



"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 December 10, 2014
TIME: 7:00 PM *(Immediately following the Inaugural Board Meeting)*
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, and Shelley Courtney, Member at Large
COPVPA	No representative
COTA	April Smith, First Vice-President
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add:	Information Item	8.4	Minister of Education Letter re Cross Enrolment – Bill 36 Policy Updates <i>(amended material for scheduled item)</i>
Add:	Information Item	8.7	Field Trips 2014/2015 <i>(amended material for scheduled item)</i>
Add:	Board Correspondence:		Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board <i>(New material for scheduled item)</i>

Main

14P-224

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Agenda for the December 10, 2014 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – November 26, 2014

Main

14P-225

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of November 26, 2014 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Mossman, Trustee Tiede

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

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.

ACTION ITEMS

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Budget Development Principles

Main

14P-226

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Board of Education affirm the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Budget Development Principles, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the December 10, 2014 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2015/2016 Budget Development Timelines

Main

14P-227

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2015/2016 Budget Development Timeline (with the addition of the use of the *Thought Exchange* online survey process for requesting budget input), as attached to the agenda and as presented at the December 10, 2014 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: Further discussion occur at the Board table regarding Finance and Legal Committee meeting times.

Discussion occurred regarding the Finance and Legal Committee Meeting times. Standing Committee meeting dates/times are approved at the Committee level. Any changes to dates/times will be forwarded to the Board as an Information Item on a Public Board Meeting agenda. Trustees discussed the need to ensure that online surveys, written submissions, and public consultation meetings all form a part of gathering feedback for District strategic planning and budget development.

MAIN 14P-227
CARRIED

Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2014-2015

The Superintendent provided an overview of the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2014-2015. The contents of the Report are dictated by the Ministry and must include highlights on literacy (student reading results), school completion levels, improving achievement results for Aboriginal learners, and increasing enrolment in skills and technical training. As the accountability framework in the province is under review this year, Districts have been advised to use the template structure provided the previous year. The Report must come to the Board of Education by December 15th and be approved and sent to the Ministry of Education by the end of January 2015.

Main
14P-228

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2014-2015, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the December 10, 2014 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Report be sent to the Minister of Education to meet its January 31, 2015 deadline.

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 representative, requested clarification on the percentage of grade 10 students participating in the Career Life Program as outlined in the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2014-2015.

The Superintendent responded that participation in Career Life Programs is optional, not compulsory. The District has begun encouraging students to explore future career paths earlier on in secondary school, as readiness data tracking has shown that students who participated in Career Life Programs' activities had a much higher graduation rate than those who were not involved in some form of Career Prep. Students are also encouraged to bring forward their own extra-curricular activities, e.g. volunteering, to the Career Programs Centre at their school to have the activity contribute toward the Career Prep designation on their record.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

School Planning Council Meetings

- The annual School Planning Council meetings will be scheduled between February and May 2015 and will again involve a Trustee, the zonal Director of Instruction K-12, and the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.
- Meetings will be approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes long and will include staff, parent and student representatives reviewing school goals, challenges and triumphs as well as discussing the needs of the students at their school.

Lake Country Area Catchment Review

- Meetings with Lake Country School Parent Advisory Councils have taken place and feedback is being gathered through the *ThoughtExchange* survey process.
- A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 15th at 6:00 pm at École Peter Greer Elementary School for a public presentation where staff will share feedback received and provide preliminary recommendations for amendments to school catchments.
- The recommendations will be discussed at the January 21st Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, and then brought to the Board at the February 11th Public Board Meeting.

Grade Reconfiguration – Rutland Area Schools

- Public Consultation Meetings have taken place at Rutland area schools and feedback is currently being gathered through the *ThoughtExchange* survey process.
- A recommended timeline for grade reconfigurations will be discussed at the January 21st Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, and then brought to the Board at the January 28th Public Board Meeting.

Secondary School Volleyball Provincial Championships

- A number of junior and senior volleyball teams were commended on their placement in the recent Provincial Championships.

Revenue and Expense Summary at October 31, 2014

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Education Week Committee

The Board reviewed the information provided. The committee has been renamed to the “Public Education Awareness Committee” (PEAC). This year’s Education Week is scheduled for March 9 – 13, 2015.

Ministry of Education Letter re Cross Enrolment – Bill 36 Policy Updates

The Superintendent provided information on the cross enrolment of students between schools, which can involve public schools, independent schools and online learning environments, with funding shared between the education providers. The Ministry’s letter addresses some of the unique situations that may occur with cross enrolment.

CUPE Local 3523 Executive – November 2014 to November 2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

COPAC Executive – 2014/2015

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:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), December 2, 2014, to the BCSTA Board of Directors and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the co-governance Memorandum of Understanding.

Main

14P-229

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: At the December 10, 2014 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA New Trustee Orientation

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2015

Location: Vancouver

BCPSEA 21st Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday, January 30, 2015

Location: Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: February 20 & 21, 2015

Location: Vancouver

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: February 27 & 28, 2015

Location: Vernon

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 4:00 pm at the School Board Office

General Affairs

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 5:00 pm at the School Board Office (*Note the new start time*)

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education meeting with the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA)

DATE: Monday, January 12, 2015

Board of Education meeting with local MLAs

DATE: Friday, January 16, 2015

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Lake Country Area Catchment Review (*January 21, 2015 Planning and Facilities Committee*)
- Grade Reconfiguration – Rutland Area Schools (*January 21, 2015 Planning and Facilities Committee*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer