

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: February 26, 2019 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

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

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
R. Allnut, 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. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services –
Education Programs
H. Wenzel, Director, Facilities & Planning

ABSENT: Trustees: D. Boisvert

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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

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FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM REVIEW

Mr. Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services, introduced Education Consultant Ms. Yrsa Jensen, who presented on the recent Delta French Immersion Program Review. Information was gathered from parents, teachers, students, administrators and other district staff through surveys, focus groups and individual interviews. The information was reviewed by the Steering Committee and as a result recommendations have been made in the following areas: application and registration process, staffing, teaching and learning experience, ongoing communication on student progress, parent support, inclusiveness and learner support, and sustainability of the French immersion program. It was also recommended that a French Immersion Mission Statement that fits within Delta's 'Bold Vision' be created. Ms. Jensen noted that the French Immersion program in Delta has a good reputation and is providing good educational experiences for Delta students, and thanked everyone who participated in the review.

INCLUSIVE LEARNING

Ms. Joanna Angelidis, Director of Learning Services – Inclusive Learning, provided a presentation on Inclusive Learning's current and future priorities and directions. Ms. Angelidis spoke about student population, Ministry special needs designations, the Inclusive Learning team, social change and systems learning, the school district's mission, student success, department priorities and strategies, whole person educational planning, prevention framework, and partnerships with Fraser Health, Delta Police, City of Delta, Reach and Deltassist. Ms. Angelidis noted that Shelley Moore, Inclusive Education Consultant, has been working with staff at professional development sessions, and is also working closely with the Inclusive Learning team. Dr. Ross Greene, Founding Director of Lives in the Balance, is doing a session with staff on Thursday.

PUBLIC INPUT TO THE 2019/2020 BUDGET

Chairperson Dixon noted that if anyone would like to speak to the Board about items other than the budget, to please email or call Trustees. Contact information can be found on the school district website at <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/board/trustees/>.

The following provided input for the 2019/2020 Budget:

- Ms. Phyllis With, President of Reach Child and Youth Development Society
- Ms. Rhiannon Bennett
- Ms. Andrea Hilder
- Ms. Patti Price, President of CUPE Local 1091
- Ms. Susan Yao, President of the Delta Teachers' Association
- Mr. Lee Kosa
- Ms. Kate Henderson
- Mr. Joe Muego, Chair of the Delta Parent Advisory Council

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Chairperson Dixon thanked all of the speakers for attending, and noted that if anyone would like to provide a written submission to please send it to trustees@deltasd.bc.ca.

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

- Mr. Rick Mesich, Mr. Taj Reel, Mr. Satnam Chahal and Ms. Claire Clancy, Representatives of the Association of Delta School Administrators
- Ms. Susan Yao, Ms. Jeanie McKay and Ms. Sharah Shove from the Delta Teachers' Association
- Mr. Joe Muego, Chair of the Delta Parent Advisory Council
- Ms. Patti Price, Mr. Kevin Berg-Iverson, Ms. Eileen Penney and Ms. Alexis MacPherson of CUPE Local 1091.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Windsor

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 8, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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

- BCSTA Provincial Council meeting, also attended by Chairperson Dixon and Trustee Boisvert. Guest speaker Reg Bawa, Assistant Deputy Minister, spoke on the Funding Model Review. The Delta Board of Education is meeting with the district's education partners next Tuesday to go over the Funding Formula Review recommendations. At the Provincial Council Business meeting, Delta's motion regarding settlement services was passed with an amendment.
- Inclusive Learning Committee meetings on January 10 & 24 – Topics included seclusion and restraint, and sensitivity and kindness of students.
- Equity Scan Meeting – The committee focused on the district's Aboriginal Education Review document by Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald, and on the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement.

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following events he recently attended:

- Delview Secondary's 50th Anniversary, also attended by Trustees Dosanjh, Windsor and Chairperson Dixon. It was a great event and neat to see how the school came together.

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- Delta Leadership Prayer Breakfast, also attended by Trustees Windsor, Boisvert and Beard, was a great event on leadership. The keynote speaker was Dr. Murray Howe, son of hockey legend Gordie Howe and author of *Nine Lessons I Learned from My Father*.

Trustee Kanakos shared the news of two former teachers that sadly passed away. Bob Angell and Frank Cirillo dedicated their lives to teaching in Delta.

Chairperson Dixon reported on the following:

- Work through the BCSTA Metro Branch is a new Graduation Assessment Committee. A motion was passed that the BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education that new graduation assessments not act as a barrier, that any assessments place learners first, and that the BCSTA engage with the Ministry of Education regarding the potential use of assessment data.
- School Community Mental Health Conference – The Minister of Education promised further announcements in 2019 for Mental Health under the ERASE Strategy. School districts will be receiving individual district grants in the amount of \$31,000 per district.
- Tomorrow evening there is a Parent Information Night on Cannabis, Vaping and Edibles at Delta Secondary School at 6:30 p.m.
- The Delta Board of Education will be meeting with the district's Education Partners on Tuesday regarding the Funding Formula Review. If anyone is interested in making their own submission please email k12fundingreview@gov.bc.ca.
- The public will have an opportunity to provide input on the draft budget at the April 16, 2019 Board meeting.

Chairperson Dixon's full report has been attached at the end of the minutes.

2018/2019 AMENDED BUDGET

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Reid

THAT the Board of Education give approval for three readings at one meeting of the 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

THAT the 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$183,911,782 be given three readings and adopted.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Beard/Dosanjh

THAT the 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$183,911,782 be given a FIRST Reading.

CARRIED

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M/S Trustees Windsor/Beard

THAT the 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$183,911,782 be given a SECOND Reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Reid/Dosanjh

THAT the 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$183,911,782 be given a THIRD Reading and Adopted.

CARRIED

SOUTH DELTA SECONDARY SCHOOL TRACK

Chairperson Dixon reported that the contract to re-surface the South Delta Secondary School track will be going out to re-tender shortly, and the district is hoping to see a new surface installed in the Spring. A Joint Use Agreement has been signed by the school district and City of Delta.

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Windsor

THAT the meeting be extended past 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

NORTH DELTA SECONDARY TRACK LAND LEASE BYLAW NO. 190226

M/S Trustees Windsor/Reid

THAT approval be given for three readings at one meeting of the North Delta Secondary Track Land Lease Bylaw No. 190226.

THAT the North Delta Secondary Track Land Lease Bylaw No. 190226 be given three readings and adopted.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Dosanjh/Kanakos

THAT the North Delta Secondary Track Land Lease Bylaw No. 190226 be given a FIRST Reading.

CARRIED

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M/S Trustees Beard/Windsor

THAT the North Delta Secondary Track Land Lease Bylaw No. 190226 be given a SECOND Reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Reid/Kanakos

THAT the North Delta Secondary Track Land Lease Bylaw No. 190226 be given a THIRD Reading and Adopted.

CARRIED

2019/2020 ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Windsor

THAT the Delta Board of Education approves the 2019/2020 Adult School Crossing Guard Program as presented.

CARRIED

SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS

Trustee Windsor provided an update on the Board's efforts to request that Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada provide settlement funding for a wider range of newcomers to Canada. Trustee Windsor brought forward a motion to BCSTA Provincial Council that a letter be sent to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship, and to Robert Oliphant MP, Chair of the CIMM committee, requesting that they reconsider the eligibility list for settlement services funding. The motion was approved with an amendment that the Canadian School Boards Association also write a letter of support. The Delta Board of Education has sent a letter of support as well, and as Chair of the ELL Consortium, Trustee Windsor has been asked to meet with the federal committee in Ottawa. School districts are doing their best to support those students currently not entitled to settlement services.

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FIELD TRIPS

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

- South Delta Secondary – Field trip to England and Scotland from March 17-21, 2019.
- Seaquam Secondary – Field trip to Italy and Greece from March 13-26, 2019.
- Delview Secondary – Field trip to Italy, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary from March 16-29, 2019.
- Sands Secondary – Field trip to Paris, France and Barcelona, Spain from March 16-27, 2019.
- North Delta Secondary – Field trip to Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Guilin and Yanshuo from March 17-30, 2019.
- Burnsvew Secondary – Field trip to Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest from March 18-27, 2019.

Mr. Sheppard thanked staff who will be travelling with the students on these trips.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

March 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Delta School Board Office
4585 Harvest Drive
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Beard
THAT the Delta School Board meeting of February 26, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 9:40 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

Chairperson's Report – February 26, 2019

- ELL Consortium – Resulting in both BCSTA Provincial Council and Delta Board of Education Motions (led by Trustee Windsor).
- Community Consultation re: NDSS Track – Great support from local community, further update to public at February 2018 (with Trustees Dosanjh, Boisvert, Kanakos, Windsor).
- Organizing Against Hate and Racism – A draft protocol has been completed. Next steps are to create community forum to listen to residents.
- BCSTA Metro Branch –BCSTA Board Liaison and Vice Chair Stephanie Higginson reported on her work on our behalf on the new Ministry Committee regarding graduation requirements. Her advocacy resulted in a successful motion (with Trustee Windsor).
- Liaison School Visit to Port Guichon – Wonderful to see the comprehensive approach by staff around building a truly inclusive learning community.
- Innovation 10 – “March of Humanity” Exhibit at Delview – Students were very engaged in the first year this combined English, Social Studies and Science course.
<https://www.surreynowleader.com/community/students-at-north-deltas-delview-secondary-ponder-humanity-in-new-book/>
- DPAC meeting with Trustee Liaison members – Thank you to DPAC for the invitation and giving Trustees an opportunity to engage with parent leaders from across the district (with Trustees Reid, Boisvert, Dosanjh, Windsor, Kanakos).
- Cougar Canyon Reading Day – So much fun to read to upper intermediate grades (many others came to read, but we all attended at different times).
- BCSTA/BCSTA Joint Orientation on governance and the role of Trustees as Employers and bargaining process (with Trustees Boisvert, Dosanjh, Beard, Windsor, Kanakos).
- Liaison School Visits to Delview, Hellings & Chalmers – Thank you to our thoughtful Principals and staff for these wonderful learning communities.
- Child & Youth Committee hosted by the Delta School District – A group was struck to participate in the Coldest Night of the Year walk hosted by DeltaAssist. Fifteen CYC members and their families raised over \$1,250. Thank you so much to Trustees who supported the CYC team with a pledge.
- School Community Mental Health Conference – Main theme was systems leadership and systems change which seemed to indicate that much of the work of supporting mental health in K-12 belonged within Districts. In that regard, Delta has great structures for being a learning organization and a District committee but we are still looking for a coordinated strategy of inter-ministerial support available to our community for referrals, intervention and treatment. Minister of Education promised further announcements in 2019 for Mental Health under the ERASE Strategy.

- Metro AGM and meetings – Executive elections were held and some very interesting discussions amongst districts took place regarding the amount of District contributions to capital projects required from the Ministry of Education (with Trustee Windsor).
- BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting and Partners Liaison Meeting with the Ministry of Education included topics on the role of Board's of Education in improving student outcomes, handling challenges (conflict) at the Board Table, legal advice on handling privacy and FOIPOP, collective bargaining update, BC Tripartite Education Agreement and Funding Formula Review.
- Congratulations to Delview Secondary on their 50th Anniversary. Staff did a wonderful job in honouring the Alumni and colleagues (with Trustees Kanakos, Windsor and Dosanjh).
- Delta Healthy Schools Committee – Welcomed Trustee Beard to the table. The partnership between the school district and Fraser Health staff is proving to be very productive.
- DPAC – Parents had an opportunity to bring forward items for future presentation on Emergency Preparedness, and Superintendent Sheppard discussed Delta Graduation Statistics.