

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: January 8, 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
N. Christ, Secretary-Treasurer
R. Faust, Director,
Finance & Management Services
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 7:37 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 Beard/Boisvert
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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BCEACCESS SOCIETY

Ms. Samanta Palomino provided a presentation on the BCEdAccess Society. BCEdAccess currently has over 1,600 members, and is an organization that serves families of students with disabilities and complex learners. Ms. Palomino is a Delta parent and started following the group since it's inception in 2014. Ms. Palomino's presentation included information on *Exclusion Tracker* and who is using it, how much time students have missed, examples of exclusion, support personnel, physical restraint and seclusion, comments from parents, and suggested solutions. Ms. Palomino welcomed Trustees to reach out to BCEdAccess or to her personally if they have any questions, or if there is anything working well in Delta that they would like to share with BCEdAccess to pass along to other school districts.

TAKE A HIKE PROGRAM

Ms. Joanna Angelidis, Director of Learning Services – Inclusive Learning, introduced Mr. Gordon Matchett, CEO, and Mr. Pete Prediger, Director of Operations, with the Take a Hike Foundation. The Take a Hike Foundation and the Delta School District have partnered to put in place the Take a Hike program beginning February 4, 2019. The program provides youth experiencing difficult life circumstances such as trauma or crisis, mental health concerns, or challenging family dynamics with the opportunity to participate in an adventure-based, wrap-around educational program with proven positive outcomes. Mr. Matchett and Mr. Prediger spoke about the 4 pillars the program is built on and the core values. There was a soft launch at the beginning of December, and so far 13 students have completed their paperwork to participate in the program. Take a Hike staff are speaking with a number of school districts regarding partnership, and feel that Delta has set the standard on expansion. Mr. Matchett and Mr. Prediger noted that working with Ms. Angelidis and the teacher at Delview Secondary has been a phenomenal experience.

Ms. Angelidis thanked Take A Hike staff for their commitment to work with Delta School District staff, and the excitement they bring that has enabled this to be smooth transition. Ms. Angelidis also thanked the Foundation for choosing Delta as one of the next school districts to launch the program, it is an honour and incredible opportunity for Delta students.

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

- Ms. Susan Yao, President, of the Delta Teachers' Association
- Mr. Colin Sharpe and Mr. Mike Annandale, Representatives of the Association of Delta School Administrators.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Windsor/Boisvert

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of December 11, 2018 be approved as amended, removing Trustee Kanakos from the list of Trustees who attended the BCSTA Academy under Board of Education Report.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Windsor reported on the following events she recently attended and an upcoming meeting:

- Christmas concerts at liaison schools South Park, Ladner and McCloskey Elementaries, and Young Entrepreneurs Fair and opening of the Magical Writing Room at Pinewood Elementary. The Magical Writing Room provides students with an opportunity to go into the wilderness, then come back to the room and write about their experience outdoors.
- 1867 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps Seaforth Highlanders Ortona Dinner on December 14 at Seaquam Secondary's Cafeteria. The Christmas dinner Seaforth Highlanders had on December 25, 1943 was re-created in honour of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Ortona. It was a special and moving evening, and Trustee Windsor was honoured to be there.
- The ELL Consortium is meeting tomorrow. There will be Members of Parliament and MLAs attending to hear a presentation on refugees that are ineligible for funding. The committee is hoping to lobby the support of MPs and MLAs to help create results in overturning the government's decision in 2014 to change the criteria. Any trustees that are available to attend, it will be a fabulous learning experience.

Chairperson Dixon reported on the following events:

- Thank you to staff in schools, parent volunteers, and students for all of their work putting on special events at their schools in December.
- Thank you to Mr. Sheppard and his team and Principals, for ensuring that students were dismissed safely during the windstorm. Thank you to the Maintenance Department for their assessments at 35 district sites, and for their continued work with the clean-up.
- A Public Consultation on the North Delta Secondary School track proposal will be held tomorrow at North Delta Secondary from 4:30-7:00 pm. School District staff will be in attendance to consult the public on the proposed lease they would be entering with the City, and City of Delta staff will be there to consult the public on the amenities. If anyone isn't able to attend and have any input or questions, please send an email to tracks@deltasd.bc.ca.
- The Minister of Education announced prior to the Winter break that the Funding Formula Review has been delayed for another year, which will provide an opportunity for further consultation. What form the consultation will take hasn't been announced yet but when it does, the Delta Board of Education will be bringing the district's Education Partners back together for input and any questions they may have. This year's budget will use the existing funding formula.

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FIELD TRIPS

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

- Cliff Drive Elementary – Field trip to L’Auberge du Mont, Quebec from January 26 to February 1, 2019.
- Ladner Elementary – Field trip to L’Auberge du Mont, Quebec from February 17-23, 2019.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

February 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Delta School Board Office
4585 Harvest Drive
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Boisvert

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of January 8, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:27 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer