

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: March 12, 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
J. Hill, Communications & Marketing Manager
T. Johnson, Director, Learning Services –
Equity & Success
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant
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/Windsor
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

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FARM ROOTS

Ms. Joanna Angelidis, Director of Learning Services - Inclusive Learning, introduced Ms. Tracey Shelley, Mr. Cody Forbes, Ms. Claire Forster and Ms. Dawn-Marie Selman, who provided an update on the Farm Roots Mini School. Farm Roots currently has 27 students enrolled from 4 secondary schools in Delta. Students are taken through the entire process of farming from sowing to selling including crop planning, garden design and plant sales. The presentation highlighted the courses offered, community engagement (past and future connections), improved attendance at the farm v. student's home school, and positive feedback from students and parents about the program.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Mr. Ted Johnson, Director of Learning Services – Equity and Success, and Mr. Chris Fuoco, Community Schools Program Manager, provided an update on the Community Schools Program. The Community Schools Program is in its fifth year, and runs after school programs year round in the north end. The presentation provided an overview of the 2018 Community Schools Partnership OST program areas – Delta Hype (Healthy Youth Program 4 Everyone), Access 2 Assets (Access 2 Developmental Assets), and Sunsational Summer Kids Daycamps, leadership and development, partnerships, program locations, and community development. Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Fuoco for all of his hard work and coordination, noting that in addition to running the programs, Mr. Fuoco has also been coaching the wrestling team at North Delta.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Ms. Diane Jubinville, District Vice-Principal of Indigenous Programs, took a moment to acknowledge the traditional territory. Mr. Ted Johnson, Director of Learning Services – Equity and Success, and Ms. Jubinville provided an update on the Indigenous Literacy Initiative. Dr. Catherine Watson has taken the lead and is supporting teachers in schools, professional literacy communities, and TFN (after school program). The presentation highlighted the Indigenous Education Department, where the district is now, the model of collective responsibility for the success of Indigenous students in Delta, statistics and data including a graph of the growth, intended outcomes, feedback from teachers and students, Literacy Nights held in November and March, and next steps.

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

- Mr. Rick Mesich and Mr. Richard Kirincic, Representatives of the Association of Delta School Administrators
- Ms. Patti Price and Ms. Eileen Penney of CUPE Local 1091.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Beard

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 26, 2019 be approved with the amendment to change the name in Trustee Kanakos' report to Bob Angell.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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

- School Productions – *Anne of Green Gables* at North Delta Secondary, *Momma Mia* at Burnsvew Secondary, and *Oklahoma!* at South Delta Secondary. Thank you to the students and staff for their time and commitment, all were fascinating productions.
- Vaping Forum at Delta Secondary in coordination with the school district, Fraser Health and Delta Police.
- Vex Robotics Competition – Teams from Burnsvew and Seaquam Secondaries participated in the competition, and all of the teams were incredible. Three teams from Seaquam qualified for the Vex Robotics World Championships in Kentucky.
- Gibson Elementary's Science Fair, and the District Science Fair, which was also attended by Chairperson Dixon, Trustee Beard and Senior Leadership Staff.
- High School Provincial Gymnastics Championships held at South Delta Secondary had 300 athletes from all over the province competing. Also attended by Chairperson Dixon who provided opening remarks and acknowledged the traditional territory.
- Heritage Fair Committee Meeting – Twenty seven classes are registered for the upcoming Fair which is the highest participation ever. Four Delta elementary schools and four Surrey elementary schools will be participating in the joint Delta/Surrey Regional Heritage Fair being held May 10 and 11 at Harris Barn. Trustee Windsor encouraged everyone to come out and have a look at the projects.
- The ELL Consortium is meeting tomorrow.

Trustee Dosanjh reported on the following events and committee meetings he recently attended:

- Delview Secondary's 50th Anniversary – It was a great opportunity to meet lots of people including former students.
- Coldest Night of the Year Fundraising Walk.
- Delta Youth Advisory Council meeting, also attended by Mr. Bauman. It was amazing to see all of the students working together.
- Battle of the Badges hockey game in support of Pink Shirt Day, also attended by Trustee Windsor, and district staff Mr. Sheppard, Ms. Christ, Ms. Gordon and Mr. Bauman.
- Trustee Dosanjh congratulated North Delta Secondary School's basketball team, and noted their games at the Provincial Championships were amazing to watch. Chairperson Dixon also attended, and noted what a great experience it was for the players, and the example they set was outstanding to see.

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Trustee Kanakos reported that Delta's Organizing Against Racism and Hate Committee is holding two Community Forums this week, the theme is "Stronger Together". Wednesday, March 13 is at the North Delta Recreation Centre, and Thursday, March 14 is at Harris Barn, both at 7:00 pm. Trustee Kanakos encouraged everyone to attend to support the work against racism in the community.

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

- Delta's Organizing Against Racism and Hate Committee – A draft protocol will be going out to organizations soon. Mr. Sheppard will be providing opening remarks at the upcoming Community Forums, and MLA Ravi Kahlon will also be speaking, as this work is funded by the Provincial Government. Chairperson Dixon encouraged Trustees to make it out to one of the sessions if they can.
- Healthy Schools Committee meeting, also attended by Trustee Beard.
- Child Youth Committee meeting.
- Delta Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Meeting – MLA Ravi Kahlon spoke on the provincial budget.
- Meeting with Education Partners on the Funding Model Review – It was nice to meet and hear their input. Chairperson Dixon encouraged everyone to provide their input and make a submission to the Independent Panel.

Trustee Reid reported on the following events and committee meetings he recently attended:

- Inclusive Learning Advisory Committee – It was great to see the dedication of the people on the committee, and the collaboration.
- Liaison school visits with Mr. Bauman to Sunshine Hills and Devon Gardens Elementaries, and Delta Community College (also joined by Mr. Johnson). It was wonderful to see the desire and commitment of the students to learn, and the dedication of the teachers.

FIELD TRIPS

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

- Burnsvew Secondary – Field trip to Quebec City, Quebec from April 6-12, 2019.
- South Delta Secondary – Field trip to Seattle, Washington from April 12-14, 2019.

LETTER TO MLA – RE: TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TEACHERS

M/S Chairperson Dixon/Trustee Windsor

THAT a letter be sent to MLA Ravi Kahlon requesting that the shortage of Technology Education Teachers be addressed.

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DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

April 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Delta School Board Office
4585 Harvest Drive
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Dosanjh

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of March 12, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 9:04 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer