

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 18, 2023 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
A. Mascati, Director, Employee Services
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services – Education Programs
C. Tucker, Director of Communications
R. Sonsalla, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: J. Maranda, Assistant Superintendent
K. Symonds, Director, International Student 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 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.

Val went over the running order of the events and explained that the Special Budget Input meeting would begin immediately following the regular meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Gooch / Kanakos

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:

- Lakhvir Brar – DPAC Vice President
- Susan Yao – DTA President
- Alison Roche – DTA 1st Vice President
- Kathy Macfarlane – DTA 2nd Vice President
- Elen Nikas – DTA Member at Large
- Daun Frederickson – CUPE President
- Petra Hoy – CUPE 2nd Vice President
- Joanne Gill – CUPE 3rd Vice President
- Deborah Kabesh – CUPE Treasurer
- John Pavao – DPVPA
- Jim Hope – DPVPA
- James Smith – North Delta Reporter

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Daula / Dhillon

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of April 4, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustees provided a report on their recent activities.

Trustee Muego

- April 11 – Attended the Delta Council and Delta Board of Education Liaison Committee meeting.
- April 13 – Attended the Mayor and Council Delta Sports Summit. The summit was very well represented, with diverse groups in attendance, and discussions included issues such as parking, field time, field quality and field upgrades. He added that he was appreciative of the opportunity to have direct engagement with the Mayor and Council.

Trustee Dhillon

- April 14 – Attended as the Trustee Liaison, the Delta Child and Youth Committee, which is comprised of nonprofit government and community agencies and organizations who work on improving the lives of children, youth and families in Delta.
- April 16 – Attended a monthly seniors gathering organized by the Canadian Hindu Foundation and Dil Diyaan Galan – an organization focused on dispelling the stigma of mental health in the South Asian community. This provided an opportunity for Trustee

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Dhillon to see the seniors program in action and she was impressed with the seniors who were such willing participants in the event.

- April 17 – Attended the Open House hosted by Delta Parent Advisory Committee. The executive team did a wonderful job in arranging representatives to attend. Each community group offered details about their programs and upcoming events, which was then followed by a meet and greet session with all attendees.

Trustee Daula

- April 5 – Attended the Delta Youth Advisory Council, hosted at Burnsvew Secondary School. The primary focus of this meeting was to create safe spaces for students and improve any existing spaces.
- April 13 – Attended the South Fraser Regional Science Fair at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. She was proud to meet the grade 7 and 8 students representing the Delta School District.
- April 16 – Attended the Guru Nanak Food Bank event for newcomers to Canada, which took place at North Delta Secondary School. The event was organized in association with Delta Police Department and Delta School District and was focused on saving yourself from cybercrime, sextortion, and safe banking practices for newcomers.
- April 16 – Attended the monthly seniors gathering along with Trustee Ammen Dhillon.

Trustee Gooch

- April 15 – Attended the Spring Fest Cheer Competition in Richmond. 30-40 Delta students of diverse backgrounds and abilities competed, and the display of athleticism was amazing to watch. She also noted that 3-4 local athletes will be attending the Worlds in Orlando, Fl. later this year.
- April 18 – Visited 2 of her liaison schools, accompanied by Superintendent Doug Sheppard. At Devon Gardens Elementary she engaged with students, teachers, and Administrators, and received a tour of the school by 4 enthusiastic, diverse students. She was impressed with the amount of pride the students had in their school community. At Burnsvew Secondary she was provided with a school tour accompanied by Principal Don Younger. The classes were in full session with all the students hard at work. She added that the school had an amazing feeling of calm and had a wonderful focus of diversity, connectedness, and acceptance among the students, teachers, and the community.

Chair Windsor

- April 13 – Spoke at the North Delta Rotary Club meeting, and shared what is happening in the District post-COVID times. The Delta School District is grateful for the support of North Delta Rotary in the Starfish backpack programme.
- April 13 – Attended the South Fraser Regional Science Fair and had the opportunity to speak with the Delta students who had submitted projects. She was very impressed with the work the students had done on their topics.
- April 14 – Attended the Awards Ceremony for the South Fraser Regional Science Fair, hosted at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. One Delta student won a bronze award in the category of Junior Energy and others received awards in the Junior Categories for

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Curiosity and Ingenuity. Students from Heath and Devon Gardens Elementary Schools competed in the Fair.

- April 15 – Attended the Delta Leadership Prayer Breakfast and enjoyed hearing a powerful story from keynote speaker, Brian McConaghy.
- April 15 – Attended the musical, “Footloose” at Delta Secondary School. The production was full of energy and passion, and she thanked the students and teachers for their great work.

2023-24 ACCUMULATED OPERATING SURPLUS PLAN

Nicola Christ, Secretary Treasurer, provided information on the accumulated operating surplus plan proposal. During her presentation of the proposed plan, she provided an overview of key items within the plan, which will be finalized for integration into the 2023-24 Budget at the April 25 Public Board meeting.

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions pertaining to the agenda were presented.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

April 25, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Vice Chair Beard / Trustee Daula

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of April 18, 2023 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:11 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer