

"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 May 22, 2013
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 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	No representative
COPVPA	Ashley Ragoonaden, Pro D Representative
COTA	Alice Rees – President (<i>arrived at 6:20 pm</i>), Susan Bauhart, President Elect (<i>arrived at 6:27 pm</i>), and Evan Orloff, Second Vice-President Elect (<i>arrived at 6:20 pm</i>)
CUPE	David Tether, Vice-President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

AGENDA

Add: Action Item 6.2 Safety Audit - Tech Ed Department (New item – Trustee Fraser)

Main

13P-058 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
 THAT: The Agenda for May 22, 2013 be adopted as amended.
 CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – May 8, 2013

Main

13P-059 MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 8, 2013 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition: 38th Annual Kelowna Civic and Community Awards – May 1, 2013

Young Male Citizen of the Year	- Eli McAlpine, Gr. 12, Kelowna Secondary School
Male Athlete of the Year	- Rostam Turner, Gr. 12, Kelowna Secondary School
Bryan Couling Team of the Year	- OKM Secondary School Senior Boys Soccer Team
Bob Giordano Memorial Award	- Hal Hennenfent, Teacher – Glenrosa Middle School
Champion for the Environment	- Michael Ross, Teacher – OKM Secondary School

The Board recognized and congratulated the above recipients for their awards received at the 38th Annual Kelowna Civic and Community Awards Event.

Recognition: 14th Annual Rotary Club of Kelowna/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest – May 7, 2013

Grade 6	
- 1 st Place	Amelia Brooker, Anne McClymont Elementary School
- 2 nd Place	Isis Darosa, Anne McClymont Elementary School
- 3 rd Place	Caleb Agno, Davidson Road Elementary School
Grade 7	
- 1 st Place	Sydney Ingram, Dorothea Walker Elementary School
- 2 nd Place	Sierra Burns, Dorothea Walker Elementary School
- 3 rd Place	Helena Liegmann, KLO Middle School

The Board of Education recognized and congratulated the above students as winners in the Rotary Club of Kelowna/School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest. The Board of Education also thanked the Rotary Club for its many contributions to the District and the community.

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 COTA President provided the results of the COTA Annual General Meeting (held on May 22, 2013, prior to the Public Board Meeting) which resulted in the election of new President Elect, Susan Bauhart, new First Vice-President Elect, April Smith, and new Second Vice-President Elect, Evan Orloff. A complete list of the new COTA Executive will be provided to the Board. The Board congratulated members of the new COTA Executive.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser

Provided information on a parent query regarding the District's purchase of carbon offsets through Pacific Carbon Trust, as the corporation is being criticized for taking money from schools, hospitals and universities and funneling it into private companies. The parent has suggested that an alternative to paying the tax could be to create a reserve fund within the District to reduce the District's own greenhouse gas emissions.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the District paid approximately \$125,000 in carbon offset purchases in the previous year. Pacific Carbon Trust has set up a separate reserve for funds paid by school districts, which can then be applied for as grant funding for projects. Carbon tax is a legislated tax which the District is legally required to pay.

Trustee Baxter

The Central Okanagan Board of Education recognized June 1, 2013 as Intergenerational Day in the Central Okanagan School District.

ACTION ITEMS

Board Standing Committee Reports – Distribution Timeframe

Background information was provided on the distribution of Standing Committee Meeting Reports.

Main
13P-060

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: Board Standing Committee Incamera and/or Public Draft Meeting Reports be distributed to appropriate committee members within 30 days of the meeting (recognizing that this may not be possible during scheduled school district breaks).
CARRIED

Safety Audit - Tech Ed Department

Main
13P-061

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board investigate the cost of having an independent risk management company do a safety audit on the Tech Ed Department review, as approved by the Board earlier.

The Board discussed the previous motion for staff to complete a review of the Technology Education Program (*Main 13P-056 - May 8, 2013 Public Board Meeting*).

Amendment
13P-062

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board investigate the cost of having an independent risk management company ~~do~~ perform a safety audit as part of the ~~on the~~ Tech Ed Department review, as approved by the Board earlier.
CARRIED
OPPOSED: Trustee Pendharkar, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Gorman

Amendment
13P-063

MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board investigate the cost of having an independent risk management company perform a safety audit as part of the Tech. Ed Department review. ~~as approved by the Board earlier.~~
CARRIED
OPPOSED: Trustee Pendharkar, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Gorman

Trustees discussed the motion as amended and the process staff would follow in the review of the department as previously directed by Main Motion 13P-056 – May 8, 2013 Public Board Meeting. The staff review would include an analysis of all statistical data/accident reports as filed with Schools Protection Program.

The COTA President stated an opinion on this matter.

The question was called on Main Motion 13P-061 as amended by Amendment 13P-062 and Amendment 13P-063.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Pendharkar, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Gorman

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

Okanagan Mission Area Focus Group Meeting

- The meeting will take place at 6:30 pm, Thursday, May 23rd, in the Okanagan Mission Secondary School Annex. Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Gorman will attend as Board representatives.

Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society

- The Society has circulated a newsletter recognizing all donors. This year, there were 652 student award applications received and 503 awards given out, resulting in an accumulative total of \$391,985 in award funds.

School Fundraising Events for Various Charitable Organizations

- All schools, students, teachers and support staff were recognized for the many events taking place to raise funds in aid of the less fortunate.

Kelowna Secondary School Planning Council Course Pilot

- The KSS School Planning Council is investigating the pilot of a course entitled "Explore OC (Okanagan College)" which will be brought in as a stepping stone to explore the early college high school arrangement. Teachers will be designing curriculum in the summer to support a group of students exploring Okanagan College and the alignment between the school and the college. The course will be presented in the 2013/2014 school year as an Independent Directed Studies Course, with the Board Authorized Course Proposal being prepared for presentation to the Board of Education in November 2013. If approved, the Board Authorized Course would be in place for September 2014.

Review of Policy 425 and 425R (Regulations) "Student Fees"

A brief background of the current fee structure was provided. The Finance Department continually liaises with school administrators to ensure that fees for academies remain at a "break even" point.

Board Authorized Courses

Trustees reviewed the information provided by the Ministry of Education which provides clarity on Board Authorized Course designations.

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Student Readiness Annual Report

The Board discussed the District's achievement in attaining graduation rate goals which were set over six years ago. The District continues to focus on the "quality" of the graduate, ensuring that students acquire the attributes necessary to achieve a meaningful career/life plan.

Field Trips 2012/2013

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Mr. P. Nesbitt (Designated Driver Dads Program), May 13, 2013, regarding the Board's decision not to approve the request to present to District students.

Mr. D. Ashton, Mr. S. Thomson, Mr. B. Stewart, and Mr. N. Letnick, May 15, 2013, sending the Board's congratulations on their election as MLAs.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia), May 8, 2013, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding providing programs for "school-ready" children.

Main

13P-064

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: At the May 22, 2013 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

CSBA Congress 2013

Date: July 4 – 6, 2013

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Special Public Board Meeting – Tender Award for Mar Jok Elementary School
Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at 3:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Special Public Board Meeting – Tender Award for the Okanagan Mission Secondary School Addition
Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education Meeting with District of West Kelowna Mayor and Council

DATE: Tuesday, May 28, 2013

Board of Education Meeting with District of Peachland Mayor and Council

DATE: Tuesday, June 25, 2013

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer