

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: October 9, 2018 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Dixon, Chairperson
 R. Bennett
 N. Kanakos
 F. Milat
 B. Reid
 D. Saip
 V. Windsor

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
R. Allnutt, 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

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.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

EARLY LITERACY UPDATE

Mr. Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services - Education Programs, provided an update on the new Professional Literacy Communities (PLC) Initiative. The PLC is based on 3 pillars: Learning, Collaboration and Results. District staff are currently working with 8 elementary schools.

Mr. Stephenson's presentation highlighted the District Framework for Enhancing Student Learning 2018-2021, District Supports for Teams, the Literacy Playbook, Secondary Literacy Framework (PLC at Delview), School Assets for Teams, and the PLC Kickoff held on September 19. Mr. Ted Johnson, Director of Learning Services – Equity & Success, provided an update on the Indigenous Literacy Initiative.

ACADEMIES UPDATE

Mr. Johnson introduced Ms. Paige Hansen, District Vice-Principal of Academy Programs, who provided an update on Academies. Ms. Hansen's presentation highlighted the Academies Delta offers (Baseball, Dance, Golf, Film Acting, Film Production, Hockey, Lacrosse, Opera & Performance, Soccer and Softball), enrolment numbers, and financial assistance that is available. An Academies Open House will be held in January.

Ms. Hansen also took a moment to speak about the Dirt & Candlelight Gala that was held on September 29. Over 150 people attended the gala which celebrates and fundraises for the Farm Roots and Academy programs. Fifty businesses and individuals provided donations for the live and silent auctions, there were performances by the Retrogrades and Vancouver Opera, and a lot of the food served for dinner was from the field at Farm Roots. It was great night, and gave the community an opportunity to see the exceptional opportunities these programs are providing for Delta students.

Trustees thanked Ms. Hansen, Ms. Brooke Moore, staff, and volunteers for all of their hard work putting on a wonderful event. Trustees felt a sense of community and pride, and have received a lot of positive feedback.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Windsor/Kanakos

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 25, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

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

- Ms. Eileen Penney, Secretary-Treasurer, of CUPE Local 1091
- Mr. Aaron Akune and Mr. Niels Nielsen, Representatives of the Association of Delta School Administrators
- Ms. Susan Yao, President, of the Delta Teachers' Association
- Mr. Joe Muego, Chair of the Delta Parent Advisory Council.

TRACK UPDATE

Ms. Nicola Christ, Secretary-Treasurer, provided a further update to Chairperson Dixon's report at the last meeting (September 25, 2018) on the North Delta Secondary School track. The application for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant that the school district and City of Delta are currently working on, will require a detailed business plan. The City of Delta is looking to engage a consultant to do the preliminary costing and plan.

M/S Trustees Windsor/Bennett

THAT approval be given to enter into an MOU with the City of Delta to move forward with plans regarding a North Delta track upgrade, and to share with the City of Delta the cost for the preliminary work to be undertaken by the City of Delta for an application for a bilateral infrastructure grant.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Bennett along with Chairperson Dixon and Trustees Windsor and Kanakos, attended the Dirt & Candlelight Gala.

Trustee Windsor reported on the following events she recently attended:

- STEM and Leadership conference at North Delta Rec Centre – Speakers included Gurleen who is a Grade 12 student and organized the event, Trustee Windsor who spoke on leadership, and keynote speaker Suzana Straus, a Chemistry Professor at UBC. Students from Grades 4-7 at Richardson Elementary were invited to attend.

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- BCEdAccess Conference at City Hall in Surrey – BCEdAccess is an organization that has been formed by a group of parents to ensure there is equitable access to education for their children who have disabilities/special needs.
- Coming up on Thursday is Delview Secondary School's Thanks 4 Giving Food Drive. The school has exceeded their goal almost every year, with donations going to the Surrey Food Bank (which distributes to North Delta as well) and Deltassist.

As Trustee Milat isn't seeking re-election, Trustees conveyed their appreciation and gratitude to Trustee Milat for his service on the Board, and for all of his hard work, compassion, and dedication to Delta students and the community.

Chairperson Dixon reported on the following events she recently attended, and on an upcoming meeting:

- Deltassist's opening of their new community garden, also attended by Trustee Windsor. Chairperson Dixon commended Deltassist on a successful year and AGM. Their organization is one of the main anchors in the community, and plays a major role in the school district's Child Youth Committee.
- Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education Ceremony at Government House in Victoria. On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Dixon congratulated Delta teacher Mr. Michael Iachetta for being a finalist for the Social Equity Award.
- Coming up on Friday is a BC School Centred Health Coalition Meeting. Ms. Maria LeRose has been a supporter of mental health and has co-produced a documentary *Living in HOPE*, which premieres on air and online on the Knowledge Network on November 6.

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following committee meeting and event he recently attended:

- Delta Youth Advisory Committee (DYAC) meeting at South Delta Secondary. DYAC is a student led committee that delves into aspects such as the environment and school safety. The committee is working on their action plan.
- All Candidates meeting at North Delta Secondary School, along with many potential Trustee candidates, held last week by CUPE Local 1091 and the Delta Teachers' Association. The next one is this Thursday at Delta Secondary School in the Genesis Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Milat took a moment to reflect on his 16 years as a Trustee in Delta. He along with Trustee Bennett, were fortunate to go through the school system in Delta, and now as Trustees be involved in the decisions being made for the district. Trustee Milat has enjoyed his time as a Trustee in Delta, but noted it has also had its challenges when facing items such as budget and school closures. He feels that the Board has done a good job and that all Trustees, current and former, have been well intentioned and wanted the best for Delta students. Trustee Milat is confident the next Board will continue to do a great job.

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ENROLMENT REPORT

Ms. Nancy Gordon, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update on enrolment. Noting that the Ministry's 1701 count was finalized this past Friday, Delta is up by 93 students at the elementary level and down by 18 students at the secondary level, for an overall total increase of 75 students over last year.

LETTER TO MINISTER RE: FUNDING MODEL REVIEW CONSULTATION

Chairperson Dixon and Vice-Chairperson Windsor proposed that a letter be sent to Education Minister Rob Fleming regarding the Funding Model Review Consultation. The letter is a continuation of the discussion Trustees have had with the school district's education partners. The Technical Review Committee has completed a draft formula, and Trustees would like to have the opportunity to review the draft, and consult with education partners and provide feedback to the Ministry prior to implementation. Chairperson Dixon noted that once the letter has been signed, it will be made available on the school district website.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustees discussed the Notice of Motion brought forward by Trustee Kanakos, who is seeking stable and equitable funding for playground construction and replacement. Currently Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) are responsible for fundraising up to 50% or more for playgrounds which can cost anywhere from \$60,000-\$100,000, and the City of Delta matches up to \$35,000. Fundraising for playgrounds can be a challenge for some PACs as there are other demands for fundraising such as field trips and lunch programs.

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Bennett

THAT the Delta Board of Education request district staff to prepare a report on 'Playground Replacement' early in 2019 which would include the seeking of stable and equitable funding for playground construction and replacement.

CARRIED

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

November 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Delta School Board Office
4585 Harvest Drive
Delta, BC

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ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Milat/Saip

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of October 9, 2018 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:43 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer