



"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, February 8, 2012
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff
Trustee D. Butler
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 and April Smith - 2 nd Vice-President
COPVPA	Alida Privett, Principal - Shannon Lake Elementary School
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, Vice-President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add: 15.3 Board Meetings with Partner and Community Groups

MLA/Board of Education Meeting, February 17, 2012

Main

12P-013 MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Agenda for February 8, 2012 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - January 25, 2012

Main

12P-014 MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 25, 2012 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition - Erik Madsen, Nick Novak and Daniel Harrison - GESS Students, Winners of the BCAA Dry Grad Video Contest

The Board congratulated George Elliot Secondary School students Erik Madsen, Nick Novak and Daniel Harrison for winning the 2011/2012 BCAA Dry Grad Video Challenge. The video, entitled "One Way", won the school \$4,000 to go towards their dry grad activity.

Harmony Day 2012

In attendance: Rick Oliver, Director of Instruction K - 12
Leigh-Ann Yanow, Teacher, Anne McClymont Elementary School

The Chairperson made the following declaration:

WHEREAS	Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,
WHEREAS	Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the School District No. 23 community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,
WHEREAS	Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,
WHEREAS	Harmony Day allows School District No. 23 to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment where every student develops the knowledge and skills to be a lifelong learner and a healthy productive member of the global society; and,
THEREFORE	I, Rolli Cacchioni, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 22, 2012 as Harmony Day in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Black History Month Declaration

The Chairperson made the following declaration:

The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares the month of February 2012 as "Black History Month" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

The Assistant Superintendent left the meeting at 6:32 pm and returned at 6:34 pm.

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2011 Safety Review

Ken Emmons, District Health & Safety Manager, reviewed the information contained within the 2011 Safety Review. The Health and Safety Department brought over \$120,000 into the district last year, over and above operating costs for the department, for monitoring claims for 40% of the school districts within BC. Additionally, the BC Municipal Safety Association and Worksafe BC have recently recognized School District No. 23 as being the only district in the province to receive both the "Return to Work" Certificate of Recognition as well as the "Occupational Health & Safety" Certificate of Recognition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- KSS staff recently hosted the Western Canada Basketball Tournament, with the KSS Owls coming in second overall.
- The budget consultation process has begun and the community is invited to provide input using the online budget survey now posted to the District's website.
- The School District No. 23 Science Fair will take place at Okanagan College (at the Learning Centre) on February 23rd and 24th. The public is welcome to attend on February 23rd from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm and on Friday, February 24th from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Winners of the District Science Fair will attend a regional competition at UBC-O, with winners from that competition attending the National Science Fair in PEI.

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.

The COTA 1st Vice-President requested the meeting details of the budget presentation to ACES.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Baxter

Requested information on damage to school fields and cost incurred from students sledding during the winter.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the fields do receive damage during winter months. Operations attempts to minimize the damage during spring repair.

Trustee Pendharkar

Requested information on media reports regarding parents lining up the evening before registration opened on February 1st, to ensure that their child was enrolled at the school of their choice.

The Superintendent advised that there is insufficient space in some schools to house every student in the catchment area. As well, the French Immersion Program is in demand, with a finite number of seats available in French Immersion schools. School District No. 23 has a policy in place which outlines registration criteria.

ACTION ITEMS

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

Suspension Summary Report: 2005/2006 to 2010/2011

The overall trend line for suspensions shows a positive result over the past five years. The District has provided proactive alternatives for students, rather than assigning indefinite or definite suspensions.

General Statements

Field Trips 2011/2012

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Ombudsperson Report of Files Closed from October 1 to December 31, 2011 for School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

CUPE BC Division President, January 23, 2012, regarding the negotiation of a new trade agreement with the European Union.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Cowichan Valley School District, January 13, 2012, regarding the Organization of Classes Report, sent to the Minister of Education and all Boards of Education.

School District No. 22 (Vernon), January 19, 2012, regarding the state of bargaining between the BCTF and the BC Public School Employer's Association, sent to the BCSTA, the BCPSEA, the Minister of Education and all Boards of Education.

Cowichan Valley School District, January 23, 2012, regarding a proposal for modular classrooms at a Lake Cowichan Elementary School, sent to the Minister of Education and all Boards of Education.

School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows), January 25, 2012, regarding the proposed review of the FSA Program, sent to the Minister of Education, MLAs, SD No. 42 Partner Groups and all Boards of Education.

Main
12P-015

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: At the February 8, 2012 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/BCPSEA Trustee Orientation Academy - February 9 - 11, 2012

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting - March 2 & 3, 2012

BCSTA AGM - April 26 - 29, 2012

Deadline for Extraordinary Motions (to change BCSTA bylaws) due February 16

Deadline for Substantive Motions due February 24

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal Committee

Wednesday, February 15, at 1:00 p.m., School Board Office

Planning and Facilities Committee

Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., School Board Office

NOTE: Meeting time change from 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

MLA/Board of Education

February 17, 2012

District of West Kelowna Mayor and Council

February 21, 2012

City of Kelowna Mayor and Council

February 21, 2012

NOTICES OF MOTION

Amendments to School District No. 23 Policy 220 “Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer”

THAT: The Human Resources and Staff Services Committee develop amendments to School District No. 23 Policy 220 “Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer”, to address the appointment of District Principals;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Human Resources and Staff Services Committee make recommendations to the Board.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer