood Learning Centres
(attachment)

The Superintendent provided background information on proposed Neighbourhood Learning Centres for the new Rosewood Drive Elementary School in West Kelowna and, in future, for the OKM Secondary School expansion. The Board discussed the vision, purpose and guiding principles for the Learning Centres. The Ministry of Education will provide funding for up to a 15% expansion of the new floor space to house and operate a Learning Centre. There is a requirement for the district to have a community partner in order to have the additional space approved. School District No. 23 will approach municipalities to work in partnership in creating programs for the Learning Centres. More information and an amended guiding principles document will be provided at a later date.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Lorrie Hogaboam, Chairperson - Aboriginal Education Council, letter informing the Council of the Board's November 23, 2011 Motion to approve an additional seat for the Kelowna Métis Association on the Aboriginal Education Council.

Received: **Correspondence Directed to the Board**
Kana Kostiuk, OKM student, an e-mail regarding Banning of the Breast Cancer Slogan "I love boobies" at Dr. Knox and OKM.
Ev Kroschinsky - Chair, 2012 GESS Dry Grad Committee, a letter thanking School District No. 23 for accepting funding offered by the BC Liquor Stores in support of Dry Grad.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Main
12P-006

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: At the January 11, 2012 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Trustee Gorman requested that emergent Trustee concerns be forwarded to him prior to his attendance at the January 20 and 21, 2012 BCPSEA A.G.M.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Provincial Council Emergent Motions Due January 25, 2012

Trustee Fraser requested that Trustee concerns and emergent motions be forwarded to her by January 25, 2012, in preparation for her attendance at the February 24 & 25, 2012 Provincial Council Meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning and Facilities
Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., School Board Office
NOTE: This Committee Meeting has been CANCELLED.

Finance and Legal
Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., School Board Office

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- GESS student presentation regarding the February 11 - 18, 2012 Encounters Canada Program field trip to Ottawa.
- Vision and Guiding Principles for Neighbourhood Learning Centres.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer