

**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, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

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

**Staff**

J. Tinney, Acting Superintendent  
W. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer  
L. McCuaig, Executive Assistant

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:05 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; Ellen Holmes, President, Surrey Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services, Angie Smith, Administrative Assistant and Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services.

(b) **"O Canada"**

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED**

(d) Presentation: Canadian Parents for French, re: Donation to Purchase French Library Books

Ellen Holmes, President of the Surrey Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French (CPF) provided Trustees with information regarding the program. Several students demonstrated their French Immersion skills:

- Kindergarten students from Woodward Hill Elementary sang a few songs in French
- A grade 7 student presented her speech in French.
- A secondary student presented her video that was broadcast as TV news story.

CPF activities for 2012/2013 include: hosted district-wide film festival, reintroduction of annual carnival; supplied awards; monthly French café for senior students; offered free kindergarten memberships to new families; will have 9<sup>th</sup> annual Quebec student exchange in the summer; and scholarships awards.

The CPF presented a donation in the amount of \$12,500 to the Board to be used for the purchase of French library resources in the various French Immersion programs in the district.

The Chairperson thanked the CPF for their generous donation and their continued work in supporting the students and families in the district who are involved in French programs.

(d) Presentation: Lieutenant Colonel Rod Needham, Canadian Forces Liaison Council, re: Award

Lieutenant Colonel Rod Needham, representing the Canadian Forces Liaison Council, presented the Board with an "*Award of Excellence for Best Practices in Employer Support: Educational Institution, BC*" in recognition of their support for Canadian Forces employees. The Lieutenant Colonel is also a grade 7 teacher at W. E. Kinvig Elementary.

The Lieutenant Colonel nominated the Board for this award because he felt the district was very supportive of him especially and other Canadian Forces personnel in providing leaves for them to go to various training events and participate in Unique opportunities. The employees returned to the same job, when their leave was complete. Two of the Lieutenant Colonel's recent leaves made a big difference in his career. One was to attend the Canadian Securities Studies Program where he learned about contemporary global security issues. The second was a 6 month leave to work as the Deputy Health Planning Officer for the Olympic Games recently held in the Vancouver area.

Lieutenant Colonel Rod Needham presented the award to the Chairperson on behalf of the Board, in recognition and appreciation for its support of the Reserve Force.

Chairperson Wilson thanked Lieutenant Colonel Rod Needham and the Canadian Forces for the prestigious award.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2013-03-14**

It was moved by Trustee Allen seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2013-03-14 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

(b) **Notice of Motion, Trustee T. Allen, Re: Charitable Donations**

Trustee Allen presented his Notice of Motion regarding Charitable Donations.

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

THAT WHEREAS, Dry Graduation events are an integral part of a student's K-12 experience; and

WHEREAS, the Parent Advisory Councils solicit community donations to host dry graduation events; and

WHEREAS, the provincial government of British Columbia supports dry graduation events and the issuance of charitable tax receipts for such events; and

WHEREAS, the current position of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is to not accept charitable tax receipts for dry graduation event donations.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT the Board direct Administration to contact the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to discuss and review the CRA's current position regarding Dry Graduation events; and

THAT Administration report back to the Board by 2013-12-31.

CARRIED

(c) Grant Application – Urban Aboriginal Discovery Program

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

THAT the Board support the submission of a funding proposal in the amount of \$60,000 to the Government of Canada's Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth program through the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres to fund the Urban Aboriginal Discovery Program.

CARRIED

(d) Specialty Academy Program Fees

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

THAT the 2013/2014 schedule of fees for specialty academies be approved as follows:

Intensive Fine Arts	
David Brankin Elementary	\$40
White Rock Elementary	\$40
Hockey Academy	
Earl Marriott Secondary	\$675
Semiahmoo Secondary	\$675
Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary	\$800
Advanced Hockey Academy	
Earl Marriott Secondary	\$4500
Softball Academy	
Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary	\$300
International Baccalaureate Program	
Semiahmoo Secondary	\$200 Registration \$140 per Examination.

CARRIED

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[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

National Day of Mourning

The Chairperson noted that across Canada, April 28<sup>th</sup> has been designated the Day of Mourning, a time when workers, families, employers and others acknowledge and remember those who have lost their lives to work-related incidents or occupational diseases. April 28<sup>th</sup> has been declared a National Day of Mourning in the school district.

(b) Notice of Motion, Trustee C. Dobie, re: Welcome Centre

Trustee Dobie presented her Notice of Motion regarding the Welcome Centre.

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the *Notice of Motion, Trustee C. Dobie, re: Welcome Centre* at the 2013-04-18 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS the Welcome Centre in Surrey is committed to providing professional settlement services to immigrants, refugees, other eligible students and families; and

WHEREAS, the school district accomplishes this by embracing diversity, advocating empowerment and facilitating engagement for immigrant and refugee students and families in schools and in Canadian society; and

WHEREAS our professional school-based settlement services empower and support immigrant, refugee students and families to enable them to fully participate in a culturally-diverse society; and

WHEREAS the Welcome Centre is seamlessly integrated into the framework of service delivery with the Surrey School District.

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IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Board direct Administration to write to the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, expressing the Board's support for the continuity of funding and the Board's desire to continue as a partner of this valuable program as it transitions to Federal jurisdiction.

CARRIED

- (c) Notice of Motion, Trustee L. Larsen, re: Foundation Skills Assessment/Random Testing

Trustee Larsen presented her Notice of Motion regarding Foundation Skills Assessment/Random Testing. The matter will be brought back to the next meeting for formal consideration.

Staff Retirement Recognition

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer advised the Board that Angie Smith, Administrative Assistant, Secretary-Treasurer's Department, who has provided support to the Board during her 8 years of employment with the district, will be retiring next week. This will be the final Board meeting she attends. The Board thanked Angie for her years of excellent service and extended best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

- (d) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

- (e) 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 Glass, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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S. Wilson  
Chairperson

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W. Noye  
Secretary-Treasurer

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