

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 5, 2022 7:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

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

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent
N. Gordon, Assistant Superintendent
N. Christ, Secretary-Treasurer
C. Tucker, Director of Communications
J. Maranda, Director, Employee Services
R. Faust, Director of Finance & Management Services
T. Johnson, Director of Learning Services – Equity & Success
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services –
Education Programs
K. Symonds, Director, International Student Programs
D. Duff, Director, Facilities & Planning
C. Gartry, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
C. Bromely, Manager IT
S. Labrosse, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Windsor called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 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 welcomed the following that were in the audience:

- Daun Frederickson, President, CUPE Local 1091
- Kim Barnes, Lead Shop Steward, CUPE Local 1091
- Petra Hoy, 2nd VP, CUPE Local 1091
- Kathy MacFarlane, 2nd VP, Delta Teachers Association
- Jeff Hacker, TTOC Representative, Delta Teachers Association
- Lakhvir Brar, DPAC President
- Sandra Tee, Vice-Principal Devon Gardens, DPVPA Representatives

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Reid

THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

SEAQUAM ROBOTICS PRESENTATION

Mr. Vladimir Nikic, Vice Principal at Seaquam Secondary School, introduced Mr. Lanz Singbeil, Robotics and Engineering Teacher at Seaquam Secondary School. Mr. Singbeil provided an overview of the school's Robotics Club which operates under his direction. Mr. Singbeil introduced students from the Robotics Club, who spoke to their program experience and present projects undertaken in the program.

Seaquam Robotics is a student-run Program that competes in the Vex Robotics Competition (VRC) in both the middle school and high school divisions. Seaquam has become very successful in VRC, which has made the Program one of the most prestigious Robotics Programs in Canada, as well as the World. To join the Program, students at Seaquam must choose the Robotics course then pass the interview process. This season, teams have won several outstanding awards such as:

- Team 9181W: Excellence Award, Tournament Finalist, Robot Skills Second Place,
- Team 9181N: Amaze Award, Robots Skills Champion, Robots Skills Second Place, Design Award, Think Award
- Team 9181R: Tournament Champions, Tournament Finalist, Design Award
- Team 9181V: Think Award
- Team 9181X: Robots Skills Champion, Amaze Award
- Team 9181M: Amaze Award, Judges Award, Tournament Finalist
- Team 9181E: Tournament Finalist, Design Award

Students highlighted their successes and demonstrated their programing and robotics skills.

BURNSVIEW ROBOTICS PRESENTATION

Mr. Don Younger, Principal at Burnsvie Secondary School, introduced Mr. Norman Ma, Teacher of the Robotics Club at Burnsvie Secondary School. Mr. Ma provided an overview of the school's Robotics Club which operates under his direction. Mr. Ma introduced students from the Robotics Club, who spoke to their program experience and present projects undertaken in the program.

Under the guidance of Mr. Ma and with the generous support of the school's PAC, the robotics program at Burnsvie has done very well at a low cost and is open to all students. Students in the program are very dedicated and passionate about the program and have made it to a NASA Robotics Outreach in

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Hawaii, 4 years ago and the school's junior team is going to the Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas this year.

2021 MEDAL OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Mr. Vladimir Nikic, Vice Principal at Seaquam Secondary School, introduced Ms. Aditi Kini, student at Seaquam Secondary School and recipient of the 2021 Medal of Good Citizenship. The award is provided to persons in recognition of outstanding contributions to the wellbeing of their community. Ms. Kini is one of only thirty-one BC recipients of this award, which was also awarded to Ms. Bonnie Henry. Ms. Kini shared a slideshow of her community service journey which began in elementary school making sandwiches for a homeless shelter. Ms. Kini joined the Youth Leadership Society of British Columbia and received the guidance and support to start her own foundation. Ms. Kini's foundation focuses on encouraging girls to attend schools in rural India.

Ms. Kini is the recipient of two community services awards from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP UPDATE

Curtis Bromely, IT Manager, updated the Board of Education on the status and work undertaken with respect to the District's IT Roadmap initiative. The department broke the following projects into phases during 2019-2021, these projects included:

- replaced all servers in the data center, all schools and admin sites.
- replaced backup systems, established cloud presence with Microsoft, network vulnerability tests.
- migration from FirstClass to Office 365.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Beard

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Dixon shared the following report:

March 11, 2022 – Delta Child Youth Committee. We start the CYC meetings in such a good way now that Kaanaax Kuwoox has come to the table. At the March meeting we heard from Drew Harms from Alongside You on the importance of Self-Care and then Mariam Arif & Dhillon McLellan from

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Options on Rent Subsidy program and Homelessness funding programs available for those in Delta. CYC is looking for future speakers especially on the topic of anti-racism, so I recommended that they reach out to talk to Assistant Superintendent Nancy Gordon with respect to the student led work in this area as well as our District Antiracism website as a resource.

March 30, 2002 - District leadership, Principals and Vice Principles, Chair Windsor, Trustee Beard and I joined educator Jo Chrona to focus on equity in education for reconciliation. It was a very powerful conversation on this important work in our District.

Up Next:

Friday, April 8th I will be attending the Canadian Schools Mental Health Leadership Network and as much of the BC School Centered Mental Health Coalition as I can. Both of these meetings happen to coincide with the Delta CYC so I look forward to hearing all about that one from our staff who will be attending.

Chairperson Val Windsor reported:

Appreciated the workshop with Jo Chrona on, “Understanding Equity and Anti-Racism in Relation to Indigenous Education.”

On April 5, 2022 attended, via Zoom with Superintendent Sheppard, a meeting with the ministry on “Enhancing Student Learning Peer Review Process”. Chair Windsor reported that we are doing an alternative process, which is an enhanced and expanded process.

2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION

Nancy Gordon, Assistant Superintendent, presented a revision to the 2022/2023 district calendar to designate Sept. 30 as a federal statutory day to be observed as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

M/S Vice-Chair Boisvert/Trustee Beard

THAT the topic be amended adding the recommended action as follows:

THAT the Board of Education approve a revision to the 2022/23 School calendar to designate September 30 as a federal statutory day to be observed as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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BUDGET CALENDAR REVISION

Nicola Christ, Secretary Treasurer presented a proposal to postpone the Budget Bylaw approval date by 2 weeks from April 26, 2022 to May 10, 2022.

M/S Trustee Dosanjh/Vice-Chair Boisvert

THAT the Board of Education approve a change in calendar to allow for the approval of the 2022-23 Original Budget bylaw approval date to be postponed by 2 weeks to May 10, 2022, along with all necessary meeting changes that encompass this postponement.

CARRIED

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

April 26, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustee Kanakos/Vice-Chair Boisvert

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of April 5, 2022 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer