

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: May 10, 2016 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Dixon, Chairperson
R. Bennett
N. Kanakos
B. Reid
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
N. Christ, Director,
Finance & Management Services
F. Geyer, Director, Facilities & Planning
N. Gordon, Assistant Superintendent
J. Hill, Communications & Marketing Manager
T. Johnson, District Principal,
Learning Services
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant
D. Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent
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 Kanakos/Reid
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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DELTA YOUTH SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK

Mr. Ted Johnson, District Principal of Learning Services, introduced Mr. Michael Iachetta, Teacher at Seaquam Secondary. Mr. Iachetta introduced three Grade 9 students from Seaquam Secondary, Abnash Bassi, Parvin Malhi, and Abhay Sachal, who are Junior Leaders of the Environment Club, and members of the Delta Youth Sustainability Network. The students covered the following highlights in their presentation:

- Thank you to Senior Leaders Sarthak Garg and Taranveer Hayer.
- Rain Gardens.
- Delta Green Symposium held on April 15th which included collaboration, workshops, booths, and a keynote by Dr. Andrew Weaver, MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head.
- BC Hydro Energy Ambassadors.
- Young Reporters for the Environment Canada Competition – A United Nations sponsored program where students report and take action on local sustainability issues. Seaquam students: Abnash Bassi, Parvin Malhi and Khushi Bimbrahw won the Junior competition while Pranav Agnihotri, Sarvan Gill and Dryden Wiebe won the Senior competition. The winners will travel to Toronto from May 26th-29th to receive both their individual and school award. The students showed the video that was submitted for the competition.
- Students on Ice: Arctic Expedition 2016 – Abhay Sachal has been awarded a scholarship, and selected to represent the Delta School District at the Arctic Expedition in July.

The students thanked the school district for all of their support.

Chairperson Dixon and Trustees thanked the students for their presentation, for taking on these initiatives, and congratulated them on their accomplishments. Trustee Windsor thanked Mr. Iachetta for his continued work, support, and opportunities he has provided for Delta students. Trustee Windsor also thanked parents for all of their support.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Windsor/Reid

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of April 26, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Windsor reported on the following events she recently attended:

- Annual Heritage Fair at Harris Barn where there were some amazing projects, and support was provided to students by the Teacher-Librarians. The event was also attended by Trustee Kanakos, Ms. Turner, and local Politicians.
- Shrek at South Delta Secondary was an amazing production. There was great support from teachers, support staff and Administrators. Trustee Saip, Chairperson Dixon and Ms. Turner also attended the production.

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Trustee Kanakos reported on the recent Superintendent's Council meeting he attended, noting it was an emotional meeting. The Council read the book "The Reason You Walk" by Wab Kinew and used the indigenous approach of a "Talking Circle" to share the connection and learning members made as a result of reading the book, including recognition and empathy towards Aboriginal culture.

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

- Delta Council/Delta Board of Education Liaison Committee meeting where an update was provided on the recent Delta Heritage Fair. This event provides students the opportunity to learn about the importance of studying family heritage, to learn from one another, and become critical thinkers. Chairperson Dixon noted the importance for the committee to talk about the successful things going on in Delta.
- Delta Trades and Technical Fair, also attended by Ms. Turner, Trustee Windsor and Councillor McDonald, where \$9,000 in Awards were given out.

2016/2017 ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM

M/S Trustees Windsor/Kanakos

THAT the Delta Board of Education approve the 2016/2017 Adult School Crossing Guard Program as presented.

CARRIED

FIELD TRIP

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

- Seaquam Secondary – Field trip to Toronto, Ontario from May 26-29, 2016.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

June 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Delta School Board Office
4585 Harvest Drive
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Bennett/Saip

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of May 10, 2016 be adjourned.

CARRIED

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer