

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: February 22, 2022 7:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

PRESENT: Trustees: V. Windsor, Chairperson
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, Human Resources
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. Bromley, Manager, Information Technology Services
S. Labrosse, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: D. Boisvert, Vice-Chair

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 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
- Petra Hoy, 2nd Vice-President, CUPE Local 1091
- Susan Yao, President, Delta Teachers Association
- Alison Roche, 1st Vice-President, Delta Teachers Association
- Steven Platzer, Delta Teachers Association, Treasurer
- Kelsey Barnhardt-Leung, Delta Teachers Association, Executive Committee
- Lakhvir Brar, DPAC President

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- Taj Reel, Principal South Park Elementary and Danica Palmer, Principal Neilson Grove Elementary, DPVPA Representatives
- James Smith, North Delta Reporter

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S Trustees Reid/Dixon

THAT the amended agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

ANTI-RACISM STUDENT PRESENTATION

Brooke Moore, District Principal of Inquiry, and Innovation introduced Adrielle McFarlane, Mason Carter, Tyson Lingham, and Sameer Jaffer. Each student led us through a presentation to the Board of Education on anti-racism initiatives related to work they are doing in their schools. Students shared a bit about their current learning by responding to the following questions:

- What have you been learning about anti-racism?
- How has work at your school about anti-racism been going?
- What's next?

Adrielle McFarlane, Burnsvie student, shared some of the struggles surrounding the initiative at Burnsvie which started as a new club during the pandemic. Adrielle would like to see time set aside for an assembly to celebrate black history and culture. Trustee Dixon asked Adrielle what additional supports she thought they needed, and Adrielle responded that more help from the faculty was needed. Trustee Dixon suggested that five minutes of class time could be offered for students to fill out a q&a.

Mason Carter, Sands Secondary student, noted that there needs to be more of a focus on educating students on why racism is wrong by explaining the cause and effect of racism. Mason shared that they have started a group/workshop to educate students and have used the grade 8 mentorship program sessions to share information. Trustee Reid noted that grade 8 students are strongly influenced by senior students and offered a suggestion of trying to incorporate it into the grade 8 orientation.

Tyson Lingham and Sameer Jaffer, South Delta Secondary students, shared that what they have learned about anti-racism, different terminology, and history. The students have created t-shirts to spread awareness in the school and on the first day 45 were sold. The students believe that there is more awareness than before the club was started.

Trustees extended their thanks to the students for all their hard work on the anti-racism initiatives at their schools

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Nancy Gordon thanked the students for their presentations and remarked at the leadership and passion in all of them

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Ted Johnson, Director of Learning Services, Equity and Success introduced Diane Jubinville, District Vice-Principal who provided the Board a presentation on the Indigenous Education Department's work. Diane Jubinville centered the presentation on stories from department members. The work in the Indigenous Education department is centered around education about Indigenous culture and education of Indigenous students. The department supports students and families that are facing challenges and barriers. Rhonda Lochhead - Indigenous Success Coordinator, Michelle Strukoff and Sevasti Anast -Trauma Informed Behavior Specialists provide tier 3 trauma support for Delta students. Michelle Strukoff and Sevasti Anast shared personal student experiences noting the struggles and the successes from last year. Diane Jubinville noted that we are helping one student at a time. Karen McDonald – Indigenous Success Coordinator Elementary, Jennifer Walters – Indigenous Itinerant Education Assistant, Tashi Kirincic- Indigenous Success Coordinator Adolescent Literacy and Jessica LeBrun – Indigenous Success Coordinator shared their stories about the Indigenous Learning Initiative program and highlighting students’ success.

Diane Jubinville shared that the department is all about building relationships, noting that students succeed when they have adults that believe they can.

Chairperson thanked everyone for the presentation and Trustee Dixon thanked the department for the work they are doing.

PARTNER INPUT INTO THE 2022-23 BUDGET

The following provided input for the 2022-23 budget:

- a) Daun Frederickson, CUPE Local 1091
- b) Susan Yao, Delta Teachers’ Association

Chairperson Windsor thanked the speakers for their input.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Beard

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2022, be approved.

CARRIED

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IB FEES

Nancy Gordon, Assistant Superintendent reported a no fee increase for Seaquam Secondary. There is a recommendation for a five dollar per month, per child increase for English Bluff Elementary due to increased costs.

M/S Trustees Reid/Kanakos

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed IB fee schedules.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Dixon reported:

- Jan 14 Canadian Schools Mental Health Leadership - a focus on Trauma Informed Practice
- Jan 25 & February 16 Metro Branch – with Chairperson Val Windsor, successful Executive elections at the AGM
- Feb 4 BCSCMHC – with Assistant Superintendent Brad Bauman, one of many topics discussed included Pathways to Racial Justice: supporting MoED Anti-Racism Action Plan which will support work in Districts, as was evidenced earlier in tonight’s meeting.
- Feb 11 CYC some 40 child, youth, and family service agencies. A very special acknowledgement by new member Nathan Kaanaax Kuwoox Wilson. We had a presentation on Delta’s Social Action Plan by Delta’s Social Planner Olga Shcherbyna. Also of note are the sub-committees that are such a robust part of collaboration and planning of member agencies on behalf of the children and families we all serve: Healthy Delta, Middle Years (MDI), Child Care Task Force, Delta Youth Space, DeltaKids Early Years, and Inclusive Delta.
- January 24 and Feb 14 Healthy Schools – with trustee Jessie Dosanjh thank you to Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services for pulling together a wide variety of input into something we can enhance existing action on physical health. The questions currently on the table include: Where are we now? How do we make shifts to improve the physical health of students and staff? How does this work connect to lifelong health, improved academic outcomes and mental health? And finally, how will we know we are being successful?
- Feb 15 Student Substance Use Prevention Project – a contract funded by the Ministry of Health, a report will become public once the Ministries of Health and Education have signed off. There is a newsletter service that I will be forwarding to district staff who are working in the area of problem Substance Use prevention in our District.

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- Feb 18 District Day – so powerful. Thank you for allowing Trustees to continue our own work on the Calls to Action in support of Reconciliation

Trustee Dosanjh reported:

- January 28 attended the DYAC committee meeting hosted by Seaquam with Chair Windsor and Assistant Superintendents Brad Bauman and Nancy Gordon. The student's discussed the value system of the district's 2030 vision. Students talked about their school identity, how they contribute, how school teams contribute as well as how adults contribute. Very impressed by the DYAC team for their plan to promote their plan for Vision 2030. The discussions were healthy and thoughtful.
- February 17, DYAC meeting at Burnsvew. Students shared thoughts and ideas. Nice to see students working together to make schools safe and to help each other.
- February 18, met with the North Delta Secondary athletic director and spoke about a Delta School District track and field championship.

Trustee Kanakos thanked Diane Jubinville, Ted Johnson, Nathan Wilson, and Paige Hansen for all their work on District Day. Trustee Kanakos shared his thoughts and sentiments on the opening ceremony.

Trustee Beard reported that she attended BCPSEA AGM on January 27 and 28 via Zoom. The meeting focused on preparing for bargaining.

Chairperson Windsor reported:

- January 31 there was a day of remembrance ceremony at the giving tree circle at the board office, led by Nathan Kaanaax Kuwoox Wilson to honour the children from Williams Lake residential school. They hung 92 hearts on the trees in remembrance.
- February 16, Indigenous Education, Equity in Action meeting, the guest speak was Mike Bowden, District Principal of Indigenous Education, from school district 73.
- District Day – Chairperson Windsor shared her thoughts on the opening ceremony of District Day; loved the beginning of the video, permission to join and come ashore. Thank you to Ted, Diane, Nathan and Paige and everyone involved in the creation of that day.

Chairperson reminded those in attendance that tomorrow is Pink Shirt Day.

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2021/2022 AMENDED BUDGET

Nicola Christ, Secretary-Treasurer, presented to the Board the 2021-22 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw amount and reported on the District's Federal and Provincial COVID Grants and their use.

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Dosanjh

THAT the Board of Education give approval for three readings at one meeting of the 2021/2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

THAT the 2021/2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of 205,392,783 be given three readings and adopted.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Dixon/Kanakos

THAT the 2021/2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$205,392,783 be given a FIRST reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Beard/Reid

THAT the 2021/2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$205,392,783 be given a SECOND reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Dosanjh/Kanakos

THAT the 2021/2022 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$205,392,783 be given a THIRD reading and Adopted.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Reid

THAT the Delta Board of Education appoint BDO Canada as its auditor for an initial term of three years, beginning 2021/2022.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

March 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Dosanjh

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of February 22, 2022 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 9:16 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer