

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: December 11, 2018 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

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

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
R. Allnut, Director, Human Resources
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
J. Hill, Communications & Marketing Manager
T. Johnson, Director, Learning Services –
Equity & Success
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services –
Education Programs
H. Wenzel, Director, Facilities

ABSENT: Trustees: N. Kanakos

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 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.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Reid/Windsor

THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

CAREER TRANSITIONS

Mr. Brad Bauman, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Mr. Brian Tivy, Career Transitions & ADST Coordinator, who introduced and presented certificates to those students who successfully completed the *Work in Trades (SSA)* Award requirements by August 31, 2018. The Secondary School Apprenticeship program is a partnership between the Industry Training Authority and the BC Ministry of Education. Enrolment in the program doubled this year, and achieving the requirements is an exceptional journey. Mr. Tivy thanked Trustees, senior leadership, teachers, parents and employers for their support, and introduced teachers Ms. Patty Burr and Ms. Lisa Chapieski.

Chairperson Dixon thanked the students, parents, staff and employers for attending this evening, and thanked the employers for their commitment to the program. Chairperson Dixon encouraged parents and employers to help get the word out to other employers on what a great program and opportunity it is for students. As this is one of Mr. Tivy's last presentations before he retires in the new year, Chairperson Dixon commended Mr. Tivy on all of his hard work growing the program, and wished him all of the best.

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

- Mr. Joe Muego, Chair of the Delta Parent Advisory Council
- Ms. Patti Price, Mr. Ian Reade, and Ms. Eileen Penney of CUPE Local 1091
- Mr. John Mann and Mr. Aaron Akune, Representatives of the Association of Delta School Administrators
- Ms. Kathy MacFarlane, Ms. Jeanie McKay and Ms. Elen Nikas, of the Delta Teachers' Association.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Windsor/Reid

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 9, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

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M/S Trustees Boisvert/Beard

THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural meeting of November 6, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Dosanjh attended his first meeting of the Child Youth Committee. He was very impressed to see so many associations under one roof working together to help keep young students healthy, active and well educated.

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

- English Language Learners (ELL) Consortium – The federal government changed the eligibility criteria for newcomers by eliminating Settlement Support Programmes and services in schools and communities. The committee created a letter for Boards of Education to send to their local MLAs and MP inviting them to attend the January 9, 2019 meeting, where staff will be presenting on the challenges and lack of funding. All Trustees are welcome to attend.
- BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting at the BCSTA Academy – A motion was brought forward for the BCSTA to request that the Ministry of Education release the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) results to school districts by April.
- Grad Transition Interviews on December 6, also attended by Chairperson Dixon. It was wonderful to hear how much time International students spend volunteering in the community. Trustee Windsor thanked secondary school staff for their work preparing Delta students for the future.

Trustees Beard, Windsor, Dosanjh, Reid, and Chairperson Dixon attended the BCSTA Academy. Trustee Beard reported that there were excellent speakers, and it was a wonderful way to connect with other districts and build relationships. Trustee Reid noted that he was excited to hear of the commitment from the Minister of Child Care to open up more childcare spaces.

Trustees Windsor, Reid and Boisvert attended school Remembrance Day Assemblies on November 9, and were touched by the amazing tributes by the students remembering fallen veterans. Trustees are grateful to staff as education is important in keeping the memory alive, and making sure these traditions are carried out. Trustee Windsor also attended the North Delta Ceremony on November 11, and Chairperson Dixon attended the South Delta Ceremony.

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

- Delview Secondary's Thanks 4 Giving – Raised 16,230 items for the Surrey/North Delta Food Bank, thank you to students, donors, and volunteers.
- BC School Centred Mental Health Coalition meeting – The next Mental Health Literacy Core Training Institute featuring Stan Kutcher's work, is scheduled for February 11-13. Close to 20 school districts, including Delta, will be sending a team of representatives.

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- Delta Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Meetings – October: Guest speaker Constable Derek Gallamore spoke about cannabis and edibles, and the tools in place to support parents in talking with their children. Delta Police also held a parent information night on this topic at North Delta Secondary in early December, and will be scheduling one for South Delta in the new year. November: Guest speaker Ms. Joanna Angelidis provided an update to parent leaders about inclusion. The Board is looking forward to a similar presentation as part of their ongoing orientation.
- Healthy Schools Committee Meetings – New support from Fraser Health is a public health nurse who has been assigned to Delta full time.
- Child Youth Committee Meeting.
- Delta Organizing Against Racism and Hate Committee – A draft protocol will be ready soon for circulation.
- BCSSA Conference – A Delta team including education partners attended the 2-day conference that focused on well-being in schools.
- Board Chairs teleconference with the Minister of Education.
- Trustee Orientation – Thank you to Trustees and staff for a productive day working with a facilitator to begin the term together.
- Extended Essays of Seaquam’s IB Class, also attended by Trustees Kanakos and Windsor. It is a very in depth process, and is amazing to see the students discuss their topics and defend their thesis.
- Looking ahead:
 - Conference call with the Minister of Education regarding the Graduation Program.
 - The Education Minister has advised that the recommendations of the Independent Panel for the Funding Formula Review will be released before the New Year. There is no commitment to release the draft formula, therefore advocacy efforts are being continued in hopes that there will be an opportunity for school districts to provide feedback prior to the implementation.
 - Thank you to staff and parent volunteers for all of their hard work organizing school Christmas concerts. Trustees and senior staff are looking forward to attending as many performances as they can.

Chairperson Dixon conveyed her best wishes to everyone for some rest and family time over the holidays, and is looking forward to working together with everyone in the New Year.

IB FEES

Trustees Dosanjh/Windsor

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

CARRIED

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DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

January 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Delta School Board Office
4585 Harvest Drive
Delta, BC

Ms. Jeanie McKay of the Delta Teachers' Association thanked Trustees and staff at the Board Office for all of their work, and congratulated the new Trustees. She also thanked parents, administrators and staff for all that they do, and commented on how nice it is to be a part of the Delta team.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Boisvert/Windsor

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of December 11, 2018 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer