

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: January 12, 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.

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

- Susan Yao, President, and Kathy Macfarlane, 2nd Vice-President, of the Delta Teachers' Association
- Lakhvir Brar, Chair of the Delta District Parent Advisory Council
- Mike Annandale, Representative of the Delta Principals & Vice-Principals' Association and Vice-Principal at Delta Secondary
- Daun Frederickson, President of CUPE Local 1091

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

January 12, 2021

Page 2

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Dosanjh/Reid

THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

PROJECT PICKLE

Ted Johnson, Director of Learning Services, introduced Mike Schneider the creator and leader of Project Pickle. Mr. Schneider has worked tirelessly with elementary schools, and in appreciation of agriculture and for all things grown locally, is helping teach students where food comes from. There are 52 classes participating in the program from 8 schools across Delta. Mr. Schneider's presentation highlighted key goals, the journey of the pickle, the implications of COVID-19, botany, compost and soil science, the science of pickling, the process from planning to planting, nutritional health, hydration, and what is needed for the future.

Chairperson Windsor thanked Mr. Schneider for the presentation, and noted that during the pandemic we are all learning the meaning of food sustainability and food security. This is a very important project for the district, and she thanked him for all he is doing to make it work.

Mr. Schneider added that if Trustees have any questions, or if they would like to participate and join him at one of the schools, to please let him know.

YO BRO | YO GIRL YOUTH INITIATIVE

Joanna Angelidis, Director of Learning Services, introduced representatives from the Yo Bro | Yo Girl Youth Initiative, Joe Calendino the Executive Director, Brenda Calendino the Director of Education, Nick Bedford the Chair of the Board, and Gary Little a Member of the Board. Yo Bro | Yo Girl is a non-profit organization that has been in partnership with the Delta School District for approximately 3 years. Yo Bro | Yo Girl does incredible work with Delta School District staff and Delta Police wrapping around students and families who are experiencing vulnerability. The presentation provided an overview of the Delta School District Student Prevention, Empowerment & Mentorship Framework; Yo Bro | Yo Girl Youth Initiative's core beliefs; elementary programs; outreach program for secondary students; Youth Mentorship and Empowerment Team; health promotion, prevention, intervention, and targeted intervention. Ms. Angelidis added that Yo Bro | Yo Girl does amazing work, they are relentless and don't give up. This initiative has been a tremendous force for good in the lives of many Delta children and youth.

Chairperson Windsor thanked everyone for the presentation and the work they are doing, and noted it is obvious how invested they all are in this program. The school district looks forward to the continued partnership, and she thanked Ms. Angelidis for being a key figure in the involvement with this initiative.

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

January 12, 2021

Page 3

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Vice-Chair Boisvert/Trustee Kanakos

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of December 8, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Vice-Chair Boisvert reported that the Audit Committee held their first meeting (virtually). The committee had a slow start as it was formed right around the time that COVID-19 hit. Committee members include Nicola Christ (Secretary-Treasurer), Chairperson Windsor, Trustees Kanakos and Reid, Doug Sheppard (Superintendent of Schools), and public members Scott Stoilen and Anthony Lynch. Vice-Chair Boisvert noted that it was a good meeting, and great to have Mr. Stoilen and Mr. Lynch on board bringing a public perspective to the committee. Ms. Christ took the committee through a detailed work plan, and the committee is now establishing that work plan to set the scope of what the committee needs to be.

Trustee Dosanjh reported that he attended the Delta Youth Advisory Council's virtual meeting hosted by South Delta Secondary. It was a great meeting and well attended. A video was shared from Ted Talks called "Celebrate what's right with the world" by Dewitt Jones who is a photographer with National Geographic magazine, and students shared their experiences through this difficult time. They spoke about how they are learning through the pandemic, the motivation they get from connectedness, the value of family and physical and mental health, and student engagement. Chairperson Windsor and Assistant Superintendent Brad Bauman were also in attendance.

Trustee Kanakos reported that he attended a Zoom meeting with the Indigenous Education Department. Diane Jubinville, District Vice-Principal of Indigenous Programs, has organized coffee chats with Indigenous parents which are a good opportunity for parents to share with staff their thoughts and any concerns that may need to be addressed. Trustee Kanakos thanked Ms. Jubinville for organizing these meetings.

Trustee Dixon reported that she attended a virtual Child Youth Committee meeting. The committee dug deep into one of their goals around action steps towards reconciliation, and what the various agencies in Delta are doing around reconciliation with Indigenous community members. Ms. Angelidis being lead staff person on this committee has been able to provide many examples of the district's work in support of reconciliation. Committee members were encouraged to take their own path for learning and steps to make it a more meaningful process. Trustee Dixon really appreciated the thoughtfulness of the conversation, and held her hands up to Nathan Wilson, Indigenous Cultural Enhancement Facilitator, for his very successful launch of the land acknowledgements being held Monday mornings by video conference. Trustee Dixon thanked Ms. Angelidis for supporting the committee, but also allowing the space for growth that needs to happen in Delta.

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

January 12, 2021

Page 4

Chairperson Windsor reported that she attended a virtual BCSTA Board Chairs meeting. Dr. Reka Gustafson from the Ministry of Health spoke about the Moderna vaccine which was still being considered at the time and not yet approved, and the Ministry's concern about gatherings over the holidays and the potential for the virus to spread. BCSTA President Stephanie Higginson indicated that Board Chairs would be receiving a draft report that they hope school districts will respond to regarding feedback on the lifespan of buildings. Ms. Christ and Darren Duff, Director of Facilities & Planning, will be taking a look at this report and providing feedback. Also discussed, districts are hoping to find out the status of the holdback funds in the near future. Chairperson Windsor reported that there is an ELL Consortium meeting and another BCSTA Board Chairs meeting tomorrow.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Ms. Christ provided a brief introduction of the 2021/22 budget development process and timeline. District staff are currently working on the preliminary financial work. Departments will be looking at their individual budgets and providing their input to help provide an overall base budget to look at. In the second half of January budget meetings will commence, and the budget committee will receive information and input from various groups including Trustees, school administrators, and the public. In addition to the public input being received at the February 23rd meeting, the Amended Budget will also be reviewed, which will report on some of the changes that have impacted this particular COVID year. The 2021/2022 budget will be an estimate until the March 15th funding announcement from the Ministry of Education. The budget committee is wondering whether school districts will hear more on Phase 2 of the Funding Model Review, and will also be working on how the pandemic overall may affect Delta, which will be a challenging aspect for next year's budget.

2021/22 BUDGET CALENDAR - UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Agenda Item	Board Meetings
Public Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation with the Public on 2021/22 Budget• Approval of 2020-21 Amended Budget	Feb 23 (Tue) 7:30 pm
Ministry announcement of Delta funding for 2021/22	March 15 (Mon)
Spring Break & School Closure	March 15 – March 26
Public release of budget recommendations	April 8 (Thu)
Special Public Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board receives delegates regarding Budget Recommendations	April 13 (Tue) 7:30 pm
Public Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of 2021/22 Budget Bylaw	Apr 20 (Tue) 7:30 pm

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

January 12, 2021

Page 5

NOTICE OF MOTION – HISTORY OF DELTA SCHOOLS PROJECT

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Reid

THAT the Board of Education authorize Kevin Hicks from Archives at the City of Delta to open the Permanent School Records - 1920 to 1969 to determine if there is a reference to the location of Alexandra School and if so, to provide this location to Peter Scurr from the Delta Retired Teachers' Association for the Association's History of Delta Schools Project.

CARRIED

Trustee Dixon clarified that the Notice of Motion was given at a previous meeting, and this item should have read as *Motion* for this meeting.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

February 23, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Dosanjh/Kanakos

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of December 8, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chairperson Windsor thanked everyone for participating in this evening's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:46 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer