

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: December 6, 2022 7:30 p.m.  
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: V. Windsor, Chairperson  
E. Beard, Vice-Chair  
N. Daula  
A. Dhillon  
M. Gooch  
N. Kanakos  
J. Muego  
  
D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools  
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent  
N. Christ, Secretary-Treasurer  
D. Duff, Director, Facilities & Planning  
J. Duffin, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
T. Johnson, Director, Learning Services –  
Equity & Success  
P. Klassen, Director, Learning Services, Inclusive Learning  
J. Maranda, Assistant Superintendent  
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services –  
Education Programs  
K. Symonds, Director, International Student Programs  
C. Tucker, Director of Communications  
R. Sonsalla, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: A. Mascati, Director, Employee Services

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 Trustee Daula / Vice Chair Beard

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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CAREER TRANSITIONS & APPLIED SKILLS

Mr. Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services – Education Programs, introduced Ms. Lisa Chapieski, District Coordinator Student Options & Opportunities, who provided the Board with an update and presentation on new and existing programs and events in Career Programs.

Ms. Chapieski explained that the purpose of Career Education is to help students understand who they want to be. The goal is to enable students to be proud of their own story, and to own that story. To provide kids with the ability to feel a sense of purpose, well-being and to flourish.

Career education is K – 12 with various curricula depending on the grade level.

The other part of Ms. Chapieski’s portfolio is the Career Programs area which includes Work Experience, Dual Credit, ITA Work and Train Programs. Students are thriving in these programs and are very keen and excited to work in these programs. Ms. Chapieski is currently partnering with WorkBC to put on a hiring fair, hopefully in the first week of June. Businesses will be able to come in and hire students on the spot.

Ms. Chapieski asked Trustees for their help in advocating with Administration and Teachers about the importance of Career Education. She has been working with the Ministry to include it into a specialization, such as “Business”. Teaching Careers currently does not require any additional schooling.

Chair Windsor asked Trustees if they have any questions or comments.

Trustee Dhillon commented that it is wonderful what the program is doing and nice to see it is helping students be prepared post-graduation. She asked what the District is doing when they have kids who are not necessarily supported from home in their Career Program journey. We want to bridge the gap between honoring the family unit and having the student succeed in the program. Ms. Chapieski advised relying on schools to help with this process.

Chair Windsor mentioned she can’t believe how the program has evolved. She thanked Ms. Chapieski for her hard work and enthusiasm, and for her work in making these successful programs.

VISION UPDATE

Chair Windsor introduced Mr. Brad Bauman, Assistant Superintendent, who provided a presentation on the Vision 2030. Mr. Bauman started with an introduction and reflection back to July 2020. The District knew they had an expiring Vision, but were in the middle of a pandemic. There was so much to do, but everything shut down. It was a challenging time and the District wasn’t sure how to proceed. A steering committee was formed to work with Outside the Lines to facilitate the process. There was a big event in May where over 300 participated, a large number of those being students. Businesses and community members also provided input with an estimated 3000 total participating in some shape or form. The outcome was a success and the new Vision 2030 has become a true reflection of our District and community.

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Chair Windsor thanked Mr. Bauman for his presentation and asked Trustees if they have any questions.

Trustee Muego commented that he was one of the 3000 voices and found it was a cool process. He was particularly impressed with the students involved in the process as they are so enthusiastic and keen.

Chair Windsor found the Zoom meeting with 300 participants a highlight, it was touching, and noticeable that the students dominated. The future is in good hands with our students, and she is very proud of them all. She thanked Mr. Bauman and all who were involved in the process.

Chairperson Windsor introduced the partners that were attending in the audience:

- Claire George, DPVPA Representative
- Daun Frederickson, President, CUPE Local 1091
- Joanne Gill, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, CUPE Local 1091
- Trish McCulloch, DTA Secretary
- Jennifer Rak, Chair of Delta Parent Advisory Council
- Jill McKnight, CEO, Delta Chamber of Commerce

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos / Muego

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 27, 2022 be approved.

**THAT** the Minutes of the Inaugural meeting of November 8, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Windsor called upon Trustees to report on their activities.

Trustee Gooch reported on the following:

- November 21 – attended the DPAC event. Well attended and positive discussion on ground funding, safety concerns, new grading system, career programs. Thanked DPAC for the invitation to attend.
- Attended an Indigenous Learning Conference Workshop – made her realize there is a lot of work to be done yet.
- Attended BCSTA Academy and commented on the Shelley Moore – Equity in Learning presentation. It was fantastic and she thoroughly enjoyed it.

Trustee Gooch made mention that she really believes that Delta is doing very well as a team. We have expert guidance from staff, from the incumbent Trustees and new Trustees working together.

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following:

- October 24 – dinner with outgoing Trustees and senior staff. He thanked Trustee Dixon on her 14 year service to the District, Trustees Dosanjh and Boisvert for their 4 years of service,

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and congratulated them on their election to council, and thanked Trustee Reid for his 4 years of service.

- November 10 – Attended Pinewood Elementary Remembrance Day assembly. He enjoyed the perspective from students and parents during the ceremony.
- December 3 – Attended Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee Pin Ceremony at Harris Barn. Carla Qualtrough awarded Queen’s Jubilee pins to community members who have given significant community service. The pins were presented to all members of the Delta School Board, to Mayor Harvie and current Council. The pins were also awarded to current MLA’s Ian Paton and Ravi Kahlon, former MLA Vicki Huntington, former Councillors Bruce MacDonald, Dan Copeland, Jeannie Kanakos, and former Mayor and Councillor Lois Jackson.

Trustee Kanakos thanked the recipients for their service.

Trustee Muego reported on the following:

- December 3 – Queen’s Jubilee – he also mentioned how impressed he was with the recognition given to community and the service they provide.
- November 10 – Attended Beach Grove Elementary Remembrance Day ceremony. Staff and students put in tremendous effort in poetry, songs, and artwork to honour those that serve and have served on our behalf.
- November 11 – Attended Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph in Ladner’s memorial Park and laid a wreath on behalf of the Board of Education. On that day three names were added to the monument, including SDSS alumni Stephan John Stock who was killed in Afghanistan in 2008. Also added were Delta residents Captain D. Miles Selby from Tsawwassen and Trooper Percy Leonard Devereaux from Ladner, who died in 2004 and 1902 respectively.
- November 21 – Attended the DPAC meeting. It is great to see the level of parent engagement and the leadership of Chair Rak. It emphasized the importance of continual parent education and the flow of information.
- November 26 – Attended North Delta Centre of the Arts – Tree Lighting – opportunity to get Trustee faces out there to show we are involved.
- December 1-3 – Attended BCSTA Trustee Academy – it was interesting. Conference break out sessions were personally transformational – Chief Cadmus Delorme and Shelley Moore were unbelievable. He thoroughly enjoyed the whole presentation.

Trustee Daula reported on the following:

- November 11 – Attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the North Delta Social Heart. Seeing the congregation was very touching and the presentations and laying of the wreaths were very enjoyable.
- November 24 – Attended Sands Secondary School Holiday concert. Met Principal Mesich and Vice Principal Macintosh and was amazed at the talents students displayed. Enjoyed the Harry Potter theme music the most.
- December 1 – 3 – Attended BCSTA Trustee Academy – she reiterated what other Trustees mentioned and her biggest takeaway was the Shelley Moore presentation about inclusion. She also attended DRIPA 101 and a presentation about Indigenous people. She found their

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personal stories very moving, and listening to knowledge keeper Elder Jo and Chief Cadmus Delorme was a privilege.

Trustee Dhillon reported on the following:

- December 6 - National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women in Canada. This issue is very close to her heart as her work involves supporting women reclaim their lives after surviving intimate partner violence.
- November 10 – Attended Remembrance Day ceremony at Seaquam Secondary, which was opened by Nathan Wilson, our Indigenous Educator and Cultural Enhancement Facilitator. The ceremony was beautiful and it was lovely to meet Principal Robinson and Vice Principal Nikic and be provided a tour of the school.
- November 11 – Attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the North Delta Social Heart. Our students did a wonderful job representing the Delta School District at the wreath ceremony.
- November 26 – Attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony. She enjoyed getting some mendhi (henna) done on her hand, and felt it was a great example of how our city is working to embrace the rich diversity in our communities.
- December 1 – 3 – Attended BCSTA Academy which was very enlightening. She loved the Shelley Moore presentation and found it very informative. Keynote speaker, Chief Cadmus Delorme was inspirational on many levels.

Vice Chair Beard reported on the following:

- Attended a Remembrance Day ceremony as a parent for the first time at her child's school, which was very special.
- November 19 – Attended the Trustee Orientation at the School Board Office for new and returning Trustees. This was very beneficial for new Trustees and served as a great refresher for more experienced Trustees. She enjoyed the session and thanked District staff for doing this.
- November 21 – As the BCPSEA representative, she attended various meetings and voted on behalf of the Board of Education to ratify the Teachers agreement.

Chair Windsor reported on the following:

- November 10 – Attended a Remembrance Day ceremony at Sands Secondary – it was a great assembly and very touching. The candle ceremony was especially touching.
- November 24 – Attended a Zoom meeting for Board Chairs with Minister of Education and Childcare, Jennifer Whiteside. Minister Whiteside outlined three goals: Recruitment and retention, Capital funding, and Carrying forward a positive work environment.
- November 30 – Attended Sunshine Hills PAC meeting on Zoom – came away with some questions she couldn't answer and will contact PAC once she has answers for them.
- December 1 – 3 – Attended BCSTA Academy – she was pleased that all of the new Trustees were in attendance. She enjoyed the “World Café” – a speed dating type session where you move to different presentations on various areas that concern Trustees every 6-7 minutes. Topics included FESL, ELL Consortium, etc.

FIELD TRIP

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Doug Sheppard - In accordance with Administrative Procedure 260, the Board was advised of the following multiple day field trip:

- South Delta Secondary – Field trip to Phoenix, Arizona from December 26-31, 2022.

QUESTION PERIOD

Chair Windsor asked for questions related to items on the agenda.

No questions presented.

The DTA Executive thanked everyone for their hard work and time committed on behalf of Delta students, and want to wish them a happy holiday and restful winter break.

Ms. Daun Frederickson, CUPE Local 1091 President, also thanked everyone and wished everyone a good holiday and winter break.

Ms. Jennifer Rak Chair for DPAC also reiterated these sentiments.

Ms. Claire George thanked the Board on behalf of DPVPA.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

January 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustee Daula / Vice Chair Beard

**THAT** the Delta School Board meeting of December 6, 2022 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer