

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (DELTA)

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: March 13, 2018 7:30 p.m.  
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Dixon, Chairperson  
R. Bennett  
N. Kanakos  
F. Milat  
B. Reid  
D. Saip  
V. Windsor

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools  
J. Angelidis, Director, Learning Services –  
Inclusive Learning  
D. Annett, Director,  
International Student Programs  
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent  
N. Christ, Secretary-Treasurer  
R. Faust, Director,  
Finance & Management Services  
N. Gordon, Assistant Superintendent  
T. Johnson, Director, Learning Services  
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant  
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson Dixon opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations, and all of the Coast Salish peoples who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Bennett/Windsor  
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Mr. Ted Johnson, Director of Learning Services – Equity and Success, introduced Mr. Chris Fuoco, Community Schools Program Manager, who provided an update on the Community Schools Program. The presentation highlighted Community Schools Partnership OST Programs Areas (Delta Hype, Access 2 Assets, and Sunsational Summer Kids Daycamps), ongoing partnerships, community development, grants, and support provided by the district's Human Resources and Continuing Education Departments. Mr. Johnson added that the program is in its third year running programs in North Delta, and the purpose is to keep youth engaged and involved in the community. It takes a lot of resources and gathering of grant money to help run these programs, and Mr. Fuoco has some great university students working with him.

Trustees thanked Mr. Fuoco for all of his work. They are pleased to see the increased programs and student participation, and that there is help for those families who can't afford it. The Community Schools Program is about building relationships and partnerships, and takes a lot of flexibility to make these programs run. The growth speaks for itself that it is progressing. Chairperson Dixon asked Trustees that if they are aware of any potential partnerships to help further support the programming, to please get those leads to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Fuoco.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Mr. Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services, provided an update on Education Programs highlighting the broad initiatives, Literacy, Math/Science, extra initiatives, and the great team and dedicated staff in the Education Programs department.

Chairperson Dixon noted that the district has structures in place that are allowing all of these programs and initiatives to take place. The district is going full steam ahead and it's very exciting. Chairperson Dixon thanked Mr. Stephenson and his team for the impressive work they are doing.

Chairperson Dixon introduced the following partner group representative in the audience:

- Mr. Aaron Akune, Representative of the Association of Delta School Administrators.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Reid

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 27, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Bennett reported that Trustees and Executive Committee staff met with the district's Education Partners last night to discuss the funding formula review. Trustee Bennett passed along her gratitude to Chairperson Dixon for taking up the request, and thanked staff for their organization and time. It was a great meeting for conversations, and for everyone to sit in the room together for a common goal and be supportive of each other. Trustee Bennett hopes this can be done more often as appropriate and needed.

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following events he recently attended:

- District Science Fair at Scottsdale Mall – The event was well attended by many teachers and staff who came forward to be judges, including Chairperson Dixon, Mr. Sheppard, and other community volunteers. It was great to see the depth of learning, and the students did a great job providing good rationale when being quizzed on their subjects. Trustee Kanakos thanked the organizers, judges and staff.
- Gray Elementary's Playground Opening – A great opportunity to meet the Parent Advisory Council members, and see the partnership with the City of Delta who help contribute funding for these projects. Playgrounds are an extension of the classroom, and provide a safe environment for students. Trustee Kanakos is hoping that schools districts will see some funding support from the provincial government.

Trustee Windsor reported on the following committee meetings and events she recently attended:

- Sands Secondary's musical *Into the Woods* and North Delta Secondary's musical *Shrek* (which included 12 elementary school students). Both productions were amazing and it was wonderful to see the passion and enthusiasm of the students. Trustee Windsor thanked teachers, staff, and the community for their support.
- Delta Secondary's Festival of Dangerous Ideas – Students created projects that caused them to think critically and discuss their ideas, and attendees to look above and beyond. The exhibit will be in the school's library until end of the week.
- ELL Consortium meeting tomorrow – Members will be receiving an update from Fresh Voices, and will have the opportunity to chat with professors from SFU and UBC. It is a great opportunity for conversations and coordination between staff from school districts and universities. The lobbying efforts around SWIS funding cuts are paying off, and Trustee Windsor extended her thanks to Delta MP Carla Qualtrough for her efforts.

Trustee Reid attended South Delta Secondary's *High School Musical* and was pleased to see the energy and enthusiasm of the students.

Chairperson Dixon reported on the following committee meetings and events she recently attended:

- Delta Council/Delta Board of Education Liaison Committee – There have been no further updates from the Provincial Government on the progress of the bilateral agreement between the Provincial and Federal governments to support the infrastructure dollars that Delta is hoping to apply for the purpose of refurbishing its tracks.

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- Healthy Schools Committee – A Public Health Nurse funded by Fraser Health and shared between Delta and Langley Schools Districts, will work directly as a support to staff. The committee also began an examination and tracking of the priorities and action items to support student wellness and mental health developed by the Delta Youth Advisory Council.
- Thank you to lead organizers Tashi Kirincic and Jacob Martens, and all of the volunteers, staff and parents who supported a wonderful journey of learning and discovery for students at the District Science Fair.
- Funding Formula Review meeting with Education Partners – The review is only part way through the process, and is designed so that all stakeholders will provide input separately through their provincial associations. Thank you to CUPE, DTA, DPAC, ADSA, Reach, and representatives from the Inclusive Learning and Indigenous Education district committees, for taking the time to share their insights on what is working well and what isn't with respect to the funding formula. Based on the concerns heard at the meeting, the Delta Board of Education will advocate for a commitment in the Funding Formula Review Process that would provide adequate depth and scope of the consultation which would take into account not only provincial level stakeholders, but hear from students, families and staff in Delta and across the province who would be most directly affected. Further, the Board feels that this expanded consultation should include specifics details on what new formula is being proposed, and allow time to model the financial impact of any proposed changes.

IB FEES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Windsor

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed IB fee schedule.

CARRIED

FIELD TRIP

In accordance with Administrative Procedure 260, the Board was advised of the following multiple-day field trip:

- South Delta Secondary – Field trip to New York from April 2-8, 2018.

Trustee Bennett was disappointed to hear that Delta Secondary's trip to Nicaragua had to be cancelled due to global security issues. Trustee Bennett went on this trip when she was a student at Delta Secondary, and it had a big impact on her and the volunteer work she has done.

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DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

April 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.                      Delta School Board Office  
4585 Harvest Drive  
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Saip/Kanakos

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of March 13, 2018 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer