

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, MARCH 14th, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

Absent

P. Glass

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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; Aridam Kumar, Student; Shelagh Lim, Science Helping Teacher; and Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

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

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

(c) Presentation: Science Fair Students

Shelagh Lim, Science Helping Teacher, provided Trustees with information regarding the 46th Annual District Science Fair and introduced each of the Science Fair participants present.

The SD36 (Surrey) Science Fair is the largest science fair in Western Canada. Around 260 students participated in this year's science fair, with over 150 gold medals being awarded to students.

The generous support of the Central City Mall for the venue was most appreciated.

Seven years ago a new K-7 science curriculum was implemented. One of the main features of the new curriculum is for students to use an inquiry approach. They pose a question and really think about what they want to know and that drives the research and the presentation. The new curriculum approach is evident again in this year's science fair projects.

Each student made a short presentation on his/her project to the Board. The projects covered a wide variety of scientific concepts and highlighted the achievements of the students. Science Fair projects were presented by:

- Shahmeer Cheema, Grade 6 student, MJ Norris Elementary – *"Moss Graffiti"*
- Sophini Purewal, Grade 5 student, Erma Stephenson Elementary – *"BioFuel"*
- Joelle Fernandes & Jaylene Lucas, Grade 7 students, Simon Cunningham Elementary - *"Hydrophilics and Hydrophobics"*
- Henry Lei, Grade 7 student, Ocean Cliff Elementary – *"Raincouver"*
- Ashnoor Arora & Eashan Sharma, Grade 6 students, Betty Huff Elementary – *"A Peppermint for your Thoughts"*

The Board thanked the Science Fair Committee, for their dedication and commitment in organizing the annual District Science Fair, as well as the students for bringing their projects to share with Trustees.

Chairperson Wilson recessed the meeting at 7:28 p.m. in order for Trustees to view the Science Fair Presentations more closely and reconvened the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

[2] DELEGATIONS**(a) Delegation: Aridam Kumar, Student, re: Surrey Youth Sustainability Network**

Aridam Kumar and Alex Land Grade 12 students, Enver Creek Secondary, as well as Raaj Chatterjee, Grade 11 student, Semiahmoo Secondary and Shakti Ramkumar, Grade 11 student at Kwantlen Park Secondary, representing the Surrey Youth Sustainability Network, provided Trustees with information about the youth sustainability network throughout Vancouver's lower mainland.

The Surrey Youth Sustainability Network (SYSN) Vision includes:

- Student to student network to support idea and resource sharing and inter-school collaboration.
- Facilitate events and opportunities to generate increased awareness and action for environmental issues important to Surrey students and schools.
- Hope to support the school district to achieve its sustainability objectives (GHG reductions, waste reduction, etc.)

The SYSN was established in the Fall of 2010 and currently has 50-75 students participating in monthly meetings and regularly communicating through social media. SYSN is supported by teachers and community partners in Surrey. The group is governed by a student committee selected by active members. One of their primary purposes is to connect the various Green Teams in Surrey schools.

Current projects include:

- City of Surrey Earth Hour
- Improving SYSN network
- Spreading SYSN network.

Future plans include:

- Changes in organization (formal leadership structure)
- Recruit new members
- Have guest speakers, film screenings.
- Host events in the community
- Organize team-building field trips, excursions and activities.
- Stay involved with City of Surrey's sustainability initiatives
- Host an Earth Day festival in April 2014.

The delegation is requesting the Board for:

- Support for monthly meeting venues.
- Support for strategy to disseminate money.

- Support to grow SYSN and align with district priorities while remaining student-led.

The Chairperson and Mike McKay, Superintendent advised the delegation of some specific areas of support with reference to meeting space and communications that may be available. Potential support will be reviewed and discussed with the delegation by staff in the near future.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for its thoughtful and inspiring presentation.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2013-02-28

It was moved by Trustee Allen seconded by Trustee Dobie:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2013-02-28 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126568 – 2013/2014 Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126568 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126568 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126568 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126568 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(c) Proposed Local Calendar for 2013/2014 School Year

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

THAT the Board approve five fewer days of instruction (with an increase of instructional time to make up the five days). The closure dates are to be March 17-21, 2014, prior to a one week spring break March 24-28, 2014; and

THAT the Board approve six district-wide non-instructional days (or "Pro-D" days) on common dates throughout the school district as follows:

September 23, 2013
October 25, 2013
November 8, 3013
February 21, 2014
May 2, 2014
May 26, 2014; and

THAT the Board approve the proposed 2013/2014 calendar submissions to the Ministry of Education; and

THAT the Board adopt a district-wide local school calendar as noted above, with the instruction to staff that the funds saved from the school closure days (approximately \$100,000/day) will be used to support specific projects or needs that are beyond the district's capacity to support within the regular operating budget level.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

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

Trustee Allen presented his Notice of Motion regarding Charitable Donations. The motion will be brought back to the next meeting for formal consideration.

(c) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(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 8:36 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer