



"Together We Learn"

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 January 16, 2013
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Board of Education:

Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff
Trustee D. Butler
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
COPVA	Cathie Mutter, Executive Secretary
COTA	Alice Rees, President, Susan Bauhart, First Vice-President and April Smith, Second Vice-President
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Main

13P-001 MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Agenda for January 16, 2013 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting – December 12, 2012

Main

13P-002 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,
THAT: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of December 12, 2012 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

Public Board Meeting – December 12, 2012

Main
13P-003

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of December 12, 2012 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Veendam Sister City Exchange Students

- **Sander Hofstee, Grade 12 – Okanagan Mission Secondary School**
- **Henrieke Dekens, Grade 12 – Rutland Senior Secondary School**

Mr. Brian Street and Mr. Dick Gunoff, Co-Directors of the Veendam Sister City Association Student Exchange Program, introduced this year's exchange students, who each provided a brief summary of their experiences in the Central Okanagan School District.

Chad Reid (Teacher Teaching on Call) and Aaron Volk (Teacher – Rutland Senior Secondary School)

The Board of Education and Deputy Fire Chief Tom Doherty and Kelowna Firefighter Mical Volk, of the Kelowna Fire Department, recognized teachers Chad Reid and Aaron Volk for their quick response in extinguishing the fire which took place in December at Rutland Senior Secondary School.

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 Butler

Relayed a request from Lake Country Parent Advisory Councils (PAC) regarding the establishment of a focus group to review enrolment in Lake Country for the coming school year.

The Superintendent advised that a meeting had recently taken place with the four Lake Country school administrators to discuss September 2013 student enrolment. New student registration opens in the Central Okanagan School District on Monday February 4th. The first focus group meeting will be held shortly thereafter, once initial registration numbers have been determined. The focus group will include Kindergarten, Primary and Intermediate parent representatives, as well as Lake Country Elementary PAC representatives. The meeting will be held at George Elliot Secondary School (GESS) and representatives of the GESS PAC will be invited to attend. More information will be provided to the Board at a later date.

Trustee Fraser

Requested information on the Ministry of Education's plans for K – 12 curriculum (as outlined in a recent article in the Vancouver Sun).

The Superintendent advised that the Ministry's proposed changes to K – 12 curriculum are in line with the BC Education Plan, and are consistent with helping learners prepare for the uncertainty of the 21st Century "Information Age".

ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent's Mid-Year Report on Student Achievement 2012-2013

The Superintendent provided a brief review of the information contained within the mid-year report, which is required to be submitted to the Ministry of Education by January 31, 2013. Trustees discussed the information provided.

Main
13P-004

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Superintendent's Mid-Year Report on Student Achievement 2012-2013 as presented at the January 16, 2013 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Report be sent to the Minister of Education to meet its January 31, 2013 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.

Melissa Irish, UBC-O Student Teacher, requested information on the six-year graduation rate, resources available for vulnerable or struggling students, initiatives in place to increase the Aboriginal student graduation rate, and funding for extra-curricular activities available to help children-in-care.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

French Immersion Information Meetings:

- **Westside:** Monday, January 21 at 6:00 pm at George Pringle Elementary School
- **Lake Country:** Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30 pm at Peter Greer Elementary School
- **Kelowna:** Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30 pm at Hollywood Rd. Education Services

New Student Registration Begins February 4, 2013

- Enrolment projections indicate areas of challenge for over-capacity will be Lake Country (specifically Davidson Road Elementary School) and Chute Lake Elementary School in the upper Mission area.

SD23 Employee Wellness Fair (Professional Development Day)

- Friday, February 15th at 8:30 am at the Rotary Centre for the Arts.

Board Committee Information - 2013

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Month End Enrolment – December 2012

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2012/2013

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Minister of Education, December 13, 2012, with copies to local MLAs and all BC Boards of Education, in response to the Minister's letter regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Kelowna and District Society for Community Living, December 3, 2012, to MLA Ben Stewart, the Royal Canadian Legion, the City of Kelowna, BC Housing, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), regarding the affordable housing project proposal for the city block containing McWilliams Centre.

Canadian Association of Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – BC, December 4, 2012, regarding the nomination of Lorna Arlt, Teacher at Black Mountain Elementary School, for the Advocate Award.

Peter Sherba, December 7, 2012, regarding a request for catchment area change from Bankhead Elementary School to Watson Rd. Elementary School.

Corinne Goldfinch, December 11, 2012, regarding a request for recalculation of the District's Transportation Assistance.

Ministry of Education Libraries and Literacy Branch, December 13, 2012, in response to the Board of Education's request for clarification of the approval process for the Central Okanagan Community Literacy Plan.

Auditor General of British Columbia, December 14, 2012, regarding the Audit of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 63 (Saanich), December 11, 2012, to all BC Boards of Education, regarding the replacement of the current provincial student information system, BCeSIS.

SD No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap), December 12, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

BC School Trustees Association, December 13, 2012, to the Minister of Education, BCPSEA, BCASBO, PSEC, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen), December 13, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 59 (Peace River South), December 13, 2012, to the Minister of Education, the local MLA and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 39 (Vancouver), December 17, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), December 17, 2012, to the BC Public School Employers' Association and all BC Boards of Education regarding the BCTF Agreement In-Committee.

SD No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen), December 17, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 61 (Greater Victoria), December 17, 2012, to the Minister of Education, Partner Group Presidents, the Leader of the Opposition, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 72 (Campbell River), December 17, 2012, to the Minister of Education, Local MLAs, Partner Group Presidents, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 85 (Vancouver Island North), December 17, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), December 18, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 42 (Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows), December 18, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 47 (Powell River), December 18, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

West Vancouver School District, December 19, 2012, to the Minister of Education, Partner Group Presidents and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 41 (Burnaby), December 19, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), December 19, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, Partner Group Presidents, the Media, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 48 (Sea to Sky), December 19, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 50 (Haida Gwaii), December 19, 2012, to the Minister of Education, Partner Group Presidents and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 52 (Prince Rupert), December 19, 2012, to the Minister of Education, the local MLA and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 74 (Gold Trail), December 19, 2012, to the Minister of Education, the local MLA and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap), December 19, 2012, to the Minister of Education, the local MLA, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the recent 2012/2013 Recalculated Funding Allocation announcement.

SD No. 19 (Revelstoke), December 20, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 57 (Prince George), December 20, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, BCPSEA, BCASBO, PSEC and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), December 20, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, Partner Group Presidents, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 69 (Qualicum), December 20, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, Partner Group Presidents and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 71 (Comox Valley), December 20, 2012, to the Minister of Education, BCPSEA, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade), December 20, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), December 21, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin), December 21, 2012, to the Minister of Education, Partner Group Presidents, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 36 (Surrey), December 21, 2012, to BCPSEA, the Minister of Education, the Deputy Minister of Education, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the BCTF “Agreement In-Committee”.

SD No. 43 (Coquitlam), December 21, 2012, to the BC Public School Employers’ Association and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Agreement In-Committee with the BCTF.

SD No. 54 (Bulkley Valley), December 21, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs and Partner Group Presidents, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), December 21, 2012, to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 82 (Coast Mountains), December 21, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), December 21, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 93 (Le Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique), December 21, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 51 (Boundary), December 23, 2012, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 38 (Richmond), January 2, 2013, to the Minister of Education, local MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

SD No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha), January 4, 2013, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cooperative Gains Mandate.

Minister of Education, January 7, 2013, to all BC Boards of Education, regarding the BC Jobs Plan and International Education Strategy (IES).

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: At the January 16, 2013 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA Provincial Bargaining Update Meeting

Date: January 24, 2013

Location: Vancouver

BCPSEA Annual General Meeting

Date: January 25 & 26, 2013

Location: Vancouver

BCPSEA Representative Council Meeting

Date: February 16, 2013

Location: Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: February 22 & 23, 2013

Location: Vancouver

Provincial Council Emergent Motions Due January 23, 2013

BCSTA Okanagan Branch Chapter Meeting

Date: March 1 & 2, 2013

Location: West Kelowna

BCSTA AGM

Date: April 25 – 28, 2013

Location: Kelowna

Extraordinary Motions (to change BCSTA Bylaws) due February 14, 2013

Substantive Motions due February 22, 2013

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 30, 2013, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Special General Affairs Committee

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 3:30 pm at the School Board Office

Planning and Facilities Committee

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office (CANCELLED)

Finance and Legal Committee

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Lake Country Area Focus Group to Discuss Future Enrolment

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer