

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: May 16, 2017 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Dixon, Chairperson
R. Bennett
F. Milat
B. Reid
D. Saip
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 of Facilities & Planning
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: N. Kanakos

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 Saip/Milat
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON DISTRICT SUCCESS

Mr. Doug Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools, provided a general overview of recent student success results in the Delta School District. Mr. Sheppard's presentation included:

- The District's Bold Vision that was developed in 2010, and revised last year.
- Results from the 2015 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA is an international test that is conducted annually and given to 15 year old students. Each year has a different focus area, and for 2015 it was Science. Canada did very well in both the areas of Science and Reading. BC placed third in the world for Science and first in the world for reading. Students are achieving high levels. For Math, Canada placed a bit farther down, as did BC placing ninth in the world.
- Data collected by the Ministry is used to report the 6 Year Completion Rates. In all of the following areas Delta achieved a higher rate of completion compared to the provincial and Metro school districts averages:
 - All Students
 - English Language Learner (ELL) Students
 - Female Students
 - Male Students
 - Students with Special Needs
 - Aboriginal Students

Mr. Sheppard noted that the 6 Year Completion Rates data can be shared and is consistent across the province. Mr. Sheppard also spoke briefly about the difference between the data collected for public and private schools. Individual independent schools only have enough students to generate their own yearly school-based graduation rates, and those are purely based on students who enter grade 12 and graduate.

Chairperson Dixon thanked Mr. Sheppard for taking the time to present, and commended Delta students for all of their hard work.

Chairperson Dixon introduced the following guests in the audience:

- The two new MLA Elects: Mr. Ravi Kahlon, Delta – North, and Mr. Ian Paton, Delta – South.
- Ms. Jeanette Beaulieu and Ms. Claire Clancy from the Association of School District Administrators.
- Ms. Eileen Penney and Mr. Ian Reade from CUPE Local 1091.
- Ms. Paige Hansen, District Vice-Principal of Academy Programs.

Mr. Paton thanked Trustees and Staff for inviting Mr. Kahlon and himself to join them for dinner and the Board's In-Camera session earlier in the evening.

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VIMY RIDGE PRESENTATION

Ms. Jeanette Beaulieu, Principal at Delta Secondary, joined forty-one students from Delta Secondary on their field trip to Vimy Ridge for the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of Canada's Victory. It was a fabulous trip, the students were fantastic and handled themselves like seasoned travellers. Ms. Beaulieu received several compliments on how respectful, kind and considerate the students were. Delta Secondary students Mitch Robinson and MacKenzie Galbraith spoke about their experiences visiting Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Dresden, Krakow, Auschwitz and Prague. In particular, they found their visits to Vimy Ridge, Anne Frank's house, a Canadian Cemetery in the Netherlands that was part of World War II, and Auschwitz to be very moving and life changing. A proud moment they experienced while travelling on the bus, was seeing the groups of kids everywhere waving Canadian flags. It was nice to see how well respected Canadians were in the Netherlands and Vimy. Overall the trip was a great bonding experience for the students. Thirty-five students from South Delta Secondary also attended the celebrations in April.

Trustees thanked the students and Ms. Beaulieu for attending this evening and sharing their experiences from their trip, and the impact it had on them.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Windsor/Saip

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of May 2, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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

- ELL Consortium (as Chair) – The Consortium met last week and did a re-think of their priorities. They have achieved two goals so far: The hiring of a dedicated staff at the Ministry, Ms. Meghan Carr, who will be solely focussing on ELL, and the development of a standards document.
- Delta Opera Academy's performance at the Vancouver Opera Festival at Queen Elizabeth Theatre, also attended by Chairperson Dixon, Superintendent Sheppard, and Mr. Johnson. The students did an amazing performance in celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday.

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Trustee Bennett reported on the following committee meeting and event she recently attended:

- Equity Scan meeting on May 8, also attended by Trustee Windsor. Delta is one of six districts working with the Ministry on this pilot. It was nice to come together and hear how the process will roll out, as this process will benefit all students.
- Canoe trip with Grade 7 & 8 Indigenous students at Deas Island. It was a wonderful opportunity to get out on the water with the students, and have a safe place for them to explore their identity, and think about who they are and where they are from.

Chairperson Dixon attended last night's Delta Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) meeting and would like to thank Keith Punshon for his term as DPAC Chair, and welcome new Chair Joe Muego and the newly elected Executive.

2018/2019 CAPITAL PLAN

M/S Trustees Saip/Windsor

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 37 (Delta) approves the 2018/2019 Capital Plan.

CARRIED

ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM

Mr. Frank Geyer, Director of Facilities & Planning, provided a brief update on the Adult School Crossing Guard Program, in particular the intersection at 44th Avenue and Arthur Drive. At the May 2 Regular Board meeting Mr. Geyer brought forward a plan for this Fall. During the question period, the Board was asked about a location that was not on the list, 44th Avenue and Arthur Drive. This location has been brought forward to the Transportation Technical Committee for review 3 times in the last 7 years, ever since Delta Manor Elementary closed and the boundaries were adjusted. Principals are canvassed in February/March each year and asked where the greatest need is. This year Ladner Elementary reported back that they felt the crosswalk in front of the school was the one in greatest need. Mr. Geyer will add the intersection at 44th Avenue and Arthur Drive for consideration. As the list has already been submitted, Mr. Geyer will bring this intersection forward to the Transportation Technical Committee at tomorrow's meeting.

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OPERA ACADEMY

Ms. Paige Hansen, District Vice-Principal of Academy Programs, provided an update on the Opera Academy including the following statistics: 23 students in its inaugural year from 5 schools in Grades 8-12. Students have seen 8 Operas at the Vancouver Opera, worked with 11 Teaching Art Artists, and 3 Pianists, Accompanists and Composers. They have attended 1 Master Class, gone back stage in 3 theatres, written 2 original shows and 7 superb pieces of music, and have performed in 8 different venues. Ms. Paige recognized the 2 wonderful institutions that have come together, the Delta School District and the Vancouver Opera, to make this opportunity possible for Delta students. Ms. Hansen introduced Ms. Colleen Maybin, Director of Education & Community Engagement with the Vancouver Opera, and Ms. Jill Bodkin, Vice-Chair of the Vancouver Opera Board of Directors.

Ms. Bodkin thanked the Board and district for being an amazing partner. Opera is about how we learn, how we can be our best, and what we are doing together, Delta students are inventing themselves and the future. Ms. Bodkin referred to the district's Mission about students graduating with dignity and purpose. These students have been behind the scenes, and the career opportunities they may have is amazing. What they have achieved is a real credit to the district.

Ms. Maybin's role with the Vancouver Opera is to build relationships. The Vancouver Opera believes in the power of non-profit arts for those that don't fit into band or choir, through Opera there is a place for everyone. Ms. Maybin is a Delta parent, and is very proud and fortunate that her children attend school in Delta.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

June 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Delta School Board Office
4585 Harvest Drive
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Windsor/Saip

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of May 16, 2017 be adjourned.

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:36 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer