

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 9, 2019 7:30 p.m.  
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Dixon, Chairperson  
E. Beard  
D. Boisvert  
J. Dosanjh  
N. Kanakos  
B. Reid  
V. Windsor

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools  
R. Allnutt, Director, Human Resources  
J. Angelidis, Director, Learning Services –  
Inclusive Learning  
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent  
N. Christ, Secretary-Treasurer  
R. Faust, Director,  
Finance & Management Services  
N. Gordon, Assistant Superintendent  
J. Hill, Communications & Marketing Manager  
T. Johnson, Director, Learning Services –  
Equity & Success  
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant  
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services –  
Education Programs  
K. Symonds, Director, International Student Programs  
H. Wenzel, Director, Facilities & Planning

CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairperson Dixon opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations and of all the Hun'qumi'num speaking people who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial, and also offered her respect to all the Elders who have gone before us and to all Canadians who are on the journey of Reconciliation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Mr. Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services, provided an update on Education Programs with a focus on Professional Literacy Communities (PLC). Mr. Stephenson's presentation highlighted effective professional learning, the District Framework for Enhancing Student Learning 2018-2021 – Goal 2 Reading, the work of collaboration teams in the 8 schools involved, District Enhancement Teachers, Literacy Coordinators, Literacy Framework, Reading Benchmark Report for the last 3 terms, 2019 PLC check-in data, and Secondary Literacy Framework at Delview.

Chairperson Dixon introduced the following education partner group representatives in the audience:

- Mr. Rick Mesich, Mr. Mike Annandale and Mr. Aaron Akune, Representatives of the Association of Delta School Administrators
- Ms. Eileen Penney and Mr. Ian Reade of CUPE Local 1091
- Mr. Joe Muego of the Delta Parent Advisory Council
- Ms. Kathleen MacFarlane and Ms. Jeanie McKay of the Delta Teachers' Association.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Reid

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 12, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Windsor reported on the following events she recently attended:

- North Delta Secondary School's Grade 12 Capstone Interviews, also attended by Chairperson Dixon and Trustee Reid. It was an excellent way for students to demonstrate learning through topics they are passionate about.
- Against-Racism Forum in North Delta, also attended by Chairperson Dixon. It was great to see a number of district staff there to support this important initiative. This gathering was the beginning of future meetings designed to help Delta students and residents learn ways to help in situations where a person is being bullied.
- *Mary Poppins Jr* Musical at McCloskey Elementary – Every student in the school was involved in the musical in some way, and staff and parents helped with creating sets and sewing costumes. Trustee Windsor thanked the entire school community for an entertaining afternoon.

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- As Chair of the ELL Consortium, Trustee Windsor joined members of the Vancouver and Burnaby Boards of Education, in Ottawa on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to be witnesses before the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration. Prior to the presentations the group met with MP Jenny Kwan, followed by members of the Liberal Caucus in Delta MP Carla Qualtrough's office. Before the Standing Committee, Trustee Windsor as ELL Consortium Chair, and the members from Vancouver and Burnaby presented on behalf of the ELL Consortium, which was followed by presentations by the Burnaby and Toronto Boards of Education on their Language Instruction for Newcomers in Canada (LINC) programs. After the question period, the group had an opportunity to meet with Matt de Courcey, Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, to further expand on the ELL Consortium presentation. It may take up to 20 months for the report with recommendations to make its way to the public. The group requested of government:
  - Increased, predictable, long-term and stable funding to enable Boards of Education to provide essential support services for all those settling in schools and communities and;
  - Flexibility in order to be proactive and responsive to changes in client needs and demographics, allowing for inclusion of all those needing settlement support, regardless of their immigration status.

It was a once in a life time experience, and Trustee Windsor was grateful to be a part of the delegation. It was a team effort, and Trustee Windsor thanked everyone for making it possible. Chairperson Dixon commended Trustee Windsor for her diligence, dedication and hard work, and noted that Trustees are grateful for the opportunity to be able to do regional work as well.

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following events he recently attended:

- Liaison school visits with Mr. Sheppard – It was great to see the district's Mission Statement being put in place. There was a warm feeling within the schools, and a noticeable sense of trust between students, administrators, teachers and support workers, which means we are hitting the connectedness piece. Trustee Kanakos is glad to be involved with Delta education, and feels that we have one of the best districts in the province.
- Tsawwassen First Nation 10 Year Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty, also attended by Chairperson Dixon and Mr. Johnson. Chiefs throughout BC were in attendance, and front and center were the kids as the next generation that will lead them forward. It was a wonderful celebration and Trustee Kanakos was glad to be a part of it.

Trustee Boisvert was a judge at the District Science Fair held at Scottsdale Mall, and enjoyed the opportunity to spend time speaking with students about their great projects. Trustee Boisvert also noted that he is working with law teacher Mr. Toby Mundy to put together a 2 block presentation in May on law that is practiced, and discussion around Notary Public as a career after high school.

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

- Anti-Racism Community Forums – Thank you to Mr. Sheppard and senior staff that spent the evenings listening to the community, and to Mr. Bauman who will be bringing this as an agenda item to the Delta Youth Advisory Committee in the Fall. The Community Protocol for the Delta Organizing Against Racism and Hate Committee can be found on Deltassist's website.
- Congratulations to Tsawwassen First Nation on the 10 year anniversary of the signing of the treaty, and to Chief Ken Baird and the new Council on a successful election. The Delta School District looks forward to a continued partnership with Tsawwassen First Nation, and will be sending a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Board.
- South Fraser Regional Science Fair.
- Child Youth Committee Meeting - Jimmy Ho from the City of Delta attended and presented to the committee.
- McCreary Centre Survey Webinar – The McCreary Centre conducts an anonymous survey on wellness, and provides school districts with important data about youth. The results are now available online, and the Healthy Schools Committee will be reviewing the data to see how we are doing in schools.

AUDIT PLAN

M/S Trustees Boisvert/Beard

THAT the Delta Board of Education approve the 2018/2019 Audit Plan as presented.

CARRIED

CAPITAL BYLAW NO. 1920CPSD37-01

M/S Trustees Dosanjh/Windsor

THAT approval be given for three readings at one meeting of the Capital Project Bylaw No. 1920CPSD37-01.

THAT the Capital Project Bylaw No. 1920CPSD37-01 be given three readings and adopted.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Reid/Boisvert

THAT the the Capital Project Bylaw No. 1920CPSD37-01 be given a FIRST Reading.

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M/S Trustees Kanakos/Beard

THAT the the Capital Project Bylaw No. 1920CPSD37-01 be given a SECOND Reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Dosanjh/Reid

THAT the the Capital Project Bylaw No. 1920CPSD37-01 be given a THIRD Reading and Adopted.

CARRIED

FIELD TRIP

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

- Seaquam Secondary – Field trip to Louisville, Kentucky from April 24-27, 2019.

Mr. Sheppard congratulated both Seaquam and Burnsvew Secondaries Robotics teams for doing extremely well on an annual basis.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

April 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Delta School Board Office  
4585 Harvest Drive  
Delta, BC

Chairperson Dixon noted that Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> the draft budget will posted on the school district's website, and that the public will have an opportunity to provide input on the draft budget at the next meeting on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Boisvert/Windsor

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of April 9, 2019 be adjourned.

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:38 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer