



"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 January 22, 2014
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 J. Brinkerhoff
Trustee R. Cacchioni (*absent*)
Trustee J. Fraser (*arrived at 6:07 pm*)
Trustee C. Gorman (*absent*)
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
COPVPA	Karen Maguire, Executive Member - Climate
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President, and April Smith, First Vice-President
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

14P-010 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,
THAT: The Agenda for January 22, 2014 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – January 8, 2014

Main

14P-011 MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 8, 2014 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Harmony Day and Human Rights Month - 2014

Leigh-Ann Yanow, Chair - Harmony Day Committee, reviewed the various events planned and resources available for this year's Harmony Day.

6:07 pm - Trustee Fraser joined the meeting.

The Board Chair 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 Central Okanagan School District 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 the Central Okanagan School District to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and,
- THEREFORE** I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 5, 2014 as Harmony Day in the Central Okanagan School District;
- and also do hereby proclaim the month of February 2014 as Human Rights Month in the Central Okanagan School District.

School Bus Safety Week – February 2 through to February 7, 2014

The Board Chair made the following Declaration:

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares the week of February 2 through to February 7, 2014 as “School Bus Safety Week” in the Central Okanagan School District, supporting the theme “Be Smart - Be Seen, I Wait in a Safe Place”.

Emergent Declaration

Rutland Middle School students are taking part in school-wide projects in support of a former student, Eric Neilson, who has qualified as a member of the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team. At the request of students from Rutland Middle School, City of Kelowna Mayor Walter Gray issued a proclamation declaring February 6, 2014 as Eric Neilson Day in the City of Kelowna.

The Board Chair made the following Declaration:

- WHEREAS** a community celebrating the success of one of its citizens creates togetherness and fosters a sense of unity; and,
- WHEREAS** competing in the Olympics is considered to be the pinnacle of athletic success and personal achievement for any committed athlete; and,
- WHEREAS** Eric Neilson, selected as a member of the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team, was raised in Kelowna and attended School District No. 23 schools, graduating from Rutland Senior Secondary in 1999; and,
- WHEREAS** School District No. 23 continues to encourage students to give their best effort, dream as large as they can and believe that they are capable of whatever they set their mind to - Eric Neilson is a shining example of this; and,
- WHEREAS** 615 Rutland Middle School students are showing their pride and support in Eric Neilson's athletic achievement through school-wide projects and initiatives that focus on collaboration and team spirit; and,
- THEREFORE** I, Moyra Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 6, 2014 as Eric Neilson Day in the Central Okanagan School 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

ACTION ITEMS

Renewal of Special Program for Positions in the Aboriginal Education Program

Main
14P-012

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the application for renewal and expansion of the Special Program with the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal for positions in the Aboriginal Education Program;

AND THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to include in all advertisements for teaching positions that preference may be given to applicants with Aboriginal ancestry.

The application for renewal and expansion of the Special Program for positions in the Aboriginal Education Program is being requested in order to continue to provide additional cultural role models to work with the District's approximately 2,200 Aboriginal students, in an effort to close the achievement gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

The District has also partnered with the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association regarding the preferential hiring of teachers with Aboriginal ancestry in order to help Aboriginal students make positive connections to their teachers and school.

**MAIN MOTION 14P-012
CARRIED**

Letter From the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Regarding Input on the Second Phase of Campaign Finance Reform for Local Elections

Trustees discussed the Minister's letter requesting Board input on campaign finance reform for local elections. Pertinent points discussed included:

- In federal and provincial elections, candidate expenses may be written off as a tax expense, however this benefit is not provided to candidates in municipal and trustee elections.
- Campaign expenses are the choice of the individual running for the position and vary greatly depending on the number of candidates running and the number of positions to be filled.
- Campaign expenses for Boards of Education include promoting the awareness of the role of school trustees.

The Board Chair will provide a response to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development outlining points discussed, by the deadline of January 31, 2014.

BC Hydro Statutory Right-of-Way for Mar Jok Elementary School

Main

14P-013

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 126 (as attached to the agenda) at the January 22, 2014 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main

14P-014

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 126 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 22nd day of January, 2014;

AND THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), hereinafter called "the Board", grant approval for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of BC Hydro on LOT 35 District Lot 503 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan KAP73555 Except Plan EPP27929.

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.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

2014 Online Registration Process

- Information regarding the District's online registration process for 2014 has been added to the Central Okanagan School District website.
- Shannon Lake Elementary, Rose Valley Elementary and Hudson Road Elementary School families will be receiving a second notification regarding registration procedures due to the opening of Mar Jok Elementary School in September 2014.

Provincial Junior Achievement BC Innovation Jam Competition

- Kelowna Secondary School has been named as one of the four finalists in the competition, out of 120 schools from across the province.
- The theme for 2014 is Environmental Innovation and the winning team will be announced on May 22, 2014.

World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education - May 19-24, 2014

- The Central Okanagan School District submitted two proposals for the conference:
 - 1) A Five-Year Agreement has Made the Difference for Students (K-12)
 - 2) Empowering Indigenous Students to Lead at the Local, Provincial, and National Level
- Out of over 400 proposals submitted, both of the District's proposals were accepted and three District representatives will attend the conference as presenters.

School Planning Council Process Update

The School Planning Council process remains the same as the previous year and meetings will be held from February to June 2014. The District School Planning Council Meeting will follow the same format with 15 minutes for an initial “meet and greet”, followed by 60 minutes for collaborative dialogue. The focus question continues to be “How are you meeting the needs of all learners?”

Trustees are asked to advise the office of the Superintendent if there are preferred dates/times they would be available for the District School Planning Council Meeting, and if there are dates they will not be available between February and June 2014.

Accessibility Advisory Committee - City of Kelowna

The City of Kelowna has advised that membership in this committee does not formally include representatives from the Board of Education. All committees are public meetings and Trustees are welcome to attend as a member of the public.

Month End Enrolment - December 2013

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2013/2014

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brinkerhoff will provide a copy to Trustees of the draft terms of reference for the new Public Education Awareness Committee (currently known as the Education Week Committee).

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: City of Kelowna, January 10, 2014, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.

District of West Kelowna, January 10, 2014, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.

District of Lake Country, January 10, 2014, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.

District of Peachland, January 10, 2014, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.

Okanagan College, January 16, 2014, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.

Okanagan Indian Band, January 16, 2014, extending an invitation to meet with the Board of Education.

Premier Clark, MLA Ashton, MLA Letnick, and MLA Thomson, January 16, 2014, regarding a meeting with the Board to discuss local and provincial co-governance roles.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Kelowna Community Food Bank, January 6, 2014, thanking the School District for its generous donation of 200 pounds of food.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, December 12, 2013, to all BC Board Chairpersons and the Minister of Education, regarding input into the second phase of campaign finance reform for local elections.

Minister of Education to the BCSTA President, December 20, 2013, regarding the Expect Respect and a Safe Education (ERASE) Strategy.

Deputy Minister of Education to the BCSTA President, December 20, 2013, regarding school district policies and practices related to physical restraint and seclusion.

Minister of Energy and Mines to the BCSTA President, December 30, 2013, regarding the BCSTA request that public schools be exempted from BC Hydro rate increases.

Deputy Minister of Education, January 3, 2014, to all BC Board Chairpersons regarding changes to Distributed Learning.

Main

14P-015

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: At the January 22, 2014 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA Annual General Meeting

Date: January 24, 2014

Location: Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: February 21 & 22, 2014

Location: Vancouver

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: March 7 & 8, 2014

Location: Penticton

BCSTA AGM

Date: April 24 - 27, 2014

Location: Vancouver

Extraordinary Motions (to change BCSTA Bylaws or Foundational Statements) due February 13, 2014.

Substantive Motions due February 23, 2014.

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2014, School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2014, School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning and Facilities Committee
Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Finance and Legal Committee
Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer