

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 3, 2015 7:30 p.m.  
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Dixon, Chairperson  
R. Bennett  
N. Kanakos  
B. Reid  
D. Saip  
V. Windsor  
  
D. Sheppard, Acting Superintendent of Schools  
R. Allnutt, Director, Human Resources  
B. Bauman, Director, Learning Services –  
Special Programs  
N. Christ, Director,  
Finance & Management Services  
F. Geyer, Director, Facilities & Planning  
N. Gordon, Assistant Superintendent  
T. Johnson, District Principal,  
Learning Services  
D. Michaud, Communications Manager  
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant  
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services  
J. Strain, Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT: Trustees: F. Milat

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson Dixon opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations, and all of the Coast Salish peoples who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Windsor/Reid  
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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Mr. Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services, introduced Mr. Dean Eichorn, Vice-Principal of Delta Secondary, and Mr. Mark Woloshen, Vice-Principal of South Delta Secondary, who provided a short presentation on Delta's Ignite event that is being held on January 20, 2016 at the Riverhouse. The evening will include twelve to thirteen presentations by educators, who will share their inspirational stories of teaching and learning. Presenters will be able to use a maximum of twenty slides, have fifteen seconds for each slide, and five minutes total for each presentation. Eighty to one hundred people are expected to attend the event.

ACADEMIES

Mr. Ted Johnson, District Principal of Continuing Education, introduced Ms. Paige Hansen, District Vice-Principal of Academy Programs, who provided an update on Academies.

Ms. Hansen's presentation included the following:

- The new website that has been developed: [deltaacademies.ca](http://deltaacademies.ca)
- Enrolment numbers for:
  - Fine Arts Academies – Dance, Film Acting, Film Production.
  - Sports Academies – Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer and Softball. New this year is a second Golf Academy at the Delta Manor Education Centre (DMEC).
  - Hockey Academies – Hockey Skills and Delta Wild Teams.
- Enrolment summary.
- Looking ahead – The proposed Opera and Performance Academy for 2016-2017, and Softball Academy Expansion to the south end for 2016/2017.
- Financial Assistance – Bursary Assistance and Family Discounts.

Chairperson Dixon thanked Ms. Hansen for her hard work and energy she has put into the Academies program.

VISION REFLECTION PROCESS

Mr. Doug Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent, provided the timeline for the Vision Reflection process, and shared a short video. The Vision was established in 2010/2011, with a target date of 2020. As the half-way point has been reached, staff felt it was a good year to come back together to reflect on what they have done so far, what they are up to now, and where they are headed. The video will be shown at all sites in district. The Vision Reflection timeline is as follows:

- November 2015 – Administrator Training
- December 2015 – February 2016 – Site based reflection activities (checking, scanning and focusing)
- March 9, 2016 – District Evening Session from 4:30-8:00 pm at Sands Secondary.

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Chairperson Dixon introduced the following partner group representatives:

- Mr. Keith Punshon, Chair of the Delta Parent Advisory Council.
- Mr. Dean Eichorn, Representative from the Association of Delta School Administrators.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Windsor

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 13, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following committee meetings he recently attended:

- British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) meeting in Vancouver, also attended by Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Strain and Mr. Allnutt. The keynote speaker was Dr. Linda Duxbury, who spoke about home/work life balance in the electronic age. Trustee Kanakos suggested that the Board and Executive staff need to be cognizant of the impact our expectations can have on the health of staff.
- Delta Youth Advisory Council (DYAC) meeting at Sands Secondary. Students reported at the meeting that they would like more than marks, they would like more feedback and clarification of expectations.

Trustee Windsor reported on the following events and committee meetings she recently attended:

- BCSTA Metro Trustees meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Delta. Items discussed included the new curriculum Pro-D days, Provincial Council motions, and exempt compensation rules.
- BCSTA Provincial Council meeting on October 23 & 24, where attendees had the opportunity to meet with Education Minister Mike Bernier (who also gave a brief address), and Deputy Minister Dave Byng, who provided a progress report on education in BC. During the question period Trustee Windsor asked when school districts could expect the ELL standards to be delivered, as they have been waiting for this information for a couple of years now. The Deputy Minister promised to get a date to the BCSTA President soon. Trustee Windsor provided Trustees with a synopsis of the business meeting.
- Seaquam Secondary's PAC meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the Delta Softball Academy's "Batting for Breast Cancer" tournament at Seaquam Secondary that raised \$4,000, Seaquam also hosted the Pink Ribbon volleyball tournament that commemorated Camille Gregory, a Seaquam graduate and star volleyball player, who passed away from cancer. Funds raised from the tournament were donated to the BC Cancer Society in Camille's name.

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Chairperson Dixon reported on the following events and committee meetings she recently attended:

- Education Minister Mike Bernier's visit to the district on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Chairperson Dixon thanked the administration, staff and students at Sands Secondary for hosting, and the Trustees who attended.
- Trustees will be attending both the north and south end Delta Remembrance Day Ceremonies (10:30 am at the North Delta Social Heart Plaza and 10:45 am at the Cenotaph at Ladner Memorial Park). Some Trustees and senior staff will also be attending the various Remembrance Day assemblies at schools on November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The first Healthy Schools Committee meeting was held today.
- Provincial level meetings:
  - BCSTA-Ministry of Education First Annual Liaison meeting, also attended by Mr. Strain and Ms. Turner. The new curriculum was discussed, and Ms. Turner provided a presentation on BC's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.
  - BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs.
- Association of Delta School Administrators' Conference, where the keynote speaker was Jan Unwin, Superintendent of Graduation and Student Transitions with the Ministry of Education.

Chairperson Dixon thanked Trustee Windsor for attending Deltassist's farewell for Doug Sabourin on behalf of the Board of Education. The Board looks forward to continuing their good working relationship with Deltassist.

2015/2016 CAPITAL PLAN

M/S Trustees Saip/Reid

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 37 (Delta) approves the 2015/2016 Capital Plan.

CARRIED

Trustees Windsor and Kanakos, and Chairperson Dixon thanked Mr. Geyer for all of his efforts, thoroughness and hard work.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

December 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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4585 Harvest Drive  
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ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Reid

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of November 3, 2015 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer