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School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

(Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month, except March, July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office.)

DATE: Wednesday September 11, 2013
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 C. Gorman
Trustee J. Fraser
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	Shaun Bos, President
COPVPA	No representative
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President and April Smith, First Vice-President
CUPE	David Tether, Vice-President
DSC	George Walker, Co-President, Gr. 12, George Elliot Secondary School (<i>arrived at 6:10 pm</i>)

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Add: Recognition/Presentation/Delegations	3.4 Presentation: School Opening Report - Part 1 (New material for scheduled item)
Add: Action Item	6.5 Options for Election of Board Chairperson (New item)

Trustee Gorman challenged the Board Chair's decision to place Item 6.4 "Investigation into the Installation of Webcams to Broadcast Board Meetings" as an Action Item on the agenda rather than an Information Item.

The Chairperson called for a vote to sustain the Chair in the placement of Item 6.4 "Investigation into the Installation of Webcams to Broadcast Board Meetings" as an Action Item on the agenda.

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Brinkerhoff, Trustee Butler, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Fraser, Trustee Pendharkar

OPPOSED: Trustee Gorman

ABSTAINED: Trustee Baxter

THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR WAS SUSTAINED.

Main
13P-099

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Agenda for September 11, 2013 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED
OPPOSED: Trustee Gorman

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – June 26, 2013

Main

13P-100

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 26, 2013 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition of Dilworth Quality Homes Inc.

The Board recognized and thanked Greg Asling, General Manager of Land Development and Housing and representative for Dilworth Quality Homes Inc., for their continuing partnership with the Central Okanagan School District in the Rutland Senior Secondary School Residential Construction Program, which provides real life construction experience for students.

Recognition of the Kelowna Daily Courier

The Board of Education recognized and thanked Terry Armstrong, Vice President, Group Publisher and representative for the Kelowna Daily Courier, for providing the opportunity for students and schools to showcase their activities, and for supplying free newspapers to classrooms through the Newspapers in Education Program.

Introduction of New Principals/Vice-Principals and new COSBO Members

- Wendy Briggs, Principal, Dorothea Walker Elementary School
- Kyla Babcock, Vice-Principal, A.S. Matheson Elementary School
- Cliff Schwartz, Vice-Principal, Glenrosa Middle School
- Darryl Smith, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School
- Monique West, Vice-Principal, Rutland Elementary School
- Tim Van Brummelen, Vice-Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School

The Board of Education congratulated the above staff members on their new positions within the District.

Presentation: School Opening Report - Part 1

The Superintendent reviewed the information provided for this year's school opening. The Central Okanagan School District is the 5th largest district in the province. The current District enrolment as of September 10, 2013 (21,452) shows an increase of 98 students over the enrolment numbers recorded on September 30, 2012 (21,354). Enrolment projections had indicated a decline of 185 students over the same period. Factors affecting enrolment numbers include in-migration from other communities/provinces, a rise in local birth rates, individual course funding at the secondary level which impacts the FTE count, and short-term and long-term international students attending through the District's International Education Program. The Board discussed the information provided.

Main

13P-101

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

THAT: The Board of Education receive the School Opening Report - Part 1.

CARRIED

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 Fraser

Received a query from a parent requesting information on the possibility of providing all elementary students with education on locally grown food/produce in order to help them understand how food is grown and to make more informed, healthy food choices.

The Chair responded that the District's Health Promoting Schools Committee works with schools to promote healthy food choices by students. The Committee is open to the public and parent volunteers are encouraged to attend committee meetings. As well, there is a very active BC Fruit and Vegetable Program being provided in elementary schools. The District's Healthy Food Fair scheduled for September 24th provides parents from school PACS with the opportunity to look at options for meal programs that are healthier and locally sourced. A number of schools have also established school garden projects and local chefs are becoming involved in explaining to students the food preparation process for the produce they grow.

The Superintendent will investigate the possibility of having The Growing Chefs! Classroom Gardening Program provide a presentation to the Board. This item will be sent to the Coordinating Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

Capital Project Bylaw No. 126621-02 - 2013/2014 Annual Facilities Grant (Revised)

The Secretary-Treasurer provided a brief review of the revisions to the Capital Project Bylaw.

Main
13P-102

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: At the September 11, 2013 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education gives first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126621-02 - 2013/2014 Annual Facilities Grant.

CARRIED

Main
13P-103

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126621-02 - 2013/2014 Annual Facilities Grant, in the amount of \$2,841,166, be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 11th day of September, 2013.

CARRIED

Draft New Policy 621 “Protocol for Flying Flags at Half-Mast”

Main

13P-104

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 621 "Protocol for Flying Flags at Half-Mast", as attached to the agenda and as presented at the September 11, 2013 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment

13P-105

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

To add:

(e) Operations Site and School Board Office

- **On the National Day of Mourning**

CARRIED

Amendment

13P-106

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,

To add under (b) Provincial:

- **The Minister of Education**

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Butler, Trustee Fraser, Trustee Baxter

ABSTAINED: Trustee Pendharkar

MAIN MOTION 13P-104 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 13P-105.

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 621 "Protocol for Flying Flags at Half-Mast", as attached to the agenda and as amended at the September 11, 2013 Public Board Meeting, with the addition of (e) Operations Site and School Board Office, including a sub-bullet of “On the National Day of Mourning”.

CARRIED

The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the School Act states that each site must display the national and provincial flags.

Policy 423 “Health Promoting Schools”

Trustee Butler, Trustee Representative on the Health Promoting Schools Committee, provided a brief review of the reaffirmation of the existing policy.

Main

13P-107

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 423 “Health Promoting Schools” with no recommended changes.

CARRIED

Investigation into the Installation of Webcams to Broadcast Board Meetings

Main

13P-108

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,

THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to investigate the installation of webcams to broadcast Board Meetings.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Brinkerhoff, Trustee Butler, Trustee Fraser, Trustee Baxter

Options for Election of Board Chairperson

Main
13P-109

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education use the majority vote concept with a “run-off” voting system for election of the Board Chairperson.

The Board’s decision will provide direction in the drafting of amendments to existing Policy 115 “Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings”. Once completed, the amended policy will be brought to the Board for approval.

**MAIN MOTION 13P-109.
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.

Ricki Kristiansen, Parent - Shannon Lake Elementary School, expressed concern regarding a transportation issue at Shannon Lake Elementary School.

The Secretary-Treasurer will review the matter with the Transportation Department and respond to Ms. Kristiansen.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent’s Emergent Issues

Meeting Location - November 20th Planning and Facilities Committee

- An agenda item for the November 20th meeting will be Committee deliberation regarding recommended Westside catchment area changes.
- The Committee meeting will be moved to the Mount Boucherie Secondary School multipurpose room, beginning at 6:00 pm, in order to accommodate community members wishing to attend.

Westside Consultation Meetings

- Rose Valley Community Consultation Meeting: Monday, September 30, 2013 at Rose Valley Elementary School, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
- Shannon Lake Community Consultation Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at Shannon Lake Elementary School, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
- General Westside Catchment Area Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2013 at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
- French Immersion Consultation Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at Glenrosa Middle School, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
- The meetings will be advertised through a press release and will be added to District and school websites. Information will also be sent to Partner Groups.

The Board discussed the format of the consultation meetings and requested that, if at all possible, information on recommended catchment changes be distributed to the community prior to the meetings.

Online Payment Program

- The Online Payment Program has been very well received by parents with approximately 70% of payments being made online.
- Principals will be asked to ensure that the District's "Financial Hardship" clause as outlined in Policy 425 and 425R "Student Fees" is reinforced with their school community.

Kelowna Art Gallery - Year-end Report

The Board discussed the Year-end Report.

7:57 pm - Trustee Gorman left the meeting.

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2012/2013 Public Sector Executive Compensation Report

Trustees discussed the information provided.

Trustee Attendance - COPAC Meetings September to December 2013

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Amendment to Board Standing Committee Policies

The Board reviewed the information provided. The Superintendent will provide a memorandum to all Board Standing Committees outlining the amendments made to committee policies.

7:59 pm - Trustee Gorman returned to the meeting.

Month End Enrolment – June 2013

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:** Premier Christy Clark, July 10, 2013, sending the Board's congratulations on Premier Clark's election as the MLA for Westside - Kelowna.
- Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, September 4, 2013, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, September 4, 2013, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.
- The Honourable Pat Pimm, Minister of Agriculture, September 6, 2013, thanking the Minister for the August 27th meeting with members of the Board of Education and Senior Staff.
- MLA Norm Letnick, September 6, 2013, extending the Board's appreciation for his coordination of the meeting with Minister Pimm.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Westside catchment area correspondence received and forwarded to the Superintendent for inclusion in the Westside catchment area consultation report:

- Marnie and Chad Douglas, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Marely Hall, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Andy Shillington, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Kelly and Chad Scott, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Monique Hilverink, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Wendy Herremans, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- The Mucha family, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Manuela Reekie, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Peter and Jessica Warren, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Kiki Buckle, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Kim DeBonis, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Sheri Dodd, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Tanya and Rod Lister, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- Brent and Clare Peterson, re Tallus Ridge neighbourhood.
- T. Wingenbach, re Shannon View Drive.

Office of the Premier, July 12, 2013, in response to the Board's letter of congratulations regarding the Premier's MLA win for the Westside - Kelowna riding.

Minister of Education's Office, July 15, 2013, in response to the Board's invitation to the Minister to visit the Central Okanagan School District.

Teresa Rezansoff, President - BC School Trustees Association, July 24, 2013, regarding the renewal of membership in BCSTA for the coming year.

Minister of Education, July 25, 2013, responding to the Board's letter of congratulations and invitation to visit the School District.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Letters to the Minister of Education Regarding the BCTF/BCPSEA Provincial Bargaining Process:

- SD No. 63 (Saanich), June 25, 2013
- SD No. 72 (Campbell River), June 26, 2013
- SD No. 70 (Alberni), June 26, 2013
- SD No. 75 (Mission), June 26, 2013
- SD No. 33 (Chilliwack), June 27, 2013
- SD No. 38 (Richmond), July 3, 2013
- SD No. 41 (Burnaby), July 4, 2013
- SD No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen), July 8, 2013
- SD No. 47 (Powell River), August 29, 2013
- SD No. 08 (Kootenay Lake), September 3, 2013

Letters to the BCSTA Board of Directors Regarding the Direction that BCSTA has taken with regard to Provincial Bargaining:

- SD No. 08 (Kootenay Lake), July 26, 2013
- SD No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), July 30, 2013
- SD No. 41 (Burnaby), August 7, 2013
- SD No. 39 (Vancouver), August 20, 2013
- SD No. 47 (Powell River), August 29, 2013
- SD No. 08 (Kootenay Lake), September 3, 2013
- SD No. 60 (Peace River North), September 4, 2013

SD No. 85 (Vancouver Island North), June 19, 2013, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding SD No. 79 (Cowichan).

SD No. 43 (Coquitlam), June 25, 2013, to the Minister of Education, the Premier, BCPSEA, BCSTA, BCTF and all BC Boards of Education, regarding 2013 K-12 International Education Regional Roundtables.

SD No. 72 (Campbell River), June 26, 2013, to the Minister of Education, CUPE BC, local Partner Groups, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding funding employee wage settlements.

SD No. 41 (Burnaby), July 2, 2013, to MP Kennedy Stewart, BCPSEA, BCSTA, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the delivery of services through the Canadian Immigration Centres.

SD No. 39 (Vancouver), July 3, 2013, to various Members of Parliament, the Canadian School Boards Association, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the operation of Canadian Immigration Centres.

SD No. 41 (Burnaby), July 4, 2013, to the Minister of Education, BCPSEA, BCSTA, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding International Education Regional Roundtables.

SD No. 41 (Burnaby), July 4, 2013, to MP Peter Julian, BCPSEA, BCSTA, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the delivery of services through the Canadian Immigration Centres.

SD No. 05 (Southeast Kootenay), received July 17, 2013, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding K-12 International Education Reforms.

SD No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), July 22, 2013, to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the local MP and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the impact of recent changes to Canadian Immigration Centers.

SD No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), July 23, 2013, to the Council of Ministers of Education - Canada, the Canadian School Boards Association, the BC Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the erosion of local Board control over education issues.

Minister of Education, July 31, 2013, to all Board Chairs, regarding BCTF and BCPSEA, with regard to the pursuit of a framework for a 10-year agreement with BC teachers.

SD No. 08 (Kootenay Lake), August 8, 2013, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding funding of Independent Schools to offer adult courses.

Main

13P-110

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: At the September 11, 2013 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2013 – Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 24 & 25, 2013

Location: Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: October 4 & 5, 2013

Location: Kamloops

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 25 & 26, 2013

Location: Vancouver

Deadline for Submission of Motions: September 23, 2013

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal

Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the School Board Office

Planning and Facilities

Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

The Superintendent noted that the General Affairs Public Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 4:30 pm is confirmed.

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- The Growing Chefs! Classroom Gardening Program (*sent to the Coordinating Committee*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer