

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN ROOM #2020 OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18th, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
L. Larsen, Vice Chairperson
T. Allen
B. Holmes
L. McNally
G. Thind
G. Tymoschuk

Staff

Dr. J. Tinney, Superintendent
W. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer
R. Ryan, Deputy Superintendent
K. Botsford, 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 staff were in attendance at the meeting:

James Ahn, Department Head, Fraser Heights Secondary; Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Jennifer Janzen, Administrative Assistant; Joel Johnson, Principal, Frost Road Elementary; Sheila Morissette, Principal, Fraser Heights Secondary; Monika Tusnady, Teacher, Frost Road Elementary.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied by a recording from Frost Road Elementary.

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

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

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

CARRIED

(c) **Traditional Welcome**

Chairperson Wilson acknowledged that our Surrey Schools are located on the shared traditional territory of the Coast Salish people.

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(d) Presentation – Fraser Heights Secondary, Science Academy

Sheila Morissette, Principal at Fraser Heights Secondary School introduced the presentation by students graduating from the Science Academy program. In 2013, Fraser Heights was the recipient of a Ministry of Education grant for Innovation in Schools. This resulted in the Science Academy and a partnership with Simon Fraser University. Science Academy students take university credit courses while in the program, often achieving higher marks than their university aged classmates. Ms. Morissette stated that she and the teachers are very proud of this graduating class, many of whom are graduating with scholarships to prestigious post-secondary institutions including, Harvard, Yale, Brown, University of California (Berkeley), McGill, and UBC.

James Ahn, Department Head at Fraser Heights Secondary thanked the Board for approving the Academy. He explained that the students have exceeded all expectations and have become independent learners. A selection of Science Academy students came to share their Capstone Projects with the Board. The projects were initiated and completed by the students for the sole purpose of learning; no marks were assigned.

Leona Lu and Kevin Li presented their project, the *Sound of Math*. Kevin and Leona explained that math and music are related in two ways, tuning and symmetry. Tuning is mathematical because of the ratios between the notes. As tuning has progressed, along with mathematics, it has allowed for notes to be tuned to each other, instead of being tuned to one note, which involves identical ratios between the notes. Symmetry in music is found in repetition. The students explained that your ear recognizes and appreciates hearing similarities and familiarities. Therefore, a lot of songs are based on the same basic chord progression. They proceeded to play seven songs (Don't Stop Believing, Forever Young, I'm Yours, Hey There Delilah, Poker Face, Can You Feel the Love Tonight, and Time to Say Goodbye) to demonstrate that these songs are based on the same chord progression yet have different melodies.

Procedural Note: *Trustee Allen joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.*

Chairperson Wilson commended the student on their projects. Trustee Holmes asked the students if the art of composing music could ever be fully computerized. The students responded that there are computer programs that currently assist composers, however, there is a human element, an art that people identify with.

Also in attendance were the following Science Academy students and projects:

- Vicky Liu and Alison Wu – Interactive Chatbot
- Zhe Hao Dong, Matthew Li and Sachintha Premathilaka – Gear Differentials

Procedural Note: At 7:15 p.m. Chairperson Wilson adjourned the meeting for a recess to allow Trustees to view the other projects that Academy students brought to share. The meeting was reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

(e) Presentation – Frost Road Elementary, Division 4 Students

Chairperson Wilson called upon Joel Johnson, Principal, Frost Road Elementary to introduce Madame Tusnady and the Division 4 students.

Madame Tusnady played a video clip of the students explaining what they have learned from juggling. Students expressed that they have learned resiliency, risk taking, and to never stop focusing. They said that no one can master juggling as there is always something else to learn. Juggling turned a disordered person into a mindful student. They also learned that a weak start does not necessarily determine the end result.

The students performed a routine choreographed to music that included juggling, dancing, and drumming. Chairperson Wilson thanked the class for coming and told them he felt like a judge on *America's Got Talent*. Trustee Thind congratulated Madame Tusnady and her class on performing in a small space. Trustee Holmes commended the students for bringing so many aspects together in one performance. In summary, Chairperson Wilson told the class that he would like to be a student at Frost Road Elementary, so he could learn to juggle.

[2] DELEGATIONS

(a) Children's Partnerships Surrey White Rock

Chairperson Wilson welcomed Ruth Beardsley and Rhea Hubbard to speak to the Board regarding working together for child care in Surrey.

Ms. Beardsley spoke about the current state of child care in Surrey, stating that more than ever, parents are looking for child care spaces and for every hundred children there are 12.4 available spaces in Surrey. The cost of child care was cited as the second largest cost to families. Often, due to cost, parents rely on informal child care. Ms. Hubbard reported that there are 51 licensed programs on school district property, 17 preschools, 34 full day and afterschool programs, along with programs provided by Community-Schools Partnership. There is a common misconception that programs held at schools are high quality programs that abide by the Ministry's Early Learning Framework.

Ms. Beardsley and Ms. Hubbard are looking to create a collaborative Surrey Child Care Action Plan and are requesting that the District participate in a Surrey/White Rock Child Care Task Force with the mandate to develop a

Child Care Action Plan by year end. They are asking District staff to lend their expertise to the task force, and that Trustees receive regular updates to help maintain momentum. The goal is to have many community partners involved in the task force.

Trustee McNally inquired into the number of groups that have indicated that they are committed to the program; the response was that this was the group's second presentation and that they had not heard back from the City of Surrey regarding their request. Trustee Tymoschuk commended the delegation for their efforts as child care is important. He asked them how long they have been together as a group. Seven months was the response; however, some members of the group have been involved in childcare for thirty years. Trustee Allen cautioned the delegation about the District's ability to supply staff to the effort as District resources are stretched. Chairperson Wilson indicated that the Board would consider the delegations request and a response would be forthcoming at a future Board meeting.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2015-06-04**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2015-06-04 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) **Report of the 2015/2016 Budget Committee**

Trustee Allen, Chairperson of the 2015/2016 Budget Committee presented the report to Trustees. He thanked his fellow Trustees, Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services, and Linda Gertz, Assistant Manager, Fiscal Management Services for their time and dedication in working with Trustees to present a balance budget.

Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers)

Pecuniary Interest

Trustees Larsen and Holmes declared a pecuniary interest with reference to the Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) and did not participate in discussions or voting on this matter.

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

THAT all decisions taken by the 2015/2016 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Teacher costs totaling \$392,155,644 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation; and

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustees Larsen and Holmes)

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustees Larsen and Holmes)

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustees Larsen and Holmes)

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustees Larsen and Holmes)

Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff)

Pecuniary Interest

Trustee Tymoschuk declared a pecuniary interest with reference to the Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) and did not participate in discussions or voting on this matter.

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

THAT all decisions taken by the 2015/2016 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Unionized Support Staff costs totaling \$140,814,149 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation; and

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustee Tymoschuk)

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustee Tymoschuk)

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustee Tymoschuk)

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustee Tymoschuk)

Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other)

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

THAT all decisions taken by the 2015/2016 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Other costs totaling \$166,681,684 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation; and

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2015/2016 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

Trustee McNally thanked Trustee Allen, Budget Committee Chairperson, for his hard work throughout the budgeting process.

At the Regular Board meeting held 2015-03-05, the Board tabled the motion regarding the Trustee honorarium until the approval of a balanced budget. With the approval of the 2015/2016 budget, Trustee Allen brought the original motion back for consideration.

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

THAT the Board set the Trustee honorarium base rate at \$32,000 per annum effective 2015-07-01; and

THAT the Vice Chairperson receive an additional 7.5% above the Trustee honorarium, rounded to the nearest \$100; and

THAT the Chairperson receive an additional 15% above the Trustee honorarium, rounded to the nearest \$100; and

THAT the Trustee professional development allowance be set at \$4000 per annum; and

THAT Board Policy #2920 – *Trustees’ Honorarium* and the corresponding Regulation #2920.1 – *Trustees’ Honorarium* be adjusted to reflect the changes.

CARRIED

(c) Award of Construction Contract – Morgan Elementary (Site 188) – Four Classroom Addition and Rosemary Heights Elementary (Site 189) – Two Classroom Addition

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute a standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, Boston Construction Corp., in total amount of \$1,699,000 (excluding GST) for the additions at Morgan Elementary (Site 188) (four classroom addition), located at 3366-156A Street and Rosemary Heights Elementary (Site 189) (two classroom addition), located at 15516 -36 Avenue.

CARRIED

(d) Long Range Facilities and Education Plan

Dr. Jordan Tinney, Superintendent and Rick Ryan, Deputy Superintendent reviewed the Long Range Facilities and Education Plan with the Board. The following are the recommendations from the report for the Board's consideration:

1. THAT the district continues to support capacity building system-wide while encouraging teachers to explore the utility of e-portfolios as a means of providing parents and students with meaningful feedback of their learning; and
2. THAT the district continues to educate parents regarding e-portfolios connected to transformation in education; and
3. THAT staff provide the Board with semi-annual updates on e-portfolio implementation and associated parental acceptance of new representations of reporting student learning; and
4. THAT in 2015-16 staff review all programs of choice policies and regulations submitting amendments to the Policy Review Committee prior to bring recommendations to the Board for consideration; and
5. THAT in 2015-16 staff review current policy and regulation pertaining to programs of choice sibling registration procedures; and
6. THAT staff consult with the public to receive input regarding possible modifications to current procedures; and
7. THAT if after consultation, changes are deemed appropriate, staff bring recommendations to the Board for consideration; and
8. THAT the district on an annual basis, through the Program, Facilities and Planning Committee (PFP), review the viability for expansion of programs of choice; and
9. THAT recommendations for expansion of programs of choice that emerge over time from PFP be brought to the Board for consideration; and
10. THAT PFP, on an annual basis, review the viability for expansion of Early French Immersion with particular attention in the east area which

- has significant classroom space pressures, and the south area which has considerable demand based on waitlists; and
11. THAT the French Immersion Advisory Committee make recommendations to staff regarding the desire for expansion of Intensive French and/or Late Immersion program to be reviewed by PFP; and
 12. THAT the recommendations for expansion of programs of choice which emerge over time from PFP be brought to the Board for approval; and
 13. THAT based on a current recommendation from PFP, the district expand Early French Immersion at Cougar Creek Elementary for September 2015; and
 14. THAT in the 2015-16 school year, staff initiate an inclusive consultation process with the Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary community to explore all possible options and corresponding implications related to relocating approximately 600 students when the new secondary school is open in the North Clayton area; and
 15. THAT during the 2015-16 school year, PFP examine the possible relocation of all, or part, of the French Immersion Program presently located at Woodward Hill Elementary; and
 16. THAT PFP, on an annual basis, review the possibility of relocation of French Immersion Programs based on emergent enrolment pressures; and
 17. THAT by July 2015, staff complete the surveying of 10 elementary schools with the highest representation of families who are Punjabi speaking at home to determine parental interest with a view to potentially expanding the grades 5 through 7 Punjabi Language Program; and
 18. THAT the relocation of the North Surrey and Cloverdale Learning Centres be finalized prior to the September 2015 start-up for school; and
 19. THAT PFP continue to monitor the space requirements at the South Surrey/White Rock Learning Centre; and
 20. THAT staff complete the curriculum review for the Education Assistant (EA) and Applied Behaviour Analysis Worker (ABASW) programs by June 2016; and
 21. THAT the EA and ABASW training programs be relocated on an interim basis (location to be determined) prior to September 2015; and
 22. THAT the EA and ABASW programs be relocated to the Resource and Education Centre when ready for occupancy – anticipated October 2015; and
 23. THAT by September 2015, the Surrey Connect curriculum delivery model be transformed to the Surrey Academy for Innovation and Learning inter-disciplinary curriculum; and
 24. THAT staff complete the closure of the Newton Continuing Education site by August 2015; and

25. THAT staff support the merger of the staff from Newton Continuing Education with staff from the Queen Elizabeth and Invergarry Continuing Education sites; and
26. THAT staff continue to engage in discussion with the Sarah McLachlan School of Music in an effort to build a sustainable partnership in the best interest of students; and
27. THAT the Board and senior staff continue to advocate through all appropriate levels of government to secure capital project approvals based on district priorities; and
28. THAT the Board continue to advocate for direct financial support to maintain the district's inventory of portables which is unique to Surrey; and
29. THAT the Board continue to advocate for a funding model for education which recognizes unique geographical factors that accompany urban growth; and
30. THAT the Communications Department manage/moderate the PlaceSpeak online platform and liaise with senior staff regarding issues that require public feedback/input; and
31. THAT the Communications Department develop a topic page (on PlaceSpeak) devoted to capital priorities and projects by July 1, 2015; and
32. THAT PFP, on an annual basis, make recommendations to the Board when school catchment area adjustments become necessary to manage enrolment; and
33. THAT the Sullivan Heights Working Group, which has been established to explore strategies to manage enrolment growth at Sullivan Heights Secondary School, bring a strategic plan to PFP for review prior to making recommendations to the Board; and
34. THAT staff provide regular updates to the Board regarding progress towards completion, occupancy and impact of the opening of the new Resource and Education Centre; and
35. THAT the FASTrack programs supported in a "Learning Hub" five-plex being placed on the property where Central City Learning Centre is located, be ready for occupancy by school start-up (September 2015); and
36. THAT the approved improvements to the BASES portable structure be completed by August 2015; and
37. THAT the Lee School program be re-located to the Resource Education Centre when occupancy is approved; and
38. THAT the Education Services (Special Education) Department liaise with PFP to ensure that appropriate classroom space is provided for all Inter-agency Program students; and
39. THAT staff align resources to support the key elements of Learning by Design: Learning, Structures and Tools; and
40. THAT the Board continue to resource the infrastructure and hardware necessary to support learning in this digital age; and
41. THAT the International Department on an as needed basis (at least annually) liaise with PFP to monitor international student enrolment.

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

THAT the Board approve the recommendations contained in the Long Range Facilities and Education Plan.
CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION & PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Vice Chairperson Larsen reported on Trustees activities since the last Board Meeting. A copy of the report is available on the website.

(b) Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the Six Months Ended 2014-12-31

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee Tymoschuk;

THAT the Board receive the Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the six months ended 2014-12-31 for information.
CARRIED

(c) Incoming Correspondence

There were no correspondence items requiring Trustees' attention.

[5] **FUTURE BUSINESS**

(a) Items for Future Discussion

The Trustees noted topics requiring discussion by the Board in the future, outlined 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 8:45 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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