



"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 P.M.)

DATE: Wednesday September 24, 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
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	Vivian Evans, Vice President
COPVPA	Barrie MacLeod, Vice-President
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President, and April Smith, First Vice-President
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add:	Recognition/Presentation/Delegations Item	3.05	Proclamation: Student Leadership Week in the Central Okanagan School District (<i>New item</i>)
Add:	Recognition/Presentation/Delegations Item	3.3	Presentation: School Opening Report – Part 1 (<i>New material for scheduled item</i>)
Add:	Action Items	6.1	Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2013/2014 (<i>New material for scheduled item</i>)

Main

14P-166

MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,
THAT: The Agenda for the September 24, 2014 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – September 10, 2014

Trustee Butler requested an amendment to the Canadian Student Leadership Conference – September 23 to 27, 2014 item listed under Superintendent's Emergent Issues on page 6 of the minutes. A final sentence will be added to the last bullet as follows: *"All additional costs will ultimately be covered by the Canadian Student Leadership Association."*

Main
14P-167

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 10, 2014 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Introduction of New Principals/Vice-Principals and new COSBO Members

- David Johnson, Vice-Principal, Springvalley Elementary School
- Michelle Kaupp, Vice-Principal, George Pringle Elementary School
- Dana Patterson, Vice-Principal, Okanagan Mission Secondary School (*unable to attend*)
- Michelle Relova, Vice-Principal, Davidson Road Elementary School
- Nathalie Messent, Homestay Coordinator (KSS, GESS, SMS, and Dr. Knox)
- Olivia Zhao, Homestay Coordinator (RSS and OKM)

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

Proclamation: Student Leadership Week in the Central Okanagan School District

In honour of the Canadian Student Leadership Conference 2014 being held in the Central Okanagan School District, the Board Chairperson proclaimed the week of September 23, 2014 to September 27, 2014 as Student Leadership Week in the Central Okanagan School District.

Declaration: International Walk to School Week – October 6 – 10, 2014

The Board Chairperson made the following declaration:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares October 6 - 10, 2014 as "International Walk to School Week" in School District No. 23.

Presentation: School Opening Report – Part 1

- Presenter: Hugh Gloster, Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent reviewed the information provided in the 2014 School Opening Report – Part 1. The majority of schools appear to be coming in reasonably close to projected enrolment numbers, however several elementary schools are reporting notable increases in enrolment (15 students or more). A few elementary schools are reporting numbers significantly lower than projections (15 or more students). As of September 24, 2014, 216 students who were previously registered in Central Okanagan School District schools have selected alternate educational providers, i.e. independent schools, on-line programs or home schooling. Elementary preliminary student numbers are fairly solid with some waitlisted students still to be addressed. Middle/secondary preliminary student numbers are tentative at this time. Adult learners, on-line learners and short-term international students are still being processed. As of September 23, 2014, the District headcount enrolment was 21,350, representing an increase of 33 over projections and 15 students above last year's September 30th enrolment (21,335). Funding and overall enrolment numbers will be impacted by cross-enrolled students and course-by-course funding (vs. FTE "Full Time Equivalency") at the secondary level.

The labour disruption in the BC Public School system has had a negative impact on the Central Okanagan School District International Education Program. One student in the program chose to return home as a result of the labour disruption; however, the program has maintained a strong enrolment with 296 fee paying students registered for the 2014/2015 school year.

The Superintendent reviewed the facility updates substantially completed during the summer which included the three major capital projects: the new Mar Jok Elementary School, the Okanagan Mission (OKM) Secondary School addition, and the George Elliot Secondary School annex. Some minor issues have yet to be completed at Mar Jok Elementary School as well as the gym and theatre space at OKM.

A more comprehensive School Opening Report will be provided at the October 8, 2014 Public Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the loss of the 216 students to alternate educational providers as well as the funding/staffing/space availability challenges which could occur should these students return to the public education system.

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.

Shelley Courtney, Glenmore Elementary School parent, queried whether there is a targeted timeline for schools to have classes/staffing in place so that students can be assigned to their permanent classroom and teacher as soon as possible.

The Superintendent responded that staffing adjustments continue to be made the first week of school, based on enrolment. While it is not uncommon for elementary schools to have their students begin the year with their previous teacher or class, individual school administrators and staff are working together to ensure that class composition and alignment are settled as soon as possible. Some schools may have their students placed in classes more quickly than others, if there has not been a significant change in enrolment numbers.

Vivian Evans, COPAC Vice President, requested clarification on why a school would temporarily place grade 4, 5 and 6 students in the same class.

The Board Chair responded that questions about placement would be best directed to the specific school principal. The Superintendent also advised that, during the first week of classes, students may be placed in various groupings and a number of schools initially set up a “buddy” system between older and younger grades which is continued in various activities throughout the school year.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Butler

Advised that Lake Country parents are expressing concern over student safety now that the intersection of Pelmeash Parkway and Oyama Road has been changed from a four-way stop to a two-way stop, with Pelmeash Parkway now the through road. The District of Lake Country has requested that this student safety issue be brought to the attention of the Board of Education with a request that the Board join the District of Lake Country in asking the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure to reinstall the four-way stop.

The Board Chair responded that this item has been added to the September 30th Coordinating Committee Meeting Agenda for discussion.

Trustee Gorman

Queried whether, given the Ministry of Education's announcement that there would not be any "make-up" days added to this school year, are there local provisions for extending school days by a certain number of minutes to make up for the time lost during the BCTF labour dispute.

The Superintendent responded that, in a recent conference call with Ministry staff, the Deputy Minister of Education stated that the school year would not be extended in any fashion, either by adding to each day or changing holiday schedules. The complexities and challenges of any time extensions in terms of staff commitment and costs to each district, i.e. additional salaries, would be huge and would far outweigh the potential benefit. Schools may go through a consultation process that involves their staff and school community in terms of adjusting dates for the semester end in order to balance each term, and the dates for report cards and parent/teacher interviews. Schools may not make any changes that would impact the School District calendar. The Ministry has confirmed that a 2nd exam sitting for provincial exams will be provided during the week of February 2, 2015.

Trustee Fraser

Has received a request from several homeowners living near the new Mar Jok Elementary School to attend the official school grand opening.

The Superintendent advised that the grand opening event for the school will be advertised and community members are welcome to attend.

ACTION ITEMS

Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2013/2014

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14P-168

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2013/2014, as presented at the September 24, 2014 Public Board Meeting.

Trustee Cacchioni, Chair of the Finance and Legal Committee, noted the auditors' comments that the financial statements of the School District for the year ended June 30, 2014 were prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting requirements of Section 23.1 of the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act of the Province of British Columbia.

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CARRIED**

BCTF Labour Dispute – Letter to the Minister of Education and the BCTF

Notice of Motion – Trustee Cacchioni – September 10, 2014 Public Board Meeting

The Notice of Motion was withdrawn.

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 write a letter to the Minister of Education and the BCTF urging them to enter into "unfettered" arbitration in order to resolve the present labour impasse; and furthermore, that the BC Government agree to fully fund all decisions from the afore-mentioned arbitration.

Constable Neil Bruce Middle School – Daimler Road Parking – Interim Safety Improvements

Main
14P-169

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the District of West Kelowna commending the work done on improving safety and traffic congestion concerns at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, reiterating that, per the Board's letter of March 14, 2014, capital assistance for off-site roadways and sidewalks is beyond the Central Okanagan School District's financial ability and mandate, and advising that staff will continue to assess the situation.

Trustee Fraser, Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, provided background information on the recommendation as discussed at the committee level. It was noted that committee members discussed the inclusion of the Constable Neil Bruce Middle School Planning Council in future reviews of on-site improvements. The West Kelowna Traffic Safety Committee remains active and has a multi-year plan in place to address improvements around the school, pending funding.

**Main 14P-169
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.

Vivian Evans, COPAC Vice President, expressed concern that students are feeling the stress of completing a full year of schoolwork in a shortened school year.

The Superintendent responded that staff will be asked to review the curriculum, focusing on key learning outcomes and adjusting their teaching accordingly. All students will be provided with the opportunity to have a successful year.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The New Education Fund

- The new Education Fund, as negotiated in the BCTF Collective Agreement, has been dedicated for the provision of additional teaching time.
- Funding information is expected to be received soon. Discussions will occur with the COTA Executive regarding funding disbursement.
- It is anticipated that the District's share of the provincial fund will result in an addition of 3.5 teachers over and above existing teaching staff.

2014-2015 Work Plan

- With the Board approval of the Long-Term Facility Plan, a number of issues were addressed last year in the Work Plan, with a focus on boundary/catchment areas on the Westside and balancing enrolment numbers between Rose Valley Elementary School, Shannon Lake Elementary School and the new Mar Jok Elementary School.
- Work will now begin on a review of Lake Country school catchment areas.
- The Davidson Road Elementary School catchment is not sustainable and the school is at over capacity, even with the move of grade 6 and 7 students to the George Elliot Secondary School annex this year.
- There is a large amount of new construction taking place in Lake Country with future growth potential expected to be significant.

- Staff will begin the process by attending Lake Country area Parent Advisory Council meetings and school staff meetings outlining the challenges to be faced and inviting community input.
- Staff will then prepare information on alternatives available and offer recommendations to the Board of Education, with the entire process expected to be concluded by the winter break, in order to ensure parents have clear information for new student registration for September 2015.
- The Education Facility Work Plan will be added to the next Public Board Meeting agenda.

French Immersion Middle School Program

- Parent consultation has taken place regarding the oversubscription of the program at KLO Middle School.
- Once a preferred plan has been developed, further parent consultation may occur.

District-approved Grade Configurations

- Rutland area School Planning Councils have expressed an interest in aligning with the District-approved grade configurations of gr. K-5 elementary, gr. 6-8 middle, and gr. 9-12 secondary.
- The timeline for the change in grade configurations will be driven by community input, with parents invited to information meetings and requested to complete an online survey.
- Progress towards the realignment will be dependent upon the input received.
- Although it is not expected that the realignment of grades will advance the rebuild of Rutland Middle School, it will provide grade 9 students with the opportunity to have a full year in a secondary school environment before they are expected to complete provincial exams in grade 10. It will also provide sustainability for specialty programs at the secondary level, i.e. the Forestry Program.

The COPAC Vice President queried whether parents could provide more influence on the Ministry's timeline for the Rutland Middle School rebuild and was encouraged to advise parents to contact local MLAs and the Minister of Education regarding their concerns about the poor condition of the school and the urgent need for a replacement school to be built.

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2013/2014 Public Sector Executive Compensation Report

The Board reviewed the information provided. The report will be posted to the School District's website under *District Info – Financial Reports*.

BCSTA Strategic Plan 2014-2015

<http://www.bcsta.org/content/bcsta-strategic-plan-2014-2015-0>

General Statements

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: BCPSEA and BCTF, September 12, 2014, regarding the BCTF Labour Dispute and endorsement of the BCSTA Advocacy Update of September 9, 2014.

Minister of Education, September 12, 2014, requesting immediate reinstatement of the original number of Trustees and partner group representatives that were in place prior to the BCPSEA Board of Directors being dismissed in 2013.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

BCTF/BCPSEA Provincial Bargaining:

- B. Hokazono, September 11, 2014
- Erin & Owen Goward, September 13, 2014 (*two letters*)
- M. Perehudoff, September 15, 2014

K. Redding, September 12, 2014, regarding the operation of preschools within School District schools during the BCTF Labour Dispute (*two letters*).

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

BCTF/BCPSEA Provincial Bargaining:

- 1) SD No. 47 (Powell River), August 25, 2014
- 2) SD No. 43 (Coquitlam), August 28, 2014
- 3) SD No. 85 (Vancouver Island North), August 28, 2014
- 4) SD No. 47 (Powell River), September 2, 2014
- 5) SD No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), September 5, 2014
- 6) SD No. 42 (Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows), September 6, 2014
- 7) SD No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), September 8, 2014
- 8) SD No. 38 (Richmond), September 8, 2014
- 9) SD No. 61 (Greater Victoria), September 9, 2014 (*two letters*)
- 10) SD No. 22 (Vernon), September 9, 2014
- 11) SD No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), September 10, 2014
- 12) SD No. 45 (West Vancouver), September 10, 2014
- 13) SD No. 74 (Gold Trail), September 10, 2014
- 14) SD No. 37 (Delta), September 10, 2014
- 15) SD No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), September 11, 2014
- 16) SD No. 33 (Chilliwack), September 11, 2014
- 17) SD No. 70 (Alberni), September 11, 2014
- 18) SD No. 84 (Vancouver Island West), September 11, 2014
- 19) SD No. 51 (Boundary), September 12, 2014
- 20) SD No. 33 (Chilliwack), September 12, 2014

Main

14P-170

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: At the September 24, 2014 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board Chair requested that the Superintendent convey the Board's appreciation to all staff involved in ensuring the success of the Canadian Student Leadership Conference.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2014: Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 23 & 24, 2014

Location: Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: October 3 & 4, 2014

Location: Kamloops

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 24 & 25, 2014

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services (NOTE: THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED)

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 3:00 pm at the School Board Office

General Affairs

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, October 1, 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

- 2014-2015 Work Plan (*Coordinating Committee Meeting*)
- District of Lake Country – Four-Way Stop at Pelmewash Parkway and Oyama Road (*Coordinating Committee Meeting*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer