

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, OCTOBER 10th, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

M. McKay, Superintendent
W. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer
J. Tinney, Deputy Superintendent

K. Botsford, Executive Assistant

Absent

P. Glass

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Chairperson Wilson advised the Board that Trustee Glass was absent due to illness.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Jenyne Dorfer, Parent Surrey Traditional School; Lisa Garner, Parent Surrey Traditional School; Jennifer Janzen, Administrative Assistant; Chaminda Jayasekara, Parent Surrey Traditional; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director Business Management Services; Mr. Tsai Ching Lin, Shuzen College; L. McCuaig, Executive Assistant; Doug Strachan, Communications; Ms. Mei Hui Tsai, Shuzen College.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied by a recording by David Brankin Elementary students.

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

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

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

CARRIED

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(c) Recognition: Mr. Tsai Ching Lin and Ms. Mei Hui Tsai

The Board recognized Mr. Tsai Ching Lin and Ms. Mei Hui Tsai for their extraordinary generosity and support of education and Surrey School District students.

This year will be the tenth anniversary of an exchange program that has so far, enabled 80 Grade 10 students to study at Lin's Shuzen College in Taiwan.

The Lins have also sponsored nine district students to attend their college's Chinese Language program, covering the costs of dorm, tuition and books for this year-long program.

Principal, Kevin Deboice introduced the Panorama students who will be going on exchange this year. The students introduced their exchange student to the Board including their grade equivalent and some of their hobbies. Mr. Deboice elaborated on the Lins' many contributions to education including their achievements in education partnerships with Canadian universities and partnerships with institutions in other countries.

Mr. Tsai Ching Lin thanked the Board for the honour and stated that education is the way to change human lives. Mr. Lin is pleased to offer the opportunity to Surrey students to study in Taiwan. Ms. Mui Hui Tsai thanked the students and staff of the Surrey School District for their support of the exchange program.

Chairperson Wilson presented Mr. Tsai Ching Lin and Ms. Mei Hui Tsai with a certificate and commemorative pins in honour of their formal recognition by the Board.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

(a) Delegation: Chaminda Jayasekara, Lisa Garner, Jenyne Dorfer, Surrey Traditional School, Parents re: Petition

Chaminda Jayasekara, parent from Surrey Traditional School, and another parent brought a petition to the meeting asking the Board to reverse the decision of creating split classes. They asked the Board what could they do (as a delegation) to have the decision reversed. Chairperson Wilson stated that the Board would not reverse its decision nor reconsider the staffing levels for the Surrey Traditional School.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2013-09-19

It was moved by Trustee McNally seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2013-09-19 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Motion, Trustee R. Masi, Re: First Response to Student Accidents

It was moved by Trustee Masi seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT WHEREAS, the Surrey District Parents' Advisory Committee (DPAC) has brought forward a motion of concern regarding the first response by the schools in the event of a student accident.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct Administration to prepare a report examining the suitability and effectiveness of the Board's policy and procedures regarding first responses to student accidents; and

THAT this report be presented to the Board by 2014-02-01.

CARRIED

(c) Motion, Trustee T. Allen Re: Declaration of November 6, 2013 – "Take Our Kids to Work"

It was moved by Trustee Allen seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT WHEREAS the "Take Our Kids to Work" program sponsored by The Learning Partnership, brings together business people, education and community leaders who are committed to creating challenging learning and career opportunities for young people in Grade 9; and

WHEREAS this project will show students through direct experiences, just how important skills, training and education are to their success; and

WHEREAS substantive curriculum materials have been written for in-class projects and assignments to support the day and make the experience more meaningful for the students, including the Workplace Guide which is also available to assist participating

workplaces in preparing a positive experience for employees and their guests; and

WHEREAS the success of the day is contingent on the level of participation by the students, parents, teachers and employers in bringing to reality the experience of an average work day.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT the Board declare November 6, 2013 as “*Take Our Kids to Work*” day and publicize the event throughout the school district by reminding staff, parents, students and the business community of the benefit to our Grade 9 students afforded by supporting the various activities during this special day.

CARRIED

(d) Five Year Capital Plan 2014-2017

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer and Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services provided Trustees with information regarding the Five Year Capital Plan for 2013-2017 and the status of the Board’s potential future projects.

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

THAT the Board approve the 2013/2014 Capital Plan Submission (for period 2013-2017), as presented, for submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

(e) Recommended Architect Appointment – District Education Resource Centre

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

THAT the firm of Craven Huston Powers Architects be appointed Project Architect and the Board’s signing officers be authorized to execute client/architect agreement with the firm for a new District Education Resource Centre located on the District Education Centre site.

CARRIED

(f) Bylaw #226, Re: Semiahmoo Secondary – Site #049 – Statutory Right-of-Way – City of Surrey

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

THAT Bylaw #226, Re: Semiahmoo Secondary – Site #049 Statutory Right-of-Way be given three (3) readings at this meeting.
CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #226, Re: Semiahmoo Secondary – Site #049 Statutory Right-of-Way be approved as read a first time.
CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #226, Re: Semiahmoo Secondary – Site #049 Statutory Right-of-Way be approved as read a second time.
CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #226, Re: Semiahmoo Secondary – Site #049 Statutory Right-of-Way be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.
CARRIED

(g) Bylaw #227, Re: H.T. Thrift – Site #056 – Statutory Right-of-Way – City of Surrey

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

THAT Bylaw #227, Re: H. T. Thrift Elementary – Site #056 Statutory Right-of-Way be given three (3) readings at this meeting.
CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #227, Re: H. T. Thrift Elementary – Site #056 Statutory Right-of-Way be approved as read a first time.
CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #227, Re: H. T. Thrift Elementary – Site #056 Statutory Right-of-Way be approved as read a second time.
CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #227, Re: H. T. Thrift Elementary – Site #056 Statutory Right-of-Way be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(h) Establishment of Parents' Advisory Council – Katzie Elementary, Site #201

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

THAT the Board formally recognize the establishment of a Parents' Advisory Council at Katzie Elementary School – Site #201.

CARRIED

(i) 2013 Audited Financial Statements

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

THAT the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended 2013-06-30 be approved.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(c) Learning Improvement Fund Report

Mike McKay, Superintendent and Jordan Tinney, Deputy Superintendent, provided Trustees with a report on the Learning Improvement Fund.

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

THAT the Board receive the report as presented.

CARRIED

(d) 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 8:20 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer