

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN ROOM #2020 AT THE DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
L. Larsen, Vice Chairperson
T. Allen
C. Dobie
P. Glass
R. Masi
L. McNally

Staff

M. McKay, Superintendent
W. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer
J. Tinney, Deputy Superintendent
L. McCuaig, Executive Assistant

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

In addition to the Table Officers named above, the following presenters and staff were in attendance at the meeting:

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Jackie Howard, former Principal, James Ardiel Elementary; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services and Doug Strachan, Manager, Communications.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada".

(b) **Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting**

It was requested that item 4(a) *Trustee Reports*, be removed from the agenda; item 4(e) *Update on Anti-Homophobia Working Group (verbal)*, be added to the agenda and all items be renumbered accordingly.

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee Glass:

THAT the agenda of the Regular Board meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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(c) Recognition: Margaret Staller, Special Education Assistant, James Ardiel Elementary

The Board recognized Margaret (Mugs) Staller, an Education Assistant at James Ardiel Elementary School, for her extraordinary service to students and the school community.

Jackie Howard, former Principal, James Ardiel Elementary, provided Trustees with highlights of the exceptional service provided by Mugs.

A few years ago, James Ardiel Elementary adopted the famous Gandhi quote, "*Be the Change you Wish to See in the World*", as the school's motto. Ms. Staller personifies Gandhi's wise words.

Mugs is an exceptional person who continuously enriches the lives of those around her and is known for her unwavering dedication to the success of students.

Her exceptional passion and compassion are obvious and infectious; so much so, that students of all cultures, backgrounds, ages and stages of development are excited to attend James Ardiel Elementary. Mugs sees only the best in people and makes everyone around her feel special, cared for and loved.

She is always there to make the school a welcoming place, whether helping with the grounds of the school, bulletin boards, costumes, art work, choir, concert preparation, coaching or just playing with kids with bubbles and toys.

To staff, Mugs is an irreplaceable resource. Her offers to assist are never-ending and the supportive praise she gives her colleagues is often just the encouragement they need.

True to her nature, Mugs' dedication to others frequently extends beyond the walls of James Ardiel Elementary. Her extensive volunteer work in the school community includes helping local families in need, delivering food hampers and assisting the homeless.

Mugs Staller embodies the change we wish to see in the world.

The Surrey Board of Education recognized Mugs Staller for extraordinary service to students and the school community of James Ardiel Elementary.

The Chairperson presented Ms. Staller with a certificate and a pin to commemorate the formal recognition.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2012-12-13**

It was moved by Trustee Allen seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2012-12-13 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) **Annual Review of Kilometrage Rates**

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Glass:

THAT the Board increase the Kilometrage Reimbursement Rate from \$0.52 per km. to \$0.53 per km., effective 2013-02-01.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

Pecuniary Interest

Trustee Dobie declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 2(a) *Notice of Motion, Trustee T. Allen, re: Cooperative Gains Mandate*, and did not participate in discussions or decisions on the matter.

(a) **Notice of Motion, Trustee T. Allen, re: Cooperative Gains Mandate**

Trustee Allen presented his Notice of Motion regarding Cooperative Gains Mandate.

It was moved by Trustee Larsen, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the *Notice of Motion, Trustee T. Allen, re: Cooperative Gains Mandate* at the 2013-01-17 Regular meeting.

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustee Dobie)

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee Larsen:

THAT WHEREAS the Minister of Education has requested the Surrey Board of Education to fund any increase to support staff salaries through the Cooperative Gains Mandate; and

WHEREAS like all other school boards across the province, the Surrey Board of Education is facing a funding shortfall.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT the Board Chairperson write to the Minister of Education informing him that we support wage increases to support staff; but any increase must be fully funded by the Provincial Government.

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustee Dobie)

(b) Notice of Motion, Trustee L. McNally, re: Architect Project Definition Review

Trustee McNally presented her Notice of Motion regarding Architect Project Definition Review.

It was moved by Trustee Masi, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the *Notice of Motion, Trustee L. McNally, re: Architect Project Definition Review* at the 2013-01-17 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Glass:

THAT WHEREAS the Surrey School District enrolment continues to grow; and

WHEREAS the provincial funding for additional school capital infrastructure has failed to keep pace with the enrolment growth; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education in its last Capital submission identified two new secondary schools for the Clayton and Grandview areas and two elementary expansions in the Cloverdale and Grandview area as its four highest priorities; and

WHEREAS the timeline to hire architectural firms to begin the planning for these four schools is lengthy.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT the Board direct Administration to engage architectural firm(s) to develop a Project Definition Report (PDR) for the Clayton and Grandview secondary schools and the Cloverdale and Grandview elementary school expansions; and

THAT the funding for the PDR for the four schools be allocated from the Local Capital Reserve (LCR); and

THAT the amount allocated be set at 5 million dollars; and

THAT the Board seek assurances from the Ministry of Education that the expended funds will be replenished upon receiving approval for the projects.

CARRIED

(c) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(d) Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments - 2013

Trustees received a list of the 2013 Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments for information.

(e) Update on Anti-Homophobia Working Group (*verbal*)

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the status of the ongoing work of the Anti-Homophobia Working Group. Highlights included:

- The working group consists of 7 or 8 people representing parents and employee groups as well as 2 student representatives
- The group has met several times over the summer
- Jordan Tinney, Deputy Superintendent is co-chairing the group with Mike McKay.
- Sub groups have been created and are working on various segments of the overall review/project.
- Key elements of review include social responsibility, student safety, bullying.
- Education needs to be multifaceted to 3 groups, staff, students and parents/community. Different levels of education to groups as needed.
- The group is looking at current practises, beliefs and statements.
- Policy, procedures, regulation revisions will be brought forward to trustees once recommendations have been completed
- The district needs to make a clear statement about what our boundaries are – every student needs to feel respected and safe
- Will build in some procedures so that awareness stays high.

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(f) Report on Class Size and Changes to Legislation on Class Size – December Update

Dr. Jordan Tinney, Deputy Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the December update on the report on class size and changes to legislation on class size.

(g) Incoming Correspondence

There were no correspondence items requiring Trustees' attention.

[5] **FUTURE BUSINESS**

(a) Items for Future Discussion

Trustees made note of topics requiring discussion by the Board in the future on the agenda administrative memorandum schedule.

(b) Future Meetings

Trustees made note of future meetings outlined on the agenda administrative memorandum schedule.

[6] **QUESTION PERIOD**

An informal question period of up to 30 minutes will be provided immediately following the conclusion of the meeting.

[7] **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer