



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

(Second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July and August, and the third Wednesday in March and the second Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office, at 6:00 PM.)

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 2018
TIME: 6:00 pm
LOCATION: Hollywood Road Education Services – Room 1
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC

In attendance:

Board of Education:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson) *(left meeting at 6:48 pm)*
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee L. Mossman
Trustee L. Tiede

In attendance:

Staff:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
E. Sadlowski, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
M. Essler, Executive Assistant *(Recorder)*

Absent:

T. Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Sarah Shakespeare, President
COPVPA	Raelyn Larmet, Executive Member
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	Shelley Yost, Clerical Shop Steward
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Remove: Recognition
Add: Information Item

Add: Board Correspondence

KLO Cougars Grade 9 Girls Basketball Team
Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary Information
(Updated information)
Received
(Since printing of the March 14, 2018 Public Meeting Agenda)

Main
18P-032

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Agenda for the March 14, 2018 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – February 28, 2018

Main
18P-033

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 28, 2018 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Intermediate Leadership at George Pringle Elementary School

In attendance:

Veronica Dumontet, Principal, École George Pringle Elementary School
Elizabeth Isabelle, Teacher, École George Pringle Elementary School
Lise Rogall, Teacher, École George Pringle Elementary School
Carrie Mouillierat, Teacher, École George Pringle Elementary School

Students: Jada Bargery, Grade 6
Erik and Liam Wheeler, Grade 6
Katelyn Gunn, Grade 5

Principal Veronica Dumontet introduced the teacher sponsors of the Intermediate Leadership Group. The teacher sponsors outlined the leadership group's first three initiatives including morning greeters, buddy benches, and smile bags.

The students shared that while attending WE Day in Vancouver back in November they learned that they can change the world by taking action. A video was shared highlighting their latest initiative 'We are Love'. During this initiative, paper hearts with the message "you are loved" written on the front and a personalized message on the back were handed out to every student, teacher, and staff member at École George Pringle Elementary on Valentine's Day.

The group is looking forward to their next initiatives, 'Zinc Saves Lives' a battery recycling campaign that provides participants with the opportunity to reduce the amount of electronic waste going to landfills and a global initiative called 'We are Silent' where participants take a vow of silence to turn up the volume on the struggles of young people fighting for their basic human rights.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

KSS Owls Girls Curling Team

In attendance:

Bob Harris, Coach
Erika Ellis, Skip
Megan Sergerie, Second

The Board of Education congratulated the coaches and players of the KSS Owls Girls Curling Team for placing third in the Province at the Provincial Tournament held recently in New Westminster.

KSS Owls Senior Girls AAA Basketball Team

In attendance:

Darren Semeniuk, Coach
Quentin Thiessen, Coach
Mark Steen, Vice-Principal
Players:

Taya Hanson, Grade 12
Rachel Hare, Grade 12

The Board of Education congratulated the coaches and players of the KSS Owls Senior Girls AAA Basketball Team for winning the Provincial Tournament on Saturday, March 3, 2018 in Langley.

6:32 pm: *The meeting was recessed.*

6:37 pm: *The meeting was reconvened.*

DELEGATIONS

Reconsideration of Board Decision regarding Westside Grade Reconfiguration Chantelle Desrosier and Sara Neukomm

The presentation by Chantelle Desrosier and Sara Neukomm was a request to the Board of Education, on behalf of a group of concerned Westside parents, to reconsider their decision regarding the Westside Grade Reconfiguration to be effective September 2018 made at the February 28, 2018 meeting. Reference was made to compliance with Board Policy 631 and Regulation 631R – School Closures/Consolidation and the due diligence in making decisions and the consultation process. The consultation process as referenced in Policy 715 – Consultation with Partners in Education was also reviewed.

6:48 pm *The Board Chairperson, Trustee Baxter, left the meeting due to illness and the Board Vice-Chairperson, Trustee Cacchioni, assumed the role of the Acting Chairperson.*

A Timeline Comparison was distributed for the reconfiguration of the Rutland Family of Schools and Westside Family of Schools, along with a Petition "*Petition to Implement Two French Immersion Elementary Feeder Schools on the Westside*" signed by 157 individuals.

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.

The following individuals spoke in response to the Board of Education decision regarding the Westside Grade Reconfiguration and French Immersion on the Westside:

- o James Miller, Editor, Kelowna Daily Courier
- o Sara Neukomm, Parent
- o Holly Graves, Parent
- o Phillip Akins, Parent
- o Jane Nordquist, Rose Valley Elementary Teacher Staff Rep
- o Terry Lum, Parent (also read out letter from Roberta Fidalgo and Rob Crawford)
- o Leslie Meyer, Parent
- o Miriam Rajabally, Teacher, George Pringle Elementary School

The following spoke on behalf of their partner groups:

- o Susan Bauhart, President, COTA

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Butler

- Trustee Butler confirmed that it must be a Trustee who voted in favour of the Motion on the Westside Grade Reconfiguration to bring it back to the Board of Education for reconsideration.
- In response to a query from Trustee Butler, the Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that a plan for the public consultation process on the naming of the new middle school in Lake Country will be coming forward to the Board shortly.

Trustee Gorman

- Trustee Gorman queried on the plans that have been developed by the schools on the Westside on the grade reconfiguration taking place in September 2018. *Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Rick Oliver, advised that once the decision had been made by the Board of Education, all administrators on the Westside were brought together to prepare. Meetings were also held with the affected students at each school. Middle schools will be scheduling parent/student information meetings at each of their schools commencing in April. Members of the Human Resources Department have also met with school staffs to outline the staffing process. Parent Advisory Councils at schools have also commenced planning of year-end field trips, awards ceremonies etc.*

Trustee Fraser

- In response to the Secretary-Treasurer confirming that currently the Ministry has not committed to covering the costs of the payroll tax, Trustee Fraser suggested that the Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry requesting funding for the payroll tax.

ACTION ITEMS

8:08 pm The Acting Chairperson, Trustee Cacchioni, relinquished the Acting Chairperson role to Trustee Gorman.

Notice of Motion – February 28, 2018 Public Board Meeting

Trustee Cacchioni introduced the Motion and confirmed that the reference to a middle entry French Immersion (Grade 4) Program is in addition to the already approved late entry Middle School French Immersion (6-8) Learning Community Program which is to be located at Glenrosa Middle School starting September 2019. The location of the Grade 4 Program will be determined by the Board of Education after consultation with schools, parents and the community.

Main

18P-034

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: A middle entry French Immersion (Grade 4) Program be offered at a school on the Westside starting in September of 2019.

CARRIED

8:14 pm The Acting Chairperson, Trustee Gorman, relinquished the Acting Chairperson role back to Trustee Cacchioni.

2018-2019 School Calendar

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a review of the proposed School Calendar for 2018/2019 as discussed with the School Calendar Committee which consisted of representatives from the partner groups. The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) and Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA) were in support of the proposed calendar. The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3523 were not in support of a two-week spring break as their position was that losing pay for the extra week of spring break is a serious hardship for 10-month members.

Main

18P-035

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year as identified in the attached calendar proposal and make the calendar available to the district and the Ministry of Education by March 31, 2018.

AND THAT:

- 1. The Superintendent direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.**
- 2. In establishing such calendars, principals must:**
 - a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan Public Schools) Board Policy.**
 - b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.**
 - c. Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.**

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Mossman

Proposal for Educational Programs with External Partnerships – Vancouver Film School

Assistant Superintendent, Vianne Kintzinger, expressed that the goal of the partnership with the Vancouver Film School is to offer a dual credit opportunity in the field of technology (Animation) to secondary school students in the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Main

18P-036

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Proposal for Educational Programs with External Partnerships – Vancouver Film School, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the March 14, 2018 Public Board Meeting.

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.

James Miller, Editor, Kelowna Daily Courier

- Mr. Miller asked if the School Calendar approved by the Board of Education is similar to neighbouring Districts.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that other Districts have not been polled on their School Calendar for the 2018/2019 school year, although the calendars would be very similar in nature.

The following individuals provided their concerns to the Board of Education on their decision regarding the grade reconfiguration on the Westside:

- Matt Whitt
- Sara Neukomm

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

The Office of the Ombudsperson Quarterly Report: October 1 to December 31, 2017

The Board reviewed the Report as provided by the Office of the Ombudsperson.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary

The Board discussed the updated information provided.

General Statement – February 28, 2018

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Deputy Minister – Funding Model Review: Independent Panel Announcement and Regional Trustee and Staff Working Sessions
Premier John Horgan – Appreciation to the Board for Participating in Announcement for new Middle School in Lake Country
P. Kirkey, January 30, 2018 regarding West Kelowna School Configuration
L. Meyer, February 8, 2018 regarding French Immersion
LS Henderson, February 8, 2018 regarding French Immersion
L. Henderson, February 9, 2018 regarding French Immersion
T. Walters, February 12, 2018 regarding French Immersion
P. Akins, February 14, 2018 regarding French Immersion
T. Lum, February 14, 2018 regarding French Immersion
S. Royan, February 19, 2018 Letter of Concern regarding French Immersion
D. Norgard, February 20, 2018 Letter of Concern regarding GMS FI Program
H. Roy, February 19, 2018 regarding West Kelowna French Immersion Expansion
S. Chambers, February 20, 2018 regarding French Immersion at Glenrosa Middle School
T. Lum, February 21, 2018 regarding Westside Grade Reconfiguration
T. Lum, February 21, 2018 regarding Westside French Immersion
C. Barnard, February 21, 2018 regarding West Kelowna French Immersion
J. Cryderman, February 22, 2018 regarding Westside Grade Reconfiguration
T. Lister, February 22, 2018 regarding Westside Grade Reconfiguration
J. Mullen, February 22, 2018 regarding West Kelowna Grade Reconfiguration
S. Dalglish, February 22, 2018 regarding Changes for Shannon Lake Elementary
C. Pynappels, February 22, 2018 regarding No Implementation for Reconfiguration West Kelowna 2018

L. Porcellato, February 22, 2018 regarding West Kelowna Grade Reconfiguration
N. & P. Manning, February 27, 2018 regarding French Immersion on the Westside
A. Fallis, February 27, 2018 regarding French Immersion on the Westside
J. Briden, February 27, 2018 regarding French Immersion on the Westside
T. Lum, February 27, 2018 regarding West Kelowna Grade Reconfiguration
B. Kort, February 28, 2018 regarding West Kelowna Grade Reconfiguration
J. Warren, March 1, 2018 regarding West Kelowna Grade Reconfiguration
A. Bartel, March 7, 2018 regarding West Kelowna Grade Reconfiguration
T. Hazard, March 8, 2018 regarding West Kelowna Grade Reconfiguration

Main
18P-037

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: At the March 14, 2018 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

- The Central Okanagan Inquiry Expo (formerly the District Science Fair) was held at UBC Okanagan on Saturday, March 10, 2018 and featured more than 80 projects with approximately 120 students participating. Participants in this year's event enjoyed a university experience, with UBC students providing demonstrations and hands-on activities, and professors presenting topics that inspired higher-level learning.
- The School Board Office (currently located at 1940 Underhill Street) is moving and all future Board Standing Committee Meetings and Public Board Meetings will be held at the new office at 1040 Hollywood Road South.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 26 to Sunday, April 29, 2018

Location: Vancouver, BC

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 6:00pm, School Board Office at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Audit

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 4:00pm, School Board Office at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 6:00pm, School Board Office at 1040 Hollywood Road S.

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Julia Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter requesting the Ministry of Education to fund the cost of the Payroll Tax.

Trustee Deb Butler

THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to proceed with a Catchment Area Review for all new and existing middle schools in the District and report back to the Board by the last Board Meeting in June 2018.

Trustee Deb Butler

THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to bring back to the April 25, 2018 Public Board Meeting the comprehensive process by which public input will be solicited from the residents of the attendance area, and the community, regarding the naming of the new Lake Country Middle School, pursuant to Board Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Acting Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Acting Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer