

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**DATE: April 20, 2021****TIME: 7:30 p.m.****PLACE: via Zoom****AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
3. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS, BRIEFS AND PRESENTATIONS
 - a) National Day of Mourning
 - b) An Introduction to the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)
4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - a) April 6, 2021
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ROUTINE
No items for presentation
6. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT
7. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS AND REPORTS
No items for presentation
8. NEW BUSINESS
No items for presentation
9. QUESTION PERIOD
10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
At call of the Chair
Next scheduled meeting – May 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
11. ADJOURNMENT



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**MEETING OF
APRIL 20, 2021**

TOPIC: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2

NARRATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.



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TOPIC: NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3a

NARRATION:

Daun Frederickson, President of CUPE Local 1091, will provide a presentation on the National Day of Mourning.



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TOPIC: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) **AGENDA ITEM NO: 3b**

NARRATION:

Joanna Angelidis, Director of Learning Services, and Andrea Lemire, Coordinator, Delta Child and Youth Council, will present a high-level overview of the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). Ms. Angelidis and Ms. Lemire will cover what the MDI is, what it measures, and how the data may be used.



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TOPIC: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM NO: 4a

NARRATION:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of April 6, 2021 be approved.

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 6, 2021 7:30 p.m.
via Zoom

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

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
J. Angelidis, Director, Learning Services –
Inclusive Learning
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent
C. Bromley, Manager, Information Technology Services
N. Christ, Secretary-Treasurer
D. Duff, Director, Facilities & Planning
R. Faust, Director, Finance & Management Services
N. Gordon, Assistant Superintendent
T. Johnson, Director, Learning Services –
Equity & Success
J. Maranda, Director, Human Resources
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services –
Education Programs
K. Symonds, Director,
International Student Programs
C. Tucker, Communications Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Windsor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson Windsor 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 Reid/Beard
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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CEDAR TREE PROJECT

Paige Hansen, District Vice-Principal of Academy Programs, presented on the Cedar Tree project. The Delta School District has partnered with the City of Delta to place a cedar tree on every school site, at Delta Manor, and the School Board Office. The cedar tree is an extraordinarily important tree to Coast Salish people including those from Tsawwassen First Nation who have long seen the cedar tree as the tree of life or the giving tree, in that they are able to use every single part of the tree, traditionally, to sustain life. When looking at the reconciliation calls to action, it is the job of educators to build student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy and mutual respect. Nathan Wilson and Cody Forbes from the district's Indigenous Education Department came up with the idea for this project. From April 22 to 30 between Earth Day and Arbor Day, students across the district in their safe COVID cohorts will have the opportunity to learn about the cedar tree, and participate in events including Indigenous authors providing readings from their books, poetry from Bill Reid, and science lessons. The goal in the coming months is to place posts at each site containing a QR code that will bring up a video on the giving tree and its significance.

TREATY DAY VIDEO

Ted Johnson, Director of Learning Services, shared from the Tsawwassen First Nation's website a brief introduction on the Tsawwassen First Nation Final agreement (the Treaty), and shared a video from Chief Ken Baird. Mr. Johnson added that he was not aware until recently, that the Long House shown in the video was torn down for the BC Ferries terminal to be constructed in that location. It resonates deeply for the whole community, and as you can tell from the words of Chief Baird he is appreciative of the work the Board is doing to recognize that things have to change and things are changing.

Chairperson Windsor expressed her thanks to Chief Baird and Tsawwassen First Nation for sharing the video in Delta schools and at this evening's meeting. The school district is looking forward to the continued work with Tsawwassen First Nation in the future as the journey of reconciliation continues.

Chairperson Windsor introduced the Trustees, and also welcomed the following education partners joining the meeting via Zoom:

- Janice Wilson, Member at Large with the Delta Teachers' Association
- Daun Frederickson, President of CUPE Local 1091
- Lakhvir Brar, Chair of the Delta District Parent Advisory Council
- Jeff McCallum, Representative of the Delta Principals & Vice-Principals' Association, and Principal at Chalmers Elementary

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Reid

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 9, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Dosanjh reported that he attended a virtual Delta Youth Advisory Council (DYAC) meeting hosted by Burnsvew Secondary. Students discussed supports for mental health and well-being, the challenges they are facing, and what they can do to stay positive. A challenge they are finding is the uncertainty, and a positive is that they recognize and appreciate the support from school staff. Guests Kristy Abel, teacher and school-based support, shared the types of sports that are available in schools and who students can reach out to for assistance, and Leah Hughes, District Coordinator, spoke about wellness resources in Delta. Chairperson Windsor, Trustee Dixon and Assistant Superintendent Brad Bauman also attended.

Trustee Dixon reported on the following meetings and events she recently attended virtually:

- In addition to Trustee Dosanjh's comments on the DYAC meeting, Trustee Dixon expressed her appreciation to the students for sharing how they are faring this year, and also noted there was a lot of learning when a secondary school counsellor described the many types of support they can provide students.
- Gibson Elementary's Science Fair – Missing seeing the students in person, it was a great opportunity for students to share their learning and projects. Chairperson Windsor also attended.
- Child Youth Committee – The City of Delta's Social Planner gathered input on how to achieve a more youth friendly Delta.
- Healthy Schools Committee – The committee spoke about capacity building for the Mental Health Literacy program, and reviewed the parent information nights Inclusive Learning staff have been holding. These sessions have been very popular, and Trustee Dixon encouraged everyone to follow the school district on social media and watch their school newsletters for more information on upcoming sessions.

Vice-Chair Boisvert reported that he attended a BC School Trustees' Association Board Chairs meeting on behalf of Chairperson Windsor. Dr. Reka Gustafson, Deputy Health Minister, was the guest speaker. Her very calming demeanor and interweaving of data while discussing the pandemic was really appreciated. One of the topics discussed was the amendment to the mask mandate which was done in one district, and expanded to the rest of the province as a result of lobbying by Boards of Education.

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Chairperson Windsor reported on the following meetings she recently attended virtually:

- ELL Consortium Meeting – School districts shared what they are doing to help support ELL students. In Delta there are services for ten languages, written translations via certified translators from community agencies, and at North Delta Secondary they have a video version of their school newsletter translated into Punjabi.
- Vision 2030 meeting – It is an exciting process, the people involved are very keen and enthusiastic.
- As Chair of the Board there have been lots of meetings around COVID, and training for the upcoming BCSTA Annual General meeting.

AUDIT PLAN

M/S Vice-Chair Boisvert/Trustee Dosanjh

THAT the Delta Board of Education approve the 2020/2021 Audit Plan as recommended by the Audit Committee.

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Boisvert thanked Karen Sawatsky of PricewaterhouseCoopers for being an invaluable resource and taking the time to walk the Audit Committee through the plan, and public members Scott Stoilen and Anthony Lynch for their expertise and feedback.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Please note there has been a change to the upcoming Board meeting schedule. The April 13 meeting has been cancelled and the next meeting will be April 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Vice-Chair Boisvert/Trustee Dixon

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of April 6, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer



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TOPIC: UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ROUTINE

AGENDA ITEM NO: 5

NARRATION:

No items for presentation



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TOPIC: BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6

NARRATION:

At this point on the Agenda, the Trustees will report on recent significant activities.



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TOPIC: INFORMATION, PROPOSALS AND REPORTS **AGENDA ITEM NO: 7**

NARRATION:

No items for presentation



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TOPIC: NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO: 8

NARRATION:

No items for presentation



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TOPIC: QUESTION PERIOD

AGENDA ITEM NO: 9

NARRATION:

At this point the Chairperson will provide an opportunity for questions from the public concerning items on the Agenda.

- 30 minute question period – open to the public and limited to 5 minutes per issue.
- For those participating remotely/online, to submit questions for consideration during the question period, please email questions@deltasd.bc.ca at any time before the Regular Board Meeting begins, or during the Regular Board Meeting up until the start of the question period. The question, along with the name of the person that submitted it, will be read out and answered during the question period in the order that it is received.



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TOPIC: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 10

NARRATION:

Next scheduled meeting: May 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.



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TOPIC: ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO: 11

NARRATION: