

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 4, 2023 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: V. Windsor, Chairperson
E. Beard, Vice-Chair
N. Daula
A. Dhillon
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
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services – Education Programs
K. Symonds, Director, International Student Programs
C. Tucker, Director of Communications
R. Sonsalla, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Trustees: M. Gooch

J. Maranda, Assistant Superintendent
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 Trustees Kanakos / Muego

THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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Chairperson Windsor introduced and welcomed the partners who were attending in the audience:

- Daun Frederickson – President, CUPE
- Petra Hoy – 2nd Vice President, CUPE
- Tina Doukas - DPVPA

LEARNING SERVICES PRESENTATION

Patrick Klassen, Director, Learning Services, Inclusive Learning, introduced the Eiben family, Delta residents who have children attending Pinewood Elementary. The family shared a video that they produced, to create awareness of Downs Syndrome, and how it affects their life. Following the video, Ms. Eiben spoke about their and their children's advocacy for accessibility and inclusion for all students, as well as their work with World Down Syndrome Day. Trustees thanked the family for sharing and expressed how impressed they are with their families' efforts, and the positivity they portray despite their challenges.

DTA BUDGET PRESENTATION

Susan Yao, DTA President was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Chairperson Val Windsor provided the DTA's written submission to Trustees for their information.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Daula / Dhillon

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 7, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustees provided a report on their recent activities.

Trustee Muego

- March 9 – Attended Reading Day at Cougar Canyon Elementary. This was his first time attending this type of event and found it to be fantastic. He enjoyed reading for two Grade 2 classes.
- March 27 – Attended and Chaired the Audit Committee Meeting.

Trustee Kanakos

- March 3 – Attended BCPSEA Regional meeting in Surrey.
- March 3 – Attended an Educational Leave meeting with representatives from the Delta Teachers Association and the Board. Educational Leave is granted to Delta Teachers to improve their teaching practices.

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- March 7 – Attended the CUPE budget input meeting at the Board Office.
- March 8 – Served on the Interview panel for Secondary Principals.
- March 31 & April 3 – Served on the Interview panel for Elementary Principals.

Trustee Dhillon

- March 28 – Attended the Inclusive Learning Advisory Committee (ILAC) meeting, which was chaired by Patrick Klassen, Director, Learning Services, Inclusive Learning. The meeting had representation from teachers, CUPE members, Principals, PAC representatives, Trustees, and Senior Management. The meeting provided for good collaborative conversation and insight into what supports are provided from the Inclusive Learning team.
- April 3 – Visited two of her Liaison schools, accompanied by Superintendent Doug Sheppard. These visits to Port Guichon and Neilson Grove Elementary schools were very enjoyable, and she was impressed with both the uniqueness and strengths of each school.

Trustee Daula

- March 27 – Attended the Audit Committee Meeting.

Vice-Chair Beard

- March 27 – Attended the Audit Committee Meeting.

Chair Windsor

- March 8 – Attended the ELL Consortium meeting. The committee continues to advocate for support for ELL students.
- March 8 – Attended “Urinetown, the Musical” at Delview Secondary School. This is an environmental show that stresses the importance of water conservation. She was impressed with the excellent performances from the students.
- March 9 – Attended the “graduation” of Grade 12 students from the Delta Firefighter’s Academy. Students were able to demonstrate the skills they learned, with the hope of inspiring other students to consider firefighting as a career.
- March 27 – Attended a Heritage Fair meeting. Although there are only a few classes involved, the Fair will proceed on May 5th at the Discovery Centre in Delta.
- March 31 – Was a guest at Ladner Elementary’s Reading Day and enjoyed sharing Chris Hadfield’s book, “The Darkest Dark” with three classes.
- April 4 – Visited various school locations with staff from both the School District and the City, with the intention of looking at some of the projected improvements the City would like to make to some Delta school fields. This will be a topic for discussion at future Liaison Committee meetings.

AUDIT PLAN APPROVAL

Joe Muego, Chair of the Audit Committee, provided the Board with the Committee’s Recommendation on BDO’s Audit Plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

M/S Trustee Kanakos / Vice-Chair Beard

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THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Audit Plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 as recommended by the Audit Committee.

CARRIED

2023/24 ANNUAL CAPITAL PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

M/S Trustees Daula / Kanakos

THAT approval be given for three readings at one meeting of the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD37-01.

CARRIED

M/S Trustee Dhillon / Vice-Chair Beard

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD37-01 be given a FIRST reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustee Daula / Vice-Chair Beard

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD37-01 be given a SECOND reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Muego / Kanakos

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD37-01 be given a THIRD reading and Adopted.

CARRIED

SEAQUAM BAA COURSE

Ted Johnson, Director of Learning Services – Equity & Success, introduced the following proposed Board/Authority Authorized course:

- Makeup Artistry 11

Mr. Johnson clarified to the Board that the course was incorrectly listed as Makeup Artistry 10 on the Agenda.

M/S Trustees Dhillon / Daula

THAT the Delta Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course listed above.

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FIELD TRIPS

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

- Burnsview Secondary – Field trip to Quebec City, Que. from April 23 – 28, 2023.
- Burnsview– Field trip to Dallas, TX from April 24 – 28, 2023.
- Seaquam Secondary – Field trip to Dallas, TX from April 24 – 30, 2023.

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions pertaining to the agenda were presented.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

April 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Vice-Chair Beard / Trustee Muego

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of April 4, 2023 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:14 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer