



"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 March 11, 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
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)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Vivian Evans, President
COPVPA	Des Sjoquist, Executive Member – Economic Welfare
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	Dave Tether, Vice-President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

15P-039 MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Agenda for the March 11, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – February 25, 2015

Main

15P-040

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 25, 2015 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Gorman, Trustee Mossman

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition: Recipient of Canada's Outstanding Principals Award – Raquel Steen, Principal, École KLO Middle School

The Board of Education congratulated Principal Steen for being a recipient of the Canada's Outstanding Principals Award.

Recognition: Safety Program Partnership with BrainTrust Canada

- In attendance: Maribeth Friesen, CEO, BrainTrust Canada
Magda Kapp, Director of Communications, BrainTrust Canada
David Gibson, SD No. 23 Traffic Safety Officer

The Board of Education thanked the BrainTrust Canada representatives for their partnership with the School District and their commitment to injury prevention.

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

All trustees were provided with an opportunity to comment on their involvement, since the previous Board meeting, in District activities.

Trustee Cacchioni

Queried the impact of the new provincial student demographic system (MyEducation BC) which school districts are converting to for the 2015/2016 school year, and whether an estimate has been developed for the amount and cost of training, whether technical upgrades will be required to support the new system, and where the disaster backup system is located.

The Superintendent responded that the technical infrastructure is currently in place to support the new system and the District is using the "Train the Trainer" model, focusing on a few key individuals at each school who will be provided with training to, in turn, support their colleagues with the new system at their school. "Just in time" training will be provided to teachers on the first day of school to give them the ability to access class lists, complete attendance, etc. Additional training on an early dismissal day will then be provided to teachers to prepare for the first reporting period. A separate training plan is in place for support staff. The initial training budget and implementation plan has been established at \$200,000. This cost will be factored into the Technology Budget and will impact future expenditures on previously planned technological projects.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the backup system is in Eastern Canada and the company in Vancouver that is operating the current student administration system will not change.

Trustee Baxter

Commented on the recent Aboriginal Gathering which was held in partnership with the Ministry and the School District.

The Assistant Superintendent will convey the Board's appreciation to Joanne DeGuevara, District Principal of the Aboriginal Education Program, for her work on the Aboriginal Gathering.

Trustee Baxter

Requested a follow-up on the letter sent out by the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) with regard to the Central Okanagan School District's submitted resolution advocating for the reinstatement of the BCPSEA Board of Directors, which was amended and passed at the January 30th BCPSEA AGM.

The Secretary-Treasurer will contact BCPSEA requesting a copy of the letter that was sent out.

ACTION ITEMS

Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2015/2016 through 2019/2020

Main
15P-041

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2015/2016 through 2019/2020, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the March 11, 2015 Public Board Meeting.

The Ministry of Education requires that all of the AFG funding must be expended by March 31st of the provincial fiscal year, however funds provided to Districts in the 2014/2015 year may be carried over due to time lost in completing projects during the labour dispute. It is expected that AFG funding for the coming year will be included in the March 12th provincial funding announcement.

**MAIN 15P-041
CARRIED**

The Board's Response to the Provincial Budget Announcement

Notice of Motion – Trustee Fraser – February 25, 2015 Public Board Meeting

Trustee Fraser provided background information on the Notice of Motion.

Main
15P-042

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education expressing disappointment in the recent budget announcement, and stating that, as the District has previously made significant cuts due to budget reductions, any further reductions will affect all students in the District.

Amendment
15P-043

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The letter be sent to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance.

**AMENDMENT 15P-043
CARRIED**

MAIN 15P-042 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 15P-043

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance expressing disappointment in the recent budget announcement, and stating that, as the District has previously made significant cuts due to budget reductions, any further reductions will affect all students in the District.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

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Shelley Courtney, COPAC member, requested clarification on the provincial announcement of \$29 million in cuts to school districts in the 2015/2016 school year and further cuts in the 2016/2017 school year.

The Board Chair responded that the provincial government has announced \$29 million in cuts to school districts for the 2015/2016 school year and a further \$25 million for the 2016/2017 school year. These cuts are expected to be maintained for the 2017/2018 school year. The combined total of cuts for the next three years is \$54 million. The provincial announcement regarding school district grant funding for 2015/2016, including specific information regarding the cuts, will be made on Thursday, March 12th.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Ministry of Education Regional Innovation Forums

- The Ministry of Education has advised that a Regional Innovation Forum will be held in Kelowna, on Friday, April 10th.
- The Regional Forums are a follow-up to a session held in Vancouver in January 2015 and will focus on education innovation and the education transformation journey.
- The Forums are set to take place in Courtney/Comox, Kelowna, Prince George, Fort St. John, Surrey and Cranbrook.
- The Ministry has specific expectations regarding the invitation list which will include approximately 70% community members and 30% educators.
- Superintendents and Board Chairs from neighbouring school districts will be invited to attend as well as local Partner Group Presidents.
- Community members to be invited include Municipal Mayors, representatives from Westbank First Nation and the Central Okanagan Regional District, and prominent members of the business community. Invitations will be sent out by the Ministry's office.

Education Week in the Central Okanagan School District – March 9 to 13, 2015

- The Board was provided with the opportunity to hear the radio commercial announcing Education Week in the Central Okanagan School District, which featured two School District students.

Gold Tommie Award – Mar Jok Elementary School

- The Central Okanagan School District, in partnership with Renaissance-GHM Architects Inc., has been awarded the 2014 Gold Tommie Award for “Best Outside the Box” for the design of Mar Jok Elementary School.

Format for 2015/2016 Preliminary Budget Proposal – Superintendent's Budget Recommendations

A report on the ThoughtExchange online budget survey input received will be provided at the April 1st Finance and Legal Committee Meeting. Partner Groups will also be offered the opportunity for budget presentations at the April 1st meeting. When the Superintendent's Budget Recommendations are provided for debate at the April 15th Finance and Legal Committee Meeting, a list of additional areas where possible reductions could be made will be made available as well.

Energy and Sustainability 2014

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Revenue and Expense Summary at January 31, 2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Suspension Summary Report: 2008/2009 to 2013/2014

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Month End Enrolment – February 2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2014/2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Minister of Education, March 3, 2015, regarding funding changes to upgrading courses for graduated adult students.

Received: **Correspondence Directed to the Board**

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Management and Exempt Staff Compensation Freeze:

- SD No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia), February 16, 2015
- SD No. 44 (North Vancouver), February 20, 2015
- SD No. 61 (Greater Victoria), February 23, 2015

SD No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), February 11, 2015, to BCSTA, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Co-governance Memorandum of Understanding.

SD No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), February 11, 2015, to BCSTA, the Premier, the Minister of Education, the Leader of the BC NDP, and all BC Boards of Education, requesting that the Government opposition party receive copies of all advocacy letters.

SD No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia), February 16, 2015, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

SD No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia), February 16, to the Minister of Education, BCPSEA, local Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding strike savings for September 2014.

SD No. 42 (Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows), February 23, 2015, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding funding changes for graduated adult students.

SD No. 42 (Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows), February 25, 2015, to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the provincial budget announcement.

SD No. 39 (Vancouver), March 4, 2015, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the 2015 provincial budget.

Main

15P-044

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: At the March 11, 2015 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 16 – 19, 2015

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal Committee

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the School Board Office

General Affairs Committee (CANCELLED)

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education Meeting with District Student Council

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Board of Education Meeting with District of Lake Country Mayor and Council

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2015

NOTICES OF MOTION

Davidson Road Elementary School Enrolment – September 2015

(Trustee Butler)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT: The Board of Education cap Davidson Road Elementary at 460 students for September 2015;

AND THAT: The Board of Education redirect the overflow to Oyama Traditional School for the 2015/2016 school year.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer