

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: January 12, 2016 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Dixon, Chairperson
R. Bennett
N. Kanakos
F. Milat
D. Saip
V. Windsor

D. Turner, Superintendent of Schools
R. Allnutt, Director, Human Resources
D. Annett, Director,
International Student Programs
B. Bauman, Director, Learning Services –
Special Programs
F. Geyer, Director, Facilities & Planning
N. Gordon, Assistant Superintendent
T. Johnson, District Principal,
Learning Services
D. Michaud, Communications Manager
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant
D. Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services
J. Strain, Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT: Trustees: B. Reid

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 Milat/Windsor
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS

Dr. Deirdre Annett, Director of International Student Programs, provided an update on the program. Dr. Annett's presentation covered the following areas:

- Highlights:
 - Continued growth this year.
 - 700 students from 29 countries.
 - New Countries (Italy, Cambodia and Croatia).
 - Almost 100% of 2015 International grads were accepted into post secondary.
 - Over 100 International students participated in Delta's Volunteer Fair.
 - Signed new MOU's with sister schools and cooperation schools.
- Country Information – Italy, Cambodia, Croatia, Germany, Spain, China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and Latin America including Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela.
- Ongoing Partners – Jeollabuk-do Government (Korea), New Hongqiao Secondary (Shanghai), Meijiro Secondary (Tokyo), Kunming Elementary, Golden Cradle Elementary (Beijing), Myanmar International School, Bangkok International School, Osaka Gakuin Secondary, Ministries of Education in Spain, China and Korea.
- Summer 2015 – International student summer credit courses with Continuing Education, and English and Sightseeing Activity Camps. There were 25 student volunteers (new program for Delta students).
- Revenue – For the last eight years there has been an annual revenue increase.
- Goals/Direction – Increase numbers and revenue, and focus on diversity.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Mr. Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services, provided an update on Education Programs.

Mr. Stephenson's presentation included:

- Major Initiatives:
 - Coordinator of Inquiry Program
 - Revised Curriculum (4 Parent Nights)
 - CIA Teams
 - Design Framework for Revised Curriculum.
- Professional Learning
 - Wide range of professional learning offerings
 - Summer Pro-D
 - "Integrated" Professional Learning Opportunities (Fullerton, Brownlie)
 - Chromebook Classroom Cohort
 - 4 Dinner Series Events
 - Math/Science Resource Cohorts (Intermediate).

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- Other Initiatives:
 - Various Choice Programs (eg. Farm Roots)
 - Communicating Student Learning Committee
 - Leadership for Innovative Teaching and Learning
 - Primary Literacy Support and Assessment
 - District Day (February 19th)
 - Authentic Inquiry Mini-Conference (Apr. 7 & 8)
 - 180 Days of Learning.

Mr. Stephenson also reminded everyone that Delta's Ignite event is next Wednesday evening (January 20th) at the Riverhouse.

Chairperson Dixon introduced the following partner group representatives:

- Ms. Bonnie Nelmes and Ms. Jacquie Schierer, Representatives from the Association of Delta School Administrators.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Windsor

THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural and Regular meetings of December 8, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Windsor reported on the following events she recently attended:

- School Christmas Concerts, which were each very special and unique.
- Gala Celebration for South Delta Secondary School's Portrait Show "Face to Face: Drawing From Experience" held at Augustine House in Ladner. Students each met with a senior and gathered information about them, and captured a few photos. The student then went back to the school and completed a graphite portrait, and wrote a personal narrative based on their experiences. The students did a fantastic job. South Delta Secondary is also holding an "Empty Bowls" Fundraiser on January 21st. Funds raised from the event will be going to Deltassist's Emergency Fund.
- Celebration of Life for Surrey Teachers' Association President, Jennifer Wadge. Trustee Windsor conveyed her sympathies on behalf of the Board to the family, Surrey Teachers' Association and the Surrey School District.

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Chairperson Dixon reported on the following events she recently attended and are upcoming:

- School Christmas Concerts.
- Family Literacy Day on January 27th which includes “Screens Off Delta”. Chairperson Dixon encouraged families to unplug from technology for one hour, and use that time to do some reading together.
- Information has gone out to parents on the free parent information meetings being offered by the district on the redesigned curriculum. Chairperson Dixon asked Trustees for their assistance getting the information out to families.

Trustee Bennett reported on the following events she recently attended:

- School Christmas Concerts, the skill at South Park Elementary’s Band Concert was amazing, and Trustee Bennett was blown away by the quality of singing, dancing, and acting at Richardson Elementary.
- Funeral Service for Tom Fuchko, a former employee of the Delta School District. It was nice to hear that colleagues are working on some legacy work in his honour, including a golf fundraiser. Money raised from this event will go towards helping Delta students.

2016/2017 DISTRICT CALENDAR

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Bennett

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed 2016/2017 district calendar.

CARRIED

DISTRICT POLICY

M/S Trustees Saip/Milat

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed change to Policy 14 – School Closure and/or Consolidation to reflect changes in the School Act.

CARRIED

FIELD TRIPS

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

- Cliff Drive Elementary – Field trip to Montreal, Quebec from January 23 to 30, 2016.
- Chalmers Elementary – Field trip to Montreal, Quebec from January 30 to February 5, 2016.
- Sunshine Hills Elementary – Field trip to Montreal, Quebec from January 30 to February 5, 2016.

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DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

February 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Delta School Board Office
4585 Harvest Drive
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Saip/Windsor

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of January 12, 2016 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer