

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: June 6, 2023 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: V. Windsor, Chairperson
E. Beard, Vice-Chairperson
N. Daula
A. Dhillon
M. Gooch
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
J. Maranda, Assistant Superintendent
A. Mascati, Director of Human Resources
K. Symonds, Director, International Student Programs
C. Tucker, Director of Communications
R. Sonsalla, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Trustee: N. Kanakos

P. Klassen, Director, Learning Services - Inclusive Learning
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services - Education Programs

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 First Nation and Musqueam Indian Band 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

Chairperson Windsor introduced the following education partners attending the meeting:

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- Daun Frederickson – President, CUPE Local 1091
- Petra Hoy – 2nd Vice President, CUPE Local 1091
- Bea Dempsey – Recording Secretary, CUPE Local 1091
- Stephen Platzer – Treasurer and Member of DTA Exec. Committee, DTA
- John Pavao – DPVPA
- Joanna Macintosh – DPVPA

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY PRESENTATION

Ted Johnson, Director of Learning Services – Equity & Success, provided a presentation on the significance of National Indigenous People’s Day and on the events that took place throughout the school year. Events included the Canoe Launch, Sacred Journey event at Science World, Indigenous Youth Leadership Gatherings, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, BINGO Family Night, Pow Wow Family Night, Métis Family Night, Grade 7 & 12 Recognition Ceremony, and various Winter and Spring Break activities. He also provided information on the Student / Family Affordability Fund, as well as details on the upcoming National Indigenous Peoples Day, celebrated annually on June 21st.

Chair Windsor said that she was impressed with the presentation, and all the work being done in this area. She thanked Ted and Diane Jubinville, District Principal, Indigenous Education, for their hard work.

STUDENTS FOR STUDENT INCLUSION – SANDS STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Brad Bauman, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Joanna Macintosh, Vice Principal, Sands Secondary, who provided a brief introduction on the purpose of the Sands Student Leadership Committee. She introduced 3 students from the team, who provided a presentation on Students for Student Inclusion. The primary focus of the student-led group is to help give students the ability to be their authentic self. The students presented on the focus areas of Anti-Racism, Identity Inquiry, and Student Voice, Leadership and Agency. Their work follows the Spiral of Inquiry model, as well as the Vision 2030 statements “Equity and Inclusion are the Norm” and “Students Influence Through Voice & Choice”.

Trustee Dhillon commented that she was inspired by their voices and courage. Trustee Muego commented that their passion for this work was amazing. Trustee Gooch said she is so proud of them and mentioned how inspiring they are. Trustee Beard thanked them and commented on the value of the safe spaces they are providing. Chair Windsor thanked the students for coming and providing this presentation, and Ms. Macintosh for her great mentoring.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Daula / Dhillon

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of May 9, 2023 be approved.

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CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Muego reported on the following:

- May 29 – Attended and chaired the Audit Committee meeting. He explained a bit about the purpose of the committee and what business was conducted at the meeting.

Trustee Gooch reported on the following:

- May 18 – Attended the Metro Branch meeting where the minister of education was present for a portion of the meeting. There was a lot of positive discussion, and information was provided about the move to a proficiency scale. There were updates from the various committees, many of which had no new information, because of the BCSTA AGM held just a few weeks earlier.

Trustee Dhillon reported on the following:

- May 12 - Attended The Newsies production at Seaquam and she thoroughly enjoyed the production and the talent displayed at Seaquam Secondary.
- May 15 – Served on the interview committee for the District Principal, Learning Services position. She found it to be a great learning experience and mentioned that all the candidates presented very well.
- May 16 – Attended the Indigenous Recognition Ceremony at the School Board Office and had the opportunity to meet Diane Jubinville, District Principal, Indigenous Education. She thoroughly enjoyed the evening's events.
- May 16 – Attended the Neilson Grove PAC AGM and she was encouraged by how enthusiastic the parents were in their involvement with school issues.
- June 3 – Attended the Reach for the Stars “La Belle Vie” Gala at Tsawwassen Springs. She especially enjoyed the video presentations on students with developmental disabilities, and their ability to participate in activities they enjoy.
- June 5 – Attended the Mackie Park Field Announcement. She happily reported that Delta will receive \$16 million toward another artificial turf field at Mackie Park, and a new track at Delta Secondary.

Trustee Dhillon took a moment to thank all district staff, parents and the Delta community for the work that is done in the district, and the support received from the community in general.

Trustee Daula reported on the following:

- May 29 – Attended the Audit Committee meeting, along with Trustee Muego and Vice Chair Beard.

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Vice Chair Beard reported on the following:

- May 29 – Attended the Audit committee meeting, along with Trustees Daula and Muego.

Chair Windsor also provided an end of school year statement that reflected on the events that took place over the 2022-23 school year. She thanked all students, parents, guardians, staff, and community partners for their hard work and commitment, and expressed her hope that the coming year be equally great for all. She wished everyone a restful and enjoyable summer.

Chair Windsor's end of school year statement is available in its entirety online at

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/end-of-school-year-message-from-board-chair-val-windsor/>

2024/2025 CAPITAL PLAN

Darren Duff, Director of Facilities & Planning, presented to the Board the projects contained in the 2024/2025 Capital Plan. The Capital Plan is due to the Ministry of Education by June 30, 2023 for Major Capital Projects and September 30, 2023 for Minor Projects.

M/S Trustee Dhillon / Vice Chair Beard

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 37 (Delta) approves the 2024/2025 Capital Plan as outlined in the attached summary.

CARRIED

FIELD TRIPS

In accordance with Administrative Procedure 260, the Board was advised of the following multiple day field trips:

- Seaquam Secondary – Field trip to Honolulu, Hawaii from August 29 – September 7, 2023
- South Delta Secondary – Field trip to Oahu, Hawaii from August 22 – September 5, 2023

2023/2024 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Nicola Christ, Secretary Treasurer, presented Trustees with the 2023/2024 Board Meeting schedule. Board meetings will be scheduled as follows:

- September 26, 2023
- October 10, 2023
- November 7, 2023 – Inaugural Meeting
- December 12, 2023
- January 9, 2024
- February 20, 2024

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- March 12, 2024
- April 9, 2024
- April 23, 2024
- April 30, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- June 11, 2024

AUDIT COMMITTEE POLICY

Nicola Christ, Secretary Treasurer, provided Trustees with the revised Audit Committee (Policy 20) for the Board's approval.

M/S Trustees Gooch / Muego

THAT the Delta Board of Education approve the updated Audit Committee (Policy 20), as presented.

COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS POLICY

Nicola Christ, Secretary Treasurer, provided Trustees with the revised Complaints and Appeals (Policy 13) for the Board's approval.

M/S Vice Chair Beard / Trustee Daula

THAT the Delta Board of Education approve the updated Complaints and Appeals (Policy 13), as presented.

BOARD OPERATIONS POLICY

Nicola Christ, Secretary Treasurer, provided Trustees with the revised Board Operations (Policy 7) for the Board's approval.

M/S Trustees Dhillon / Daula

THAT the Delta Board of Education approve the updated Board Operations (Policy 7), as presented.

QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about the before and after school care pilot program at Sunshine Hills Elementary (as referenced to in Chair Windsor's end of school year statement), and if the care was being provided by employees or by sub-contractors. Brad Bauman responded to the question and advised that this is a pilot program where we as the employer hire and run the daycare. He further clarified that this is before and after school care and does not detract from the existing daycare.

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Daun Frederickson, on behalf of CUPE Local 1091, thanked the Board for all their work and wished everyone a wonderful summer and a great break.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

September 26, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Gooch / Muego

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of June 6, 2023 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:44 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer