



"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 acknowledges that this meeting is being held
on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

DATE: Wednesday January 14, 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	Vianne Kintzinger, Treasurer
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

15P-001 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Agenda for the January 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Inaugural Board Meeting – December 10, 2014

Main

15P-002 MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting of December 10, 2014 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

Public Board Meeting – December 10, 2014

Main
15P-003

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of December 10, 2014 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Presentation/Recognition: The Sons of Italy Galileo Lodge - Gala Fundraising Event on November 7, 2014

- In attendance: Onofrio Curatolo, President of the Sons of Italy Galileo Lodge
Renata Simonelle, Vice President of the Sons of Italy Galileo Lodge

Trustees were provided with information regarding the fundraising event held by The Sons of Italy Galileo Lodge which resulted in a \$1,500.00 donation to the Central Okanagan School District in support of the District's breakfast programs. The representatives from The Sons of Italy Galileo Lodge were thanked for the donation.

Introduction of New Central Okanagan School Business Officials (COSBO) Members

- Michelle Nice, Human Resources Manager
- Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant, Office of the Assistant Superintendent

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

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 Fraser

In response to parent concerns, requested clarification on Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) correspondence received from the Superintendent, the school Principal, and the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association.

The Superintendent provided background information on the Foundation Skills Assessment which has been in place for a number of years, previously for grade 4, grade 7 and grade 10 students, and now for grade 4 and grade 7 students only. The data collected is made public and has been used by the Fraser Institute as a ranking system for BC schools. The Central Okanagan Board of Education has previously spoken out against the use of the FSA data by the Fraser Institute to rank schools. The BCTF has sought and received legal approval to distribute communication regarding FSA to parents. The Superintendent has also distributed a letter to parents which clarifies the position of the Ministry of Education regarding when students can be exempted from writing. The school Principal has the authority to exempt students from the FSA. The exemption is dependent upon strict criteria provided by the Ministry of Education. The Ministry is currently coordinating a series of input gathering sessions regarding the development of a new provincial accountability framework which includes a review of assessment tools. Information on the new framework is anticipated to be received before the end of this school year.

Trustee Baxter

With reference to a recent article in the Kelowna Daily Courier, queried whether the developer for the planned South Perimeter Road had actually spoken to School District staff with respect to the inference that a middle school would be built in the upper Mission within 3 – 5 years.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that School District staff had discussions with the developer and staff at the time when the District purchased The Ponds site for a future school, however the new developer has not spoken with District staff. At the time of the purchase of the school site, District staff had advised that the proposed middle school was in the Central Okanagan School District's Capital Plan which has been submitted to the Ministry of Education. Approval is required from the Ministry of Education before construction may begin on any new school.

ACTION ITEMS

Registration Dates for the 2015/2016 School Year

The District's online registration process, put into place for the previous school year's registration, provides the opportunity for the vast majority of new registrations to take place within the first hour of the registration period. By the end of the first week of registration, a high percentage of registration will be completed, allowing District staff to begin working on staff and budget requirements for September 2015. The online process will remain open, with the final registration period completed at the end of August. Following the close of the summer registration period, District staff will review requests from out-of-catchment students to enrol in their school of choice.

Main
15P-004

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The initial registration dates for the 2015/2016 school year be set as February 16, 2015 through to March 6, 2015;

AND THAT: The closing date of registrations, in order to apply the Board's registration priorities as established in Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), be set as August 27, 2015.

CARRIED

Policy Review: Policy 720 and Regulations 720R – Volunteers

Main
15P-005

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 720 – Volunteers, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the January 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve amended Regulations 720R – Volunteers, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the January 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting.

A review of the District's database for criminal record checks for volunteers was completed earlier. It was determined that updates to the database were required in order to provide schools with easy look-up access to determine whether criminal record checks for volunteers were up-to-date or required renewal. Criminal record checks are not valid after five years. As there is a backlog for the checks to be completed by the RCMP, the School District will be asking volunteers to redo their criminal record check after four years, which should allow ample time for the check to be completed prior to the five year expiry date. Amendments to the Regulations reflect these changes.

**MAIN 15P-005
CARRIED**

Appointment of Board Standing Committee Members

With the addition of Trustee Mossman to the Education and Student Services Committee, and Trustee Gorman to the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee, all Trustee committee member positions on Board Standing Committees have been filled.

Main
15P-006

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the list of Board Standing Committee Members as amended.
CARRIED

Appointment of Trustee Representatives to the District Bargaining Committee

Trustee Gorman and Trustee Butler (alternate) accepted their nominations as Trustee Representatives to the District Bargaining Committee.

Main
15P-007

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: Trustee Gorman be appointed the Trustee Representative to the District Bargaining Committee, with Trustee Butler being appointed as the Alternate Trustee Representative.
CARRIED

Continuation of the Board's Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee

Main
15P-008

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the continuation of the Board's Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee.

The Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee includes Trustees and Partner Groups Representatives and reviews policies that do not fall within the parameters of the Board's Standing Committees.

MAIN 15P-008
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.

Shelley Courtney, COPAC member, expressed concern regarding the timing of the Foundation Skills Assessment as students haven't yet had the opportunity of a full school year to master the skills expected on the test, and French Immersion students are administered the test in English.

The Superintendent responded that the window of January 12th to February 20th for administering the FSA is consistent for all schools throughout the province. The FSA data provides diagnostic feedback and is not used to grade a student nor does it contribute to their report card mark. Parents are encouraged to send their concerns directly to the Ministry of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Lake Country Catchment Area Review

- A public consultation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15th, 6:00 pm at École Peter Greer Elementary School where a presentation will be provided outlining feedback gathered and senior staff's proposed recommendations.
- This item will be discussed at the January 21st Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting scheduled for 4:30 pm at the School Board Office.
- Recommendations from the Planning and Facilities Committee will be provided to the Board at the February 11th Public Board Meeting.

Rutland Grade Configuration

- This item will be discussed at the January 21st Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting scheduled for 4:30 pm at the School Board Office.
- Recommendations from the Planning and Facilities Committee will be provided to the Board at the January 28th Public Board Meeting.

Enrolment Projections for September 2015

- Preliminary data forecasts a strong economic growth and a growing labour market.
- It is anticipated that the District's enrolment will remain fairly similar to the previous year with the possibility of a minor drop as this year's large grade 12 cohort moves out of the system.

French Immersion on the Westside

École KLO Middle School has continued to experience growth and concerns have been raised by the school administration and District staff regarding the capacity of the school and the ability to meet future enrolment demands. Public consultation on the Westside was conducted in October 2013 regarding the possibility of establishing a French Immersion middle school program on the Westside. Further feedback will be requested from the Westside community in the near future through an online survey and written communication. Should a French Immersion middle school program be established on the Westside for September 2015, current Westside French Immersion students attending École KLO Middle School will remain at that school.

Board Representatives on District Committees

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Board Representatives on Outside Committees/Organizations/Agencies

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Month End Enrolment – November 2014

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Month End Enrolment – December 2014

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: Michael Marchbank, BCPSEA Public Administrator, December 22, 2014, in response to his letter of December 19, 2014, regarding the Board of Education's proposed resolution submitted for the BCPSEA Annual General Meeting.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Michael Marchbank, BCPSEA Public Administrator, December 19, 2014, regarding the Board of Education's proposed resolution submitted for the BCPSEA Annual General Meeting.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Management and Exempt Staff Compensation Freeze:

- SD No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade), November 22, 2014
- SD No. 47 (Powell River), December 3, 2014
- SD No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin), December 8, 2014
- SD No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), December 8, 2014

SD No. 85 (Vancouver Island North), December 9, 2014, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the current governance structure of the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA).

BCSTA President, December 12, 2014, to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Advanced Education, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the government's decision on funding adult upgraders.

Main
15P-009

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: At the January 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The COTA President commended the District for the recent professional development session held for Principal Designates which was well done and very well received.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA New Trustee Orientation

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2015
Location: Vancouver

BCPSEA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: Friday, January 30, 2015
Location: Vancouver

The Central Okanagan Board of Education has submitted a resolution for consideration at the BCPSEA AGM requesting the reinstatement of publicly elected Trustees as members of the BCPSEA Board of Directors.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: February 20 & 21, 2015
Location: Vancouver

Provincial Council Emergent Motions Due January 16, 2015

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: February 27 & 28, 2015
Location: Vernon

BCSTA AGM

Date: April 16 – 19, 2015
Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning and Facilities
Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Finance and Legal
Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education meeting with local MLAs
DATE: Friday, January 16, 2015

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Lake Country Catchment Area Review (*February 11, 2015 Public Board Meeting*)
- Rutland Grade Configuration (*January 28, 2015 Public Board Meeting*)
- Westside Middle School French Immersion Program (*February 4, 2015 General Affairs Committee Meeting and February 11, 2015 Public Board Meeting*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer