



"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.)

**DATE:** Wednesday April 9, 2014  
**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 J. Brinkerhoff  
Trustee R. Cacchioni  
Trustee J. Fraser (*absent*)  
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
COPVA	Derek Lea, President
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 Item	3.01	Declaration: "National Volunteer Week - April 6 - 12, 2014" ( <i>New item</i> )
Add:	Action Item	6.5	Early College (Dual Credit) Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) ( <i>New item</i> )
Add:	Action Item	6.6	Request for Approval of the Formation of the Mar Jok Elementary School Parent Advisory Council ( <i>New item</i> )

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14P-057

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,  
**THAT: The Agenda for April 9, 2014 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**Public Board Meeting – March 12, 2014**

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14P-058

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of March 12, 2014 be adopted as distributed.**  
**CARRIED**

## RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

### **Declaration: “National Volunteer Week - April 6 - 12, 2014”**

The Board Chair made the following Declaration:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares April 6 - 12, 2014 as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers in the Central Okanagan School District.

### **Recognition: School District No. 23 Science Fair Winners - March 2014**

- In attendance: Professor Deborah Buszard, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Principal, University of British Columbia’s Okanagan Campus

UBC Award Gr. 6-7	Nathan Everden, Gr. 6	Helen Gorman Elementary School
UBC Award Gr. 8-9	Will Tanner, Gr. 8	École KLO Middle School
UBC Award Gr. 10-12	Nicholas Schaad, Gr. 10 and Dylan Hodges, Gr. 10	George Elliot Secondary School
Environmental Award	Emily Reid, Gr. 8	Rutland Middle School
Marlon Brown Award for Best in Fair	Will Tanner, Gr. 8	École KLO Middle School

The Board of Education congratulated the above students for their awards received at the School District No. 23 Science Fair 2014, and thanked Professor Buszard and University of British Columbia’s Okanagan Campus for hosting the event. The students will be representing the School District at the Regional Science Fair taking place at École KLO Middle School on Saturday, April 12, 2014.

### **Declaration: “Earth Day 2014” (observed in 190 countries)**

The Board Chair made the following Declaration:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares Tuesday, April 22, 2014 as “Earth Day” in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), supporting environmental awareness.

## 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 Baxter**

Requested that the Voice Over IP System that the District is in the process of implementing (250-870 prefix for school phone numbers) be checked to ensure that the system is working properly at all schools.

*The Secretary-Treasurer will verify that the system is operating correctly and that the option to speak directly to a school receptionist (by dialing ‘0’) is the second option for parents when calling the school (the first option being reporting student absences).*

### **Trustee Baxter**

Commented on the excellent work done by the Human Resources Department in coordinating the recent Employee Years of Service/New Employees Welcome Reception.

*The Superintendent will convey the Board’s appreciation to the Human Resources Department.*

**Trustee Cacchioni**

Advised the Board that, per a Trustee query made at the March 12, 2014 Public Board Meeting, appropriate signage and fencing has now been placed along Elliot Road in West Kelowna for the road construction currently taking place. The District's Traffic Safety Officer has made several visits to the site.

*The Secretary-Treasurer advised that Regional District staff had been contacted regarding student safety concerns during the construction period and the contractor agreed to close off the walkway in order to ensure student safety.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Amendments to Policy 105 - Policy Manual, Policy 145 - Coordinating Committee and Policy 185 - Board Representation on Community, Municipal and Provincial Organizations**

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14P-059

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 105 - Policy Manual, as attached to the agenda and as recommended by the General Affairs Committee;**

**AND THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 145 - Coordinating Committee, as attached to the agenda and as recommended by the General Affairs Committee;**

**AND FURTHER THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 185 - Board Representation on Community, Municipal and Provincial Organizations, as attached to the agenda and as recommended by the General Affairs Committee.**

**CARRIED**

**Policy Form F405.1 - Secondary School Athletic Eligibility for Cross-Boundary Students**

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14P-060

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,

**THAT: The Board of Education approve amended Policy Form F405.1 - Secondary School Athletic Eligibility for Cross-Boundary Students, as attached to the agenda and as recommended by the Education and Students Services Committee.**

Trustee Butler, Chair of the Education and Student Services Committee, reviewed the amendments to the policy form which reflect language from the BC School Sports Association. The Board discussed the unique situations that could occur if a student were to move from a middle school to a secondary school that is not their catchment school, or if they were to take an equal number of courses from two secondary schools.

The Superintendent will check with the BC School Sports Association regarding possible unique situations.

**MAIN 14P-060  
CARRIED**

**Policy 480 - Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule, Policy 480A - Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule (Appendix A) Application for Exemption of the Three-Year Rule, and Policy 480A - Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule (Appendix B) Appeal of Decision to Deny Three-Year Rule Exemption Application**

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14P-061

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

**THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 480 - Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule with no recommended changes, as attached to the agenda and as reviewed by the Education and Student Services Committee;**

**AND THAT: The Board of Education approve amended Policy 480A - Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule (*Appendix A*) Application for Exemption of the Three-Year Rule, as attached to the agenda and as recommended by the Education and Students Services Committee;**

**AND FURTHER THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 480A - Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule (*Appendix B*) Appeal of Decision to Deny Three-Year Rule Exemption Application with no recommended changes, as attached to the agenda and as reviewed by the Education and Student Services Committee.**

**CARRIED**

**Policy 541 - Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses**

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14P-062

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

**THAT: The Board of Education approve amended Policy 541 - Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses, as attached to the agenda and as recommended by the Education and Student Services Committee.**

**CARRIED**

**Early College (Dual Credit) Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

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14P-063

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Early College (Dual Credit) Memorandum of Understanding with Okanagan College, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the April 9, 2014 Public Board Meeting.**

The Secretary-Treasurer provided background information on the development of the Memorandum of Understanding. The Early College Program is slated to begin in September 2014 at Kelowna Secondary School. There will be a net cost to the District, for the difference between Ministry per pupil funding and Okanagan College tuition fees, however the school will absorb the cost difference. The program will be in effect for two years and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**MAIN 14P-063**

**CARRIED**

**Request for Approval of the Formation of the Mar Jok Elementary School Parent Advisory Council**

The Board Chair reviewed the correspondence received from Terri Hergott, Rose Valley Elementary PAC Treasurer, requesting Board approval of the formation of the Mar Jok Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee. Trustees referred to the School Act which states that “*parents of students of school age attending a school or a Provincial school may apply to the Board or to the minister...to establish a parents’ advisory council for that school*”. As Mar Jok Elementary School will not open until September 2014, the Parent Advisory Council cannot formally be established until the school is open.

This item will be added to a Public Board Meeting Agenda in September 2014.

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14P-064

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

**THAT: The Board of Education inform Ms. Hergott that the Board supports information meetings for parents of students planning to attend Mar Jok Elementary School, and encourages their application to be submitted in September to establish the Mar Jok Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee.**

**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**

### **Superintendent's Emergent Issues**

#### **Budget Deliberation**

- The Central Okanagan School District 2014/2015 Preliminary Budget Proposal - Superintendent's Budget Recommendations will be debated at the April 16, 2014, 6:30 pm, Finance and Legal Committee Public Meeting.

#### **BC Interior Jazz Festival: April 10 - 12, 2014**

- This event takes place at the Kelowna Community Theatre and the Rotary Centre for the Arts and includes the Jazz Masters' Concert scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

#### **Regional Science Fair**

- The Regional Science Fair will be held at École KLO Middle School on Saturday, April 12, 2014, and is open to the public at 3:30 pm.

### **Central Okanagan School District 2014/2015 Preliminary Budget Proposal – Superintendent's Budget Recommendations**

The Superintendent's budget recommendations will be discussed at the April 16, 2014, 6:30 pm Finance and Legal Committee Public Meeting.

### **Central Okanagan Board of Education Meeting with the Ministry of Education at the BCSTA AGM**

The Board of Education has requested a meeting with Ministry officials at the BCSTA AGM being held in Vancouver on April 24 - 27, 2014. The 25 minute meeting has been confirmed for Friday, April 25, 2014.

### **Changes to Government Funding for Seismic Upgrades and Other Capital Projects in School Districts**

The Board reviewed the information provided.

### **Revenue and Expense Summary at February 28, 2014**

The Board reviewed the information provided.

### **School District No. 23 and Provincial Estimated Operating Grants for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015**

The Board reviewed the information provided.

### **Field Trips 2013/2014**

The Board reviewed the information provided.

### **General Statements**

## BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- Sent:** The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, March 4, 2014, thanking her for her recent visit to the Central Okanagan School District.
- The President of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, March 4, 2014, acknowledging the Stay granted by the Court of Appeal for British Columbia on the BC Supreme Court decision dated January 27, 2014.
- The BCSTA President and Board of Directors, March 4, 2014, thanking them for their communication on emergent events taking place in recent months.

**Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board**

- Ministry of Education, February 20, 2014, in response to the Board's letter regarding recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services (sent on December 3, 2014).
- Okanagan Nation Alliance, February 24, 2014, to the Board Chair, regarding their booklet "That Which Gives Us Life".
- Canadian Student Leadership Conference 2014 Committee, February 27, 2014, to the Board Chair regarding opening ceremonies.
- Bryan Mix, March 3, 2014, to the Board Chair, promoting Prioritize Software and Consulting to assist in the budget process.

**Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board**

- SD No. 74 (Gold Trail), February 19, 2014, to the Minister of Education, the Deputy Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Minister's recent letter to teachers.
- SD No. 38 (Richmond), February 24, 2014, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Minister's recent letter to teachers.
- SD No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia), February 25, 2014, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding funding concerns and the erosion of the public education system.
- SD No. 28 (Quesnel), February 25, 2014, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding endorsement of the BCSTA "Stability for Students Action Plan".
- SD No. 82 (Coast Mountains), February 27, 2014, to the Premier, the Minister of Education, local area MLAs and all BC Boards of Education, regarding funding K-12 public education and negotiating in good faith with the BCTF.
- SD No. 22 (Vernon), March 3, 2014, to the Minister of Education, the Premier of BC, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, requesting the Ministry's and Government's support for the "Stability for Students Action Plan".
- SD No. 08 (Kootenay Lake), March 4, 2014, to the Premier of British Columbia, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding recommendations of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services with respect to the 2014 provincial budget.

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14P-065

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,  
**THAT: At the April 9, 2014 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**  
**CARRIED**

## **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

### **BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**

#### **BCSTA AGM**

Date: April 24 - 27, 2014

Location: Vancouver

AGM 2014 Extraordinary Motions

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

### **BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Planning and Facilities  
Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Finance and Legal  
Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

### **BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Board of Education Meeting with District of West Kelowna Mayor and Council  
DATE: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Board of Education Meeting with Okanagan College Board of Governors  
DATE: Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Board of Education Meeting with City of Kelowna Mayor and Council  
DATE: Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Board of Education Meeting with District of Lake Country Mayor and Council  
DATE: Monday, May 5, 2014

Board of Education Meeting with District of Peachland Mayor and Council  
DATE: Tuesday, June 24, 2014

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

- Approval of the Establishment of the Mar Jok Elementary School Parent Advisory Council  
*(sent to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a September 2014 Public Board Meeting Agenda)*

**ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:23 pm.**

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer