



"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 October 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
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee M. Pendharkar (*absent on Board business*)

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
COPVA	Mike Dornian, Executive Member - Climate
COTA	No representative
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

ORDER

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

The Board Chair called for a moment of silence to honour Cpl. Nathan Cirillo who was killed in the attack on Parliament Hill earlier today.

The Board Chair advised that the School District is awaiting direction from the federal government regarding the lowering of flags to half-mast in the wake of this morning's events in Ottawa and Quebec.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

14P-183 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Agenda for the October 22, 2014 Public Board Meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – October 8, 2014

Main

14P-184 MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 8, 2014 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED
ABSTAINED: Trustee Gorman

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

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 Brinkerhoff

Has received queries from various organizations wishing to provide information to schools on the programs they offer.

The Board Chair responded that all organizations should be advised to contact the Superintendent's office for approval and dissemination to schools.

ACTION ITEMS

Criminal Record Checks for Trustees

Notice of Motion – Trustee Baxter – September 30, 2014 Coordinating Committee Meeting

Main
14P-185

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: All Trustees must complete a criminal record check at the beginning of their term of office.

Discussion occurred regarding the need for Trustees to have a current criminal record check, the lack of a common database which would show who has had a criminal record check and the date the check was done, and the time it takes to have the check done at the RCMP office (possibly 1 - 2 hours if they are busy). All School District employees must have a criminal record check completed in order to be employed by the District, however the School Act does not require Trustees to complete a criminal record check.

Policy 720 – Volunteers is currently under review by the General Affairs Committee. The review will include an examination of the current requirements for criminal record checks for volunteers.

Main 14P-185

CARRIED

District Student Council Request to Review Policy Form 525.4 – Student Using Vehicle During School Hours

Main
14P-186

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

THAT: The Board of Education support the current practice of not allowing students to drive other students to or from activities in school hours in accordance with Form 525.4.

Discussion occurred regarding the need to make certain that Policy 525 – Field Trips is reviewed to ensure that Board policy and responsibilities are clearly outlined for staff, students and parents regarding the transportation of students to various activities, i.e. field trips and extra-curricular activities both during and outside of school hours. The policy is currently under review by the General Affairs Committee.

Main 14P-186

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.

Shelley Courtney, Glenmore Elementary Parent, requested a copy of the correspondence received (as listed on the agenda) from the BCSTA President, October 14, 2014, regarding teacher pay for September 19, 2014.

The Board Chair advised Ms. Courtney to send an e-mail to Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, requesting a copy of the letter.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

We Day – October 22, 2014

- Approximately 600 students plus staff attended this year's We Day event in Vancouver.
- Students are able to share in the passion of world leaders and entertainers throughout the day, and the annual event inspires students to adopt local and global initiatives to better their communities and the world.

Lake Country Schools Consultation Meetings

- Consultation meetings have taken place with the Parent Advisory Councils of all schools in Lake Country regarding preliminary planning for catchment area changes.
- An online survey will now be used to engage the broader population of parents and community members requesting feedback on changes to catchment areas.
- Once feedback has been compiled, a preferred option will be developed by staff and will be presented at a community consultation meeting (date to be determined).
- Following the community consultation meeting, a recommendation will be brought to the Board's Planning and Facilities Committee at the November 19th Committee meeting, and then to the Board at a future Public Board Meeting.
- The process is expected to be concluded prior to the Winter Break in order to provide clear direction to Lake Country parents for the September 2015 school registration period.

Rutland Schools Consultation Meetings

- Consultation meetings regarding possible grade reconfigurations will begin at Rutland area schools in the near future.
- In keeping with the District's Long-Term Facility Plan, the grade configurations proposed are grade K-5 for elementary schools, grade 6 – 8 for middle schools, and grade 9 – 12 for secondary schools.
- Rutland Senior Secondary School is declining in enrolment and all Rutland area schools could accommodate the grade reconfiguration for September 2015.
- Public consultation meetings have been scheduled for Monday, November 17th (at Springvalley Middle School for all its feeder schools), Tuesday, November 18th (at Rutland Middle School for all its feeder schools), and Thursday, November 20th (Rutland Senior Secondary School for the school community). All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.
- It is not anticipated that the grade reconfiguration would affect the sustainability of any of the smaller elementary schools in the Rutland area in the near future. Growth in the Rutland area will continue to be monitored.

French Immersion Program – Public Consultation

- The District is in the preliminary phase of collecting data regarding the growth of the French Immersion Program in the Central Okanagan School District and the potential for the addition of a second middle school French Immersion Program, specifically at Glenrosa Middle School on the Westside.
- Public information meetings and a parent survey have previously taken place and information continues to be gathered.

District Funds Allocated to the Aboriginal Education Program 2013/2014

The Aboriginal Education Council has requested that the District share in the cost of the Aboriginal Education Program Resource Teacher. The report on District funds allocated to the Aboriginal Education Program for 2013/2014 provides background information to the Board regarding District resources and staff time which have been directed to the Program but not charged to the Program. This item has been added as an agenda item for the November 7th meeting of the Aboriginal Education Council and will be addressed by the Secretary-Treasurer at that meeting.

Lake Country Native Association Winter Family Gathering Traditional Pow Wow

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2014/2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statements

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- Sent:** District Student Council, October 8, 2014, extending an invitation for District Student Council members to meet with the Board of Education.
- Wendy Johnson, President – CUPE Local 3523, October 8, 2014, extending an invitation for the CUPE Executive to meet with the Board of Education.
- Vivian Evans, COPAC Vice President, October 8, 2014, extending an invitation for the COPAC Executive to meet with the Board of Education.
- Raquel Steen, COPVPA President, October 8, 2014, extending an invitation for the COPVPA Executive to meet with the Board of Education.
- Susan Bauhart, COTA President, October 8, 2014, extending an invitation for the COTA Executive to meet with the Board of Education.
- Capital Management Branch, Ministry of Education, October 9, 2014, regarding the Central Okanagan School District's 2014/15 School Bus Replacement Request.
- The Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, October 15, 2014, requesting the reinstallation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Pelmeash Parkway and Oyama Road.
- Ron Westlake, Director, Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan, October 15, 2014, providing a letter of support for the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan and requesting further involvement in the Plan.

Susan Harney, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, October 15, 2014, conveying support for the concept of a universal daycare system in BC which would be fully funded by the provincial government.

The Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education, October 15, 2014, regarding the inappropriate use of the BCED Plan brand in politically-oriented messaging.

Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, October 16, 2014, regarding budget 2015 consultation.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Rob Fleming, MLA Victoria-Swan Lake, October 9, 2014, regarding providing budget input to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

SD No. 71 (Comox Valley), October 6, 2014, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding labour strike savings and sustainable funding.

SD No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), October 7, 2014, to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding input for the 2015/16 provincial budget.

SD No. 38 (Richmond), October 10, 2014, to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding input for the 2015/16 provincial budget.

BCSTA President, October 14, 2014, to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance, BCPSEA, BCTF, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding teacher pay for September 19, 2014.

Main
14P-187

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: At the October 22, 2014 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2014: Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 23 & 24, 2014

Location: Vancouver

Trustee Pendharkar attending.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 24 & 25, 2014

Location: Vancouver

Trustee Fraser attending.

Trustee Cacchioni is unable to attend the Finance Committee Meeting.

Provincial Council Motions Package

Item 9.2 – Use of @BCEDPlan Social Media Accounts

Submitted by SD No. 57 (Prince George)

- The Board previously wrote a letter regarding this issue on October 15, 2014 and is in agreement with this Motion.

Item 9.3 – Wage Increase for Excluded Employees

Submitted by SD No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen)

- The Board is in agreement with this Motion.

Item 9.4 – New and Replacement Schools

Submitted by SD No. 60 (Peace River North)

- The Board is in agreement with this Motion.

Item 9.5 – Student Location Factor

Submitted by SD No. 60 (Peace River North)

- The Board discussed the financial ramifications to all school districts if some districts were to receive increased transportation funding, as the funding “pot” itself would not be increased.
- It was agreed that Trustee Fraser, the Provincial Council Representative, would use her discretion in the vote on this item once it has been fully discussed at the Provincial Council Meeting.

Item 9.6 – Membership of SD No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)

Submitted by the Board of Directors

- The Board is in agreement with this Motion.

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 26, 2014, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services

Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, November 5, 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 6:52 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer