

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: September 27, 2016 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

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

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
R. Allnutt, Director, Human Resources
J. Angelidis, Director, Learning Services –
Inclusive Learning
D. Annett, Director,
International Student Programs
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent
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
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services
J. Strain, Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT: Trustees: D. Saip

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.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Reid/Milat

THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATORS AND COORDINATORS

Mr. Brad Bauman, Assistant Superintendent (North Zone), introduced the following new Director and Administrator:

- Ms. Joanna Angelidis, Director of Learning Services – Inclusive Learning
- Ms. Joanna Macintosh, Vice-Principal at Sands Secondary.

Unable to attend this evening's meeting was Mr. Ian Close, Vice-Principal at Burnsvie Secondary, who joined the Administrators group in January.

Mr. Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services, introduced the following new Coordinators in Education Programs:

- Ms. Alexandra Thomson, Aboriginal Success Coordinator for Secondary
- Ms. Claire D'Aoust, Primary Learning Coordinator
- Ms. Susan Jeffrey, Modern Languages Coordinator (incumbent for Medical Leave).

Dr. Deirdre Annett, Director of International Student Programs, introduced the following new Administrator in International Programs:

- Ms. Karen Symonds, District Principal of International Student Programs.

Chairperson Dixon introduced the following guests in the audience:

- Ms. Patti Price – President of CUPE Local 1091
- Mr. Ashif Jiwa – President of the Association of Delta School Administrators.

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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Chairperson Dixon and Mr. Doug Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools, recognized the talent and incredible expertise teachers bring in their role in educating students in Delta, and showed a short video about the challenges faced by teachers around the globe: <https://youtu.be/SyX3VSLfqYg>. October 5th is World Teachers' Day, and we are humbled to be able to support the work of our teachers. We are also incredibly lucky to hear story after story of the positive impact Delta teachers are having on our students. In Delta we are blessed with a community of teachers who strive for excellence and innovation every day. Who, in their commitment to better the lives of youth, go above and beyond for their students' educational success. In Delta, our teachers embrace this responsibility and are passionate about ensuring every student receives the support they need to reach their full potential. As we move through the coming school year, we will be thinking about how we are impacting our students, as a student body and as individuals. Our District's Big Bold Vision, is a reflection of what our teachers value and are committed to – Caring, Respect, Responsibility, Community, Excellence. These are values that permeate our school district.

NEW CURRICULUM UPDATE

Mr. Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services, provided an update on District support and initiatives around the new BC Curriculum:

- Project Schedule – The K-9 curriculum is new this year. There have been some significant changes, and we can still expect revisions and changes as it is a multi-year process. Grades 10-12 came out this summer in draft. The teachers have reviewed it, and the Ministry will be receiving feedback throughout the year until it is implemented in 2017/2018.
- Curriculum Supports (K-9): Continued CIA Work, Addition of Learner Grants, ADST: Coding and Elementary Pilots, Learning Services Initiatives, Ongoing Innovation Toolkit Development, Two Curriculum Implementation Days (2016/2017).
- Additional Curriculum Supports (10-12): Networking Sessions, Feedback Collection.
- K-9 Status Update: Assessment.
- Communicating Student Learning Update: K-9, and 10-12. District staff formed a committee consisting of 40 teachers to help develop a reporting template. The committee met 3 times over the Spring, and the template is now available to schools to pilot this year if they would like. District staff have received positive feedback so far from those schools that are piloting them this year. A website has been developed that includes examples and resources.

Chairperson Dixon encouraged Trustees to pass any questions they may receive about the new curriculum on to an educator, and let Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Stephenson know what they are hearing out in the field.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Windsor/Reid

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of June 7, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chairperson Dixon reported that at the end of last May, just over one month after the Board had approved the 2016/17 budget, the Minister of Education announced that school districts would not have to pay for year two of the provincial government's Administrative Savings Plan. For Delta this meant we had \$690,000 freed up in our budget for 2016/17. Districts that had already approved their 2016/17 budget were not required to create a new budget but could instead simply identify how the funds would be spent. After discussion with the Board, the Board's Budget Working Committee met and made recommendations to the Board. At the September 13, 2016 In-Camera meeting, the Board approved the Budget Working Committee's recommendations.

The approved recommendations are:

2.0 FTE Teacher Staffing	\$200,000
Aboriginal Education, including 1.2 FTE Learning Support Teacher Staffing	\$200,000
0.25 FTE Painter Staffing	\$20,000
0.70 FTE Custodial Contingency Staffing	\$40,000
Support/Resources for Communicating Student Learning/New Curriculum/Math Instruction	\$200,000
Partial Reinstatement of Facilities Equipment Replacement Budget Reduction	\$30,000
Total	\$690,000

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Chairperson Dixon addressed the orange shirts Trustees were wearing this evening in honour of Orange Shirt Day which is coming up this Friday. Orange Shirt Day is a day to honour the children who survived Residential schools and remember those who didn't. It is a legacy of the St. Joseph's Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake in the spring of 2013. It grew out of one girl, Phyllis Webstad's, account of having her pretty orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. Orange Shirt Day has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of Residential schools happening annually. As a part of the Orange Shirt Day initiative, Delta students will be learning about and having discussions about Truth and Reconciliation, and the history of the residential school system. Chairperson Dixon along with her fellow Trustees, staff and students, and will be wearing these shirts on September 30th as reminder that every child matters and our ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. The design that is on the t-shirt was created by Vincent Morgan, a Grade 6 Tsawwassen First Nation student at Cliff Drive. The Delta Teachers' Association and the Delta School District worked collaboratively on this project. Hy-ech ka.

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

- BCSTA Metro Trustees meeting held at the Delta Manor Education Centre, also attended by Chairperson Dixon and Trustee Bennett. The BCSTA Board of Directors joined the Metro Trustees for this meeting.
- Signing of the Farm Roots Memorandum of Understanding with Kwantlen Polytechnic University, also attended by Chairperson Dixon and Senior Management. The program is off to a great start.
- Professional Development Day session on Aboriginal Education held at Delta Secondary on September 23rd. Brad Marsden was the keynote speaker, and conveyed a phenomenal message on residential school experiences and the after effects. Mr. Marsden also attended Delview Secondary's Truth and Reconciliation event last year where he again provided a very moving keynote .

Trustee Bennett spoke about how she has personally been impacted by residential schools. She is proud to be the first Indigenous Trustee in Delta, and is honoured to be sitting with her fellow Trustees this evening wearing the orange shirts. Schools were weapons of genocide, the institutions are still here and we are part of those institutions. We have an obligation to make right of what has happened to Indigenous people, and we have to help these children. It is important to have these conversations as people today are still living the effects of these schools. Reconciliation takes those on the front line, including ourselves, to make the change. Aboriginal Education is important to this Board, and Trustee Bennett appreciates the support, guidance and passion around this table for making Aboriginal Education outcomes improve, a priority.

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2015/2016 AUDITOR'S REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Windsor

THAT the 2015/2016 Auditor's Report of the Delta School District be accepted.

AND

THAT the consolidated Financial Statements as at June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the Financial Statements, as audited by the firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, be approved.

CARRIED

Chairperson Dixon conveyed her appreciation to Mr. Joe Strain, Secretary-Treasurer, and Ms. Nicola Christ, Director of Finance & Management Services, for the clean audit report. Chairperson Dixon also thanked their team for the confidence and support they have given the Board, and for all of their hard work.

2017/2018 CAPITAL PLAN

M/S Trustees Milat/Reid

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 37 (Delta) approves the 2017/2018 Capital Plan.

CARRIED

ENROLMENT REPORT

Ms. Nancy Gordon, Assistant Superintendent, provided a preliminary update on enrolment. The final count occurs September 30th, and adjustments happen up until October 7th. Ms. Gordon thanked Mr. Frank Geyer, Director of Facilities & Planning, for the great job he does working with Baragar to provide the projections. The numbers provided in this evening's report do not include International students, those numbers are above and beyond, and generate additional funds for the district. A final report will be provided at the next public meeting on October 11, 2016.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

October 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Windsor/Kanakos

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of September 27, 2016 be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer