

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE:                    October 13, 2020                    7:30 p.m.  
District Administration Building

PRESENT:                    Trustees:                    V. Windsor, Chairperson  
L. Dixon, Vice-Chair  
E. Beard  
D. Boisvert  
J. Dosanjh (*via Zoom*)  
N. Kanakos

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

ABSENT:                    Trustees:                    B. Reid

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.

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

- Kathleen Macfarlane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, and Jeanie McKay, Pro-D Chair, of the Delta Teachers' Association
- Daun Frederickson, President, and Jonathan McCune, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, of CUPE Local 1091
- Lakhvir Brar, Acting Chair, of Delta's District Parent Advisory Council
- Aaron Akune, President, of the Delta Principals & Vice-Principals' Association

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Boisvert/Kanakos

THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

ENERGY UPDATE

Darren Duff, Director of Facilities & Planning, introduced Maurice Bedard, Energy Manager, who provided the following highlights on district utilities and Green Programs:

- An analysis of the effect of the COVID-19 shutdown on energy consumption, comparing the kilowatt hours of consumption between 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.
- Completed projects over the summer upgrading equipment to help with energy conservation at Chalmers and South Park Elementaries.
- Overview of behavioral programs, specifically the Energy Conservation Grant Program and Delta's Green Teams. Last year despite the shutdown in March which disrupted a lot of the activities schools had planned, Delta had 15 schools that were able to complete activities and receive funding from the Energy Conservation Grant Program. This year the Green Teams were launched once again, however, it has been more difficult due to the impacts of COVID-19 and students being in different cohorts. Seven schools have formed Green Teams and have requested the pledge poster for this year.
- Impacts of COVID-19 on energy use to remain aware of for the coming winter months.

Chairperson Windsor thanked Mr. Bedard for all of his work and the presentation, noting that it's always interesting to hear beyond education of students, other complications and issues arising due to pandemic.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Boisvert

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 29, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Vice-Chair Dixon reported on the following meetings:

- DPAC's virtual meeting – Superintendent Doug Sheppard was the guest and answered questions from parents, mostly around school start up given the unusual year. Chairperson Windsor also attended.
- MP's Youth Council – Held once a year, the Council consists of young people in Delta high schools and of university age. Past topics have included mental health, a session they would like to do coming up on anti-racism, curriculum and resources. This meeting focussed on the role of the Trustee and questions students had about how things function in schools. Also in attendance were Chairperson Windsor and Assistant Superintendent Brad Bauman.
- A subcommittee with the informal working title of *Delta Youth Space*, has been struck from the CYC. It is a group of child youth serving agencies that are discussing what possibilities Delta may have if a hub model for youth were created, that would provide a variety of supports including wellness mental health supports. There may be an opportunity for Delta to re-apply for a future Foundry grant, but in the mean time the subcommittee is looking into the possibility of Delta starting something for youth using their own resources.

Chairperson Windsor reported on the following meetings:

- Liaison meeting between the Board of Education and City of Delta – Continued conversations regarding the new track at North Delta Secondary, and other issues of mutual interest and concern. Also in attendance were Trustee Boisvert and senior staff.
- ELL Consortium meeting via Zoom – Two members of the Consortium met with Ministry staff on the need for English language learners to be included in school start up plans for this school year this year, and other issues including having the AIP (Annual Instruction Plan) included on MyEd, and removing the 5-year funding cap on ELL students. Districts reported out on how they are supporting their ELL students during the pandemic. In Delta there are 1,000 students that identify as ELL, and approximately 100 of those students are learning at home. Each of those 100 students are connected with an ELL teacher that provides student specific support. At elementary schools they are continuing as they have in the past with supporting ELL students, and at the secondary level there has been a shift to more in class service with students, with fewer formal enrolling ELL blocks. Every school is monitoring vulnerable students.
- Tomorrow evening there will be a continuation of the DPAC Town Hall meeting with Mr. Sheppard as the guest answering any questions parents may have.

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- Delview Secondary's Annual Thanks-4-Giving Food Drive is being held on October 28th. Due to COVID-19, students will not be going out into the community to do a door to door food drive. Instead people are being asked to drive through the parking lot of the school between 4:00-8:00 pm to drop off their donations. It is being organized in such a way that it will be done safely, or people can donate online through the school's website. Chairperson Windsor hopes that everyone will consider supporting the food drive as the need is even more pressing through this pandemic.

ENROLMENT REPORT

Brad Bauman, Assistant Superintendent, shared a school by school enrolment report. The following numbers are the difference between the October 13<sup>th</sup> enrolment and the budget, which is a thoughtful prediction on what enrolment will be and what the budget is based on. Overall Delta has decreased by 125 students at the elementary level, and increased by 57 students at the secondary level, for an overall decrease of 68 students from the projection. Staff are quite happy with the outcome given it has been a year with potential uncertainty. Compared to this time last year, Delta has increased by 39 students. Delta's total number of students for this year is 15,493.

BOARD ANNUAL WORK PLAN

M/S Vice-Chair Dixon/Trustee Boisvert

THAT the Delta Board of Education approves the updated Board Annual Work Plan, Policy 2 – Appendix A.

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Dixon thanked Nicola Christ, Secretary-Treasurer, and Tracey Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant, and others who helped contribute to the updating of this document, and keep the Board moving in the right direction.

Chairperson Windsor noted that there have been further changes to the Board meeting process in response to feedback from participants following the last meeting. In person attendance will be limited to essential attendees which include the Board of Trustees, Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer. Delegations that are giving presentations to the Board may also be invited to attend in person. Members of the school district's Executive team, Education Partners (DTA, CUPE, DPVPA, DPAC) and the local media will be invited to participate via Zoom conference call. Members of the public will be invited to watch the meetings on YouTube. A couple of different formats for holding public Board meetings have been tried since the start of the pandemic, and the process will continue to be refined moving forward. The goal is to always make the public Board meetings as open to the public as possible to encourage participation, while also ensuring the health and safety of participants.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

November 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (*Inaugural*)

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Dosanjh/Beard

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of October 13, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chairperson Windsor thanked everyone for joining this evening's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer