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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: June 8, 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
C. Gartry, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
N. Gordon, Assistant Superintendent
T. Johnson, Director, Learning Services –
Equity & Success
J. Maranda, Director, Human Resources
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant
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 Vice-Chair Boisvert/Trustee Reid
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

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NORTH DELTA SECONDARY STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP

Aaron Akune, Principal at North Delta Secondary, introduced the student leadership group who was instrumental in organizing and leading the BC Student Voice Conference, held in conjunction with the BC Principals and Vice-Principals' Association (BCPVPA), and with the support of Mr. Akune and twenty student volunteers. The conference included introductory discussions, an informative keynote by registered psychologist Dr. Kirstin Buhr on stress and how to manage it through the pandemic, and breakout groups to discuss three main topics: student mental wellness, anti-racism in schools, and promoting digital citizenship. These important topics were also discussed at the recent Delta Youth Advisory Council meeting hosted by North Delta Secondary. Tanisha, Bhuvnesh and Tavneet shared the findings and student perspectives from the conference and the DYAC meeting. In addition to presenting to Trustees this evening, one of the next steps for the leadership group is writing an article in the BCPVPA magazine on solutions that came to light at the conference and student perspectives.

YOUNG REPORTERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) is both a national and international program and competition that allows student participants to investigate and report on local environmental issues. This year's themes were climate change, loss of biodiversity, and pollution. Michael Iachetta, teacher at Seaquam Secondary, congratulated all Delta students who placed entries in this year's competition despite being such a challenging year, and noted that Eco Schools Canada received a record number of entries this year from across the nation. Mr. Iachetta congratulated Anika Dass and Diya Dhaliwal who placed first in Canada, and will be moving on to the international competition going up against winners from over 50 countries around the world.

CANADA WIDE SCIENCE FAIR

Mr. Iachetta congratulated Delta student, Hassan Ahmad, who won the South Fraser Regional Science Fair and top prize in the Canada Wide Science Fair for his project Smart Sight...A Vision of Hope. Hassan created a set of high-tech specialty goggles that give vibrations and warnings to those who are visually impaired <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaHVcBLQZPQ>

Chairperson Windsor thanked all of the students for attending this evening to share their amazing work.

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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Diane Jubinville, District Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education, acknowledged the traditional territory, and also acknowledged the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc people and all Indigenous people affected by the recent news of the Residential School system that operated in Canada. Ms. Jubinville spoke about the tragedy at the former Residential School in Kamloops, some of the findings in the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report, and shared a timeline of learning that has been done collectively over the last ten to fifteen years. Staff in the Indigenous Education Department have put together workshops and added resources to the website to help everyone move forward after hearing this latest news. Ms. Jubinville shared photos from around the district of what schools and district staff have been doing to help address the tragedy, and spoke about the events happening in the district leading up to National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st.

Trustees shared their reflections and thanked Ms. Jubinville and the entire Indigenous Department for all of their work moving towards the Truth and Reconciliation that is desperately needed.

Chairperson Windsor introduced the following education partners joining the meeting via Zoom:

- Daun Frederickson, President of CUPE Local 1091
- Lakhvir Brar, Chair of Delta Parent Advisory Council
- Aaron Akune, Principal at North Delta Secondary, and Brooke Moore, District Principal of Inquiry & Innovation, representatives from the Delta Principals & Vice-Principals' Association

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Vice-Chair Boisvert/Trustee Reid

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of May 11, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chairperson Windsor's year-end message can be found on the school district website at:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/end-of-school-year-message-from-school-board-chair-val-windsor/>

Vice-Chair Boisvert reported that he joined Nathan Wilson, Indigenous Cultural Enhancement Facilitator, at the Farm Roots site for the Monday morning Indigenous land acknowledgement. Mr. Wilson does a wonderful job delivering his message and captivating everyone who has joined in online. Vice-Chair Boisvert was grateful to be a part of it, and thanked Cody Forbes, Paige Hansen, Lyndsay Smith, Ted Johnson and Claire D'Aoust who were also in attendance. Chairperson Windsor encouraged Trustees to please take the opportunity to do the land acknowledgement if the

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opportunity arises. While at the Farm Roots site, Trustees will also have an opportunity to tour the farm, hear about the programs, and the dreams for the area.

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

- Two meetings of the Provincial Mental Health School Start up Committee – The committee looked at ways to help communicate out to kids the myriad of services that are available.
- Healthy Schools Committee meeting – The committee discussed what a 1-page snap-shot of resources would look like, accessible to all staff and students. Trustee Dixon is hoping to make connections between the various committees, and to ensure that there is a CUPE voice on all of these committees. The work Daun Frederickson, CUPE Local 1091 President, and staff are doing to support their members would be a great asset.
- Canadian Schools Mental Health Committee meeting – Dr. Kathy Georgiades, Associate Professor at McMaster University, is trying to pull together some national level data on the impact of COVID-19 on students. Trustee Dixon is pleased that BC is looking at their own local context.

Trustee Kanakos reported that he recently attended a virtual Audit Committee meeting, along with Vice-Chair Boisvert and Trustee Reid.

Trustees Dixon and Kanakos thanked everyone who was involved in the recent Vision 2030 session that was held virtually. It was a very powerful evening, and great to hear input from students, staff and parents on how they would like to see the district ten years from now.

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

- Inclusive Learning Advisory Committee meeting – The committee discussed the successes of the program, and received an update on the student incident form, a report on BC mental health in schools, and an update on the Middle Year Development Instrument. Trustee Reid also attended.
- ELL Consortium – There is concern in some districts about the number of refugees that may be arriving in a short period of time, and some interest in speaking with MLAs about funding all new students that arrive after September 30th, which the system currently doesn't provide. There has been a lot of praise for Delta's Anti-Racism website which is being shared with other districts, and in Delta, staff are exploring options for summer programming for ELL students and newcomer families where settlement services are involved, and looking at strengthening literacy learning at home. There is also a push on how to best support ELL students in the Fall.
- BCSTA Board Chairs meeting – Chairperson Windsor has shared the report with Trustees.
- Chairperson Windsor spoke briefly with Delta South MLA Ian Paton about education funding and issues in Delta.

2021/2022 CAPITAL BYLAW

M/S Trustee Kanakos/Vice-Chair Boisvert

THAT approval be given for three readings at one meeting of the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD37-01.

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CARRIED

M/S Trustees Reid/Dosanjh
THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD37-01 be given a FIRST reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Dixon/Kanakos
THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD37-01 be given a SECOND reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Dosanjh/Beard
THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD37-01 be given a THIRD reading and Adopted.

CARRIED

2022/2023 CAPITAL PLAN

M/S Trustee Reid/Vice-Chair Boisvert
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 37 (Delta) approves the 2022/2023 Capital Plan as outlined.

CARRIED

2021/2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Nicola Christ, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Board with the 2021/2022 Board Meeting schedule.

September 28, 2021

October 12, 2021

November 2, 2021 – Inaugural Meeting

December 7, 2021

January 11, 2022

February 22, 2022

March 8, 2022

April 5, 2022

April 19, 2022

April 26, 2022

May 10, 2022

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

September 28, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Reid/Kanakos

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of June 8, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 9:02 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer