

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 8, 2016 7:30 p.m.  
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Dixon, Chairperson  
R. Bennett  
N. Kanakos  
B. Reid  
V. Windsor  
  
D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools  
R. Allnutt, Director, Human Resources  
J. Angelidis, Director, Learning Services –  
Inclusive Learning  
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent  
N. Christ, Director,  
Finance & Management Services  
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: F. Milat  
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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

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CAREER TRANSITIONS

Mr. Brad Bauman, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Mr. Brian Tivy, Career Transitions & ADST Coordinator, who introduced and presented certificates to those students who successfully completed an ACE IT program last year (both course work & ITA requirements). Mr. Tivy thanked parents, instructors, and advisors for their contributions to help make the program a success. Mr. Tivy introduced Ms. Patty Burr, Career Teacher at South Delta Secondary and District Apprenticeship Facilitator, and Mr. Jack Buchanan, ACE IT Carpentry Red Seal Instructor, who were in attendance this evening.

The Chairperson and Trustees congratulated the students for their determination and accomplishments going to school and working in the trades. The ACE IT program has provided them with some amazing opportunities, and is a beneficial program for students as well as the employers in our community. They wished the students all of the best as they move forward in their careers.

FRENCH EXCHANGE TEACHER

Ms. Nancy Gordon, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Ms. Susan Jeffrey, Modern Languages Coordinator, and Ms. Clémentine Desmettre, French Exchange Teacher from Lille, Northern France. This is the first time Delta has had an exchange teacher from France, and North Delta Secondary is very lucky to have her. It has also been a wonderful opportunity for North Delta's teacher who is currently in France, and Ms. Jeffrey looks forward to future opportunities like this one. Ms. Desmettre spoke about her experience in Delta so far, including the cultural benefits and learning opportunities for students. Students in her class at North Delta Secondary have been exchanging videos every two weeks with her class in France. Ms. Desmettre thanked Delta for this wonderful opportunity.

Chairperson Dixon thanked Ms. Desmettre for attending this evening's meeting and sharing her experience. The district has supported student exchanges, and it's a wonderful innovation for teachers to have these same opportunities. Chairperson Dixon looks forward to hearing more towards the end of the school year.

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IB

Ms. Nancy Gordon, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Mr. Andy Wong and Ms. Dhana Matthews, IB Coordinators from Seaquam Secondary. The IB Program at Seaquam is currently in its sixth year. Mr. Wong and Ms. Matthews presented on the latest student achievement results from the IB Program, as well as a summary of how the program is progressing at the school, highlighting the following areas:

- Benefits of the IB Program
- Overview of IB Requirements and the Seaquam program
- The IB Learner Profile
- Seaquam's IB Staff
- Table of Past Results
- Current Enrolment
- Highlights of the Class of 2016.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Mr. Ted Johnson, District Principal of Continuing Education, introduced Mr. Chris Fuoco, Community Schools Program Manager, who shared the following highlights in his presentation:

- A Results-Based Logic Model
- Areas of Focus Summary
- OST Program Areas – Delta Hype (Healthy Youth Program 4 Everyone), Access 2 Assets (Access 2 Developmental Assets) and Sunational Daycamps
- Number of Participants for Children & Family Programs and Teen & Tween Programs
- How it all Works – Partnerships, Grants and Community Development
- Ongoing Partnerships – Delta Gymnastics, Delta Police, Badminton BC, Delta Sports Council, Football BC (TBA), BC Wrestling & SFU Wrestling, 60 Minutes Kids Club, Fraser Valley Health, Delta Parks, Recreation & Culture and Boys & Girls Club of the South Coast.
- Community Development
- Grants and Donations.

Chairperson Dixon thanked Mr. Fuoco for his presentation, and expressed how proud she is to hear about all of the great programs being offered in Delta.

Chairperson Dixon introduced the following guest in the audience:

- Mr. Dean Eichorn – Representative for the Association of Delta School Administrators.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Windsor/Reid

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 11, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Bennett reported that today is Aboriginal Remembrance Day. It was created with the need for special recognition for First Nations people that served in the First and Second World Wars. When they returned back home they faced a lot of racism despite having fought with fellow Canadian veterans. Trustee Bennett attended a ceremony today in Victory Square honouring these veterans.

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

- ELL Consortium meeting in mid-October which was attended by Ministry representative Meghan Carr. Ms. Carr was hired on a short term contract to work on a standards document, which she hopes to have completed by the end of November. Jerry Wu, SWIS Manager with the Vancouver School District, also attended the meeting to discuss funding for Settlement Workers. Sophia Lee has been invited to attend the next meeting, and Mark Gifford, Trustee with the New Westminster School District and Director of Grants & Community Initiatives with the Vancouver Foundation, will be attending to speak on sanctuary schools.
- Delview Secondary's Thanks for Giving which raised over 16,000 food items. Chairperson Dixon and Senior Staff also attended the event.
- First meeting of the Integrated Learning Advisory Committee.

Trustee Kanakos attended the BCPSEA Symposium in Vancouver as Trustee Representative for the Board of Education. It was a two-day conference on Insight and Opportunities: Human Resources in Education. While at the conference Trustee Kanakos reflected on the work of school district staff. He thanked partner groups and expressed his appreciation for what they accomplish on a daily basis; Principals and Vice-Principals for the work running schools in a kind, caring and efficient way; Teachers for their unending dedication to students who they support and guide on a daily basis; and support staff for all of the behind scenes work that is essential in making schools run smoothly.

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

- Ministry of Education – BCSTA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Partner Liaison Meeting, also attended by Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Strain. A second session was held the following day for all Board Chairs on governance and finance.
- New school liaison Trustee visits. Chairperson Dixon thanked Ms. Gordon, Mr. Bauman and Principals for hosting these visits, and conveyed her appreciation for the time she was able to spend at these schools.
- Trustees will be attending Remembrance Day ceremonies in North and South Delta, and Trustees and staff will be attending school assemblies on Thursday.

NEW REPORTING SYSTEM FOR STUDENT PROGRESS

Mr. Neil Stephenson, Director of Learning Services, provided an update on the Communicating Student Learning Pilot occurring in Delta Elementary Schools.

FIELD TRIP

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

- Delta Softball Academy – Field trip to Plano, Texas from November 10-14, 2016.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

December 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.      Delta School Board Office  
4585 Harvest Drive  
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Reid/Kanakos

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of November 8, 2016 be adjourned.

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ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer