

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: March 7, 2023 9:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

PRESENT: Trustees: V. Windsor, Chairperson
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
K. Symonds, Director, International Student Programs
R. Sonsalla, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Trustee: E. Beard, Vice-Chair

A. Mascati, Director, Employee Services
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services – Education Programs
C. Tucker, Director of Communications

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Windsor called the meeting to order at 9:13 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 Gooch / Muego

THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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

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- Daun Frederickson – President, CUPE
- Petra Hoy – 2nd Vice President, CUPE
- Jim Hope – DPVPA Representative
- Terri Farnden – DPVPA Representative
- Beatriz Dempsey – CUPE Representative

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos / Muego

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 21, 2023 be approved, as amended.

That the following changes to the minutes were made and adopted:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 10, 2023 (**vs. 2022**) be approved.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Muego reported on the following:

- February 24 & 25 – will be attending BCSTA Provincial Council (**vs. AGM**) meeting.

Trustee Dhillon reported on the following:

- February 6 – met with Green Teams Canada (**vs. Cubes**)
- February 11 – attended the Delta Community Foundation -attended as a Trustee representative and as the Grant (**vs. Grad**) Committee Chair for the Foundation.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Muego reported on the following:

- February 24-25 – attended the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting. Representatives from BCPSEA presented primarily on BCPSEA’s role with respect to collective bargaining, as well as functions relating to Executive and Exempt Employee compensation administration. The BCSTA Provincial Council business meeting on February 25th included a By-Election for the positions of Vice President of the BCSTA Board of Directors, and Director of the Board. Two motions of particular interest were passed, one

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in relation to the Student and Family Affordability Fund, the other regarding exempt staff compensation.

- February 27 – attended the “Meet the Trustee” night hosted by the Delta Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC). He thanked the DPAC representatives and Chair, Jennifer Rak, and mentioned that it was a great environment in which to collaborate and pool resources with other parents and schools.
- March 3 – attended Mayor Harvie’s Economic Business Breakfast along with other leaders in the community. He was pleased to hear Mayor Harvie state the importance of a symbiotic and productive relationship between the Board of Education and Council, as Delta schools are the center of our communities.

Trustee Gooch reported on the following:

- March 4-5 - attended the Evolve Dance Competition, which included two local Delta studios performing in it. She commented that it was nice to see youth and adults in our community participating in the event.

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following:

- March 3 – attended the BCPSEA Regional Meeting in Surrey. The focus of the meeting was primarily around discussion on their strategic plan, their vision and core values. There was also discussion about the Make a Future recruitment platform, as well as retention and recruitment practices and issues.

Trustee Dhillon reported on the following:

- February 22 – attended the Battle of the Badges event on Pink Shirt Day at Sungod Arena. It presented an opportunity for her to connect with a City Councilor and extract some knowledge about physical literacy and athleticism, and how to foster it in young children. She commended the great teamwork between the City and School Board in putting the event together and was invigorated by the tremendous positive energy in the building.
- February 24 – attend Bingo Night at Cougar Canyon Elementary and congratulated the PAC on a successful event. She thanked the parent volunteers and staff that worked hard to make it happen.
- February 28 – attended the DPAC meeting at the School Board office and enjoyed insightful discussions between herself and PAC representatives during the breakout sessions.
- March 2 – attended the “Minds on Discovery” Delta Science Fair at Scottsdale Mall. She enjoyed the opportunity to serve as a volunteer judge and was impressed by the amount of work and thought students put into their projects.

Trustee Daula reported on the following:

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- February 22 – attended the Battle of the Badges on Pink Shirt Day and enjoyed watching the fun and excitement displayed by the students and all who attended. She also mentioned that it was nice to be able to host this event again after a 3-year hiatus due to COVID.

Chair Windsor reported on the following:

- February 23 – attended a budget presentation where she received input from the Delta Teachers Association (DTA).
- February 27 – visited with two of her liaison schools, Sunshine Hills Elementary and Pebble Hill Elementary. Later that day, she attended the First Nations budget presentation and input meeting, which had representatives present from both the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations.
- February 28 & March 1 – attended a review of the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report (FESL). This process saw members from an external Peer Review team meet with District representatives to focus on Strategic Engagement, Strategic Alignment and Data and Evidence. She found it interesting to see how the comments of both parties aligned with each other.
- March 3 – attended the musical “Once Upon a Mattress” at North Delta Secondary, which was a fun and entertaining evening.
- March 4 – attend the matinee performance of “Grease, the Musical” at South Delta Secondary. She commended the amazing performance by dedicated students, staff, and the school community.

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions presented.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

April 4, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Dhillon / Kanakos

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of March 7, 2023 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 9:32 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer