

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 9, 2024 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: V. Windsor, Chairperson
J. Muego, Vice-Chair
E. Beard
N. Daula
A. Dhillon
N. Kanakos

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent
N. Christ, Secretary-Treasurer
D. Duff, Director, Facilities & Planning
J. Duffin, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
P. Klassen, Director, Learning Services, Inclusive Learning
J. Maranda, Assistant Superintendent
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services –
Education Programs
C. Tucker, Director of Communications
R. Sonsalla, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Trustees: M. Gooch

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 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 Trustees Daula / Beard

THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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

- Trish McCullough – Executive Secretary, DTA
- Mahima Lamba - Treasurer, DTA

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- Daun Frederickson – President, CUPE 1091
- Joanne Gill – 1st Vice President, CUPE 1091
- Aaron Akune – DVPVA Representative

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustee Kanakos / Vice Chair Muego

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 20, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Windsor called upon Trustees to report on their activities.

Vice Chair Muego reported on the following:

- February 23 – Attended the Director of Employee Services interviews, as the Trustee representative.
- February 24 – Attended the virtual BCSTA Provincial Council meeting as the Trustee Delegate.
- February 27 - Attended the DTA Education Partner Budget Engagement session.
- February 29 - Attended the District Science Fair at Scottsdale Mall and acted as one of the judges.
- March 13 - Attended the TFN Rights Holder Budget Engagement session.
- March 26 – Chaired the Audit Committee meeting, with representatives presenting from our auditors, BDO Canada, their Draft Audit Planning Report. A recommendation has been made to the Board. A full presentation by Jonathan Duffin, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, relating to Management’s response to recommendations by the auditors in their Management Letter from last year was also made at that meeting.
- April 5 – Attended the Mayor’s Economic Breakfast, to discuss regional growth plan and Delta specific growth plans.
- April 8 – Attended the Delta City Council Meeting to review and listen to discussion of the proposed Official Community Plan changes at first and second readings of Council.

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following:

- March 13 – Visited one of his liaison schools, Pebble Hill Traditional School, along with Superintendent Sheppard. He was provided with a guided tour from two students; it was a great learning experience for the students and an enjoyable visit for him.
- April 5 – Attended the Secondary Principal Interview’s as a Trustee Representative.

Trustee Dhillon reported on the following:

- February 28 – Attended the Battle of the Badges. It was very impactful, and she enjoyed the event.

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- February 28 – Helped the Delta Community Foundation host an appreciation night at the Husbands Gallery. This was to thank donors and community leaders for their contributions over the years. Donations help address food insecurity, mental health support and after school programs for children and youth in Delta.
- March 1 – Visited North Delta Secondary School along with Superintendent Sheppard. The students did an extraordinary job of representing their school and highlighting the schools' strengths.
- March 6 – Attended the Child and Youth Research Day, organized by the Delta Child and Youth Committee. Various presentations were followed by table conversations and group sharing. It was a great meeting with a wide range of representatives from various community groups.
- March 8 – Visited two of her liaison schools, Pinewood and Jarvis Elementary. She commented on how demographics impact the priorities and challenges faced by elementary schools only 5 km from each other. Both visits were impressive, and she enjoyed the opportunity to read to students at both schools during the visit.
- March 13 – Attended a portion of the Newcomer Community Forum, hosted by the City of Delta, to share the Delta's Immigrant Needs Report. The report is based on a survey conducted in 2023, providing data on how to better understand Delta newcomer and racialized residents' needs.

Trustee Daula reported on the following:

- February 28 – Attended the Battle of the Badges event at Sungod Arena.
- March 26 – Attended the Audit Committee meeting as one of the 3 Trustee Delegates.

Trustee Beard reported on the following:

- March 26 – Attended the Audit Committee meeting as one of the 3 Trustee delegates.

Chair Windsor reported on the following:

- February and March – Attended theatre performances at North Delta and Delview Secondary Schools. She commented on the performing arts programs being a wonderful venue for students to hone their acting and production skills.
- March 6 – Attended the ELL Consortium. The meeting focused on education funding of temporary residents/students in our schools who arrive after the end of September Ministry funding submission.
- March 6 – Attended the Delta Youth Advisory Committee (DYAC) meeting at Delview Secondary School. The theme was Improvement, where Delview DYAC members did an excellent job of leading the group through a discussion of improvement in Community, Student Involvement and Student Improvement.
- March 15 – Attended the Firefighter's Academy at Delta Firehall #4. 16 Grade 12 students attended the Academy and on the final day demonstrated skills they had learned. Their accomplishments were then celebrated by a formal presentation. Several of the students have indicated an interest in pursuing a career in firefighting.
- April 3 – Attended the TFN Treaty Day Celebration. TFN celebrated the 15-year anniversary of the Tsawwassen Treaty and 5 years ago they signed a Treaty giving the Nation autonomy

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and control, no longer bound by the Indian Act. It was an honor to be in attendance at this significant event.

- April 8 – Attended the DPAC Open House. School District staff, and local community organizations such as Deltassist, Fraser Health Foster Homes, Delta Police Liaison officers were invited to speak with parents in a drop-in format.

AUDIT PLAN APPROVAL

Vice Chair Joe Muego, Chair of the Audit Committee, provided the Board with the Audit Committee's Recommendation on BDO's Audit Plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

M/S Trustees Kanakos / Dhillon

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Audit Plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 as recommended by the Audit Committee.

CARRIED

2024/2025 CAPITAL BYLAW

Darren Duff, Director of Human Resources, formerly Director of Facilities, provided an overview of the Capital submissions made in September 2023.

M/S Trustee Kanakos / Vice Chair Muego

THAT approval be given for three readings at one meeting of the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD37-01.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Beard / Dhillon

THAT the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD37-01 be given a FIRST reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Dhillon / Daula

THAT the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD37-01 be given a SECOND reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Daula / Beard

THAT the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD37-01 be given a THIRD reading and adopted.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were presented.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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April 23, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Vice Chair Muego / Trustee Daula

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of April 9, 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 7:54 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer