

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: May 11, 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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services, provided an update on Education Programs, highlighting the following areas:

- Technology – Google Drive Usage and Google Classroom Usage
- Other Technology Initiatives – A current refresh of all teacher laptops and migration to Microsoft Outlook.
- Literacy – The multi-year development of research-supported literacy framework, ongoing workshops and webinars, foundational skill intervention in older students, and the short text project. Staff are seeing some good results and impact on student learning.
- Mentoring 2020/2021 – Tashi Kirincic, Coordinator, and Alison Roche, 1st Vice-President of the Delta Teachers' Association (DTA), belong to a *What's App* group with 80 TOCs and are providing help and answering any questions they may have. TOCs appreciate the quickness of support, and it is a great collaboration between the district and the DTA.
- Coordinators of Inquiry – Trustees will be invited to attend the COI celebration being held on June 15th via Zoom.
- Other Initiatives – Antiracism website, resources and workshops, Powerful Practices 6-part webinar series, and Finding Cedar outdoor learning experiences.
- Next steps include a focus on Numeracy.

Chairperson Windsor opened the formal part of 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 following education partners joining the meeting via Zoom:

- Lakhvir Brar, Chair of Delta Parent Advisory Council
- Daun Frederickson, President of CUPE Local 1091
- Don Younger, Principal at Burnsvew Secondary, and Britt Bryan, Vice-Principal at Hawthorne Elementary, on behalf of the Delta Principals & Vice-Principals' Association

Chairperson Windsor congratulated Ms. Brar on her re-election as DPAC Chair, and Susan Yao, Alison Roche, and Kathleen Macfarlane on being re-elected in their respective positions on the DTA Executive.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Reid/Kanakos

THAT the Minutes of the Regular and Special Budget Consultation meetings of May 4, 2021 be approved.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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

- Mental Health School Start Up Working Group – Members discussed the parameters of the report, and focus and scope to gather up the best evidence for all school districts.
- Delta Parent Advisory Council meeting – Congratulations again to Ms. Brar on her re-election to the role of Chair, and to the newly elected Executive. There was an outstanding number of parents in attendance which was great to see.

Trustee Dosanjh reported that he attended a virtual Delta Youth Advisory Council (DYAC) meeting hosted by North Delta Secondary. Students discussed the school tours for Grade 8 students to help with their transition from elementary to secondary school, then attendees broke out into groups to discuss the following four topics: practicing allyship, promoting digital citizenship, antiracism in schools, and student mental wellness. There were very healthy discussions and great ideas.

Chairperson Windsor and Assistant Superintendent Brad Bauman also attended.

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

- In addition to Trustee Dosanjh's comments on the DYAC meeting, Chairperson Windsor noted it was wonderful to see the level of maturity and passion the students bring to the table.
- Meeting with MLA Delta North Ravi Kahlon to lobby for education funding, which is an ongoing process. Chairperson Windsor will also be reaching out to MLA Delta South Ian Paton to have a similar conversation.

Chairperson Windsor also noted that the district has received the COVID-19 Cluster and Transmission Analysis, and it has been posted on the school district website for anyone who would like to view the information. The report has been referred to the Rapid Response Team for Fraser Health for review and for consideration of future safety needs.

ADOPTION OF THE 2021/2022 BUDGET

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Reid

THAT approval be given for three readings at one meeting of the Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2021/22 fiscal year.

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a total budget bylaw amount of \$194,599,915 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year be given three readings and approved.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Dixon/Kanakos

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a total budget bylaw amount of \$194,599,915 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year be given a FIRST reading.

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M/S Trustees Beard/Reid

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a total budget bylaw amount of \$194,599,915 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year be given a SECOND reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Reid/Beard

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a total budget bylaw amount of \$194,599,915 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year be given a THIRD reading and Adopted.

CARRIED

On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Windsor thanked Nicola Christ, Secretary-Treasurer, Robyn Faust, Director of Finance & Management Services, and their staff for the incredible job they have done putting together the budget.

2021/2022 ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM

M/S Vice-Chair Boisvert/Trustee Dosanjh

THAT the Delta Board of Education approves the 2021/2022 Adult School Crossing Guard Program as presented.

CARRIED

POLICY 12 (APPENDIX A) – BOARD EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

M/S Trustee Dixon/Vice-Chair Boisvert

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed revisions to Policy 12 (Appendix A) – Board Evaluation of the Superintendent, as presented.

CARRIED

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

June 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Dosanjh

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of May 11, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:13 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer