

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, JUNE 6th, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
L. Larsen, Vice Chairperson (part)
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; Dave Ellison, Teacher, City Centre Learning Centre; Susan Hagen, Band Director & Core Music Teacher, Sunnyside Elementary; Brad Helland, Principal, Sunnyside Elementary; Gloria Raphael, District Principal, Aboriginal Education; and Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services.

(b) **"O Canada"**

The Sunnyside Elementary Grade 7 Jazz Band led Trustees, Administration and the audience in the singing of "O Canada".

(c) **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

(d) **Presentation: Sunnyside Elementary Jazz Band**

Brad Helland, Principal and Susan Hagen, Band Director, provided Trustees with information regarding the Sunnyside Elementary Jazz Band.

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The Sunnyside Elementary Grade 7 Jazz Band is an extra-curricular jazz band currently in its 8th year. The band starts meeting and practicing at the end of January. They rehearse for 3 months and then compete in the Kiwanis International Music Festival where they have achieved a gold standing and won the grade 8 category and most promising junior band, 8 years in a row.

The band has received an invitation to MusicFest Canada every year due to their gold (90% or above) results. The band also plays at the Bell Center for the Surrey Elementary Instrumental Festival.

The majority of students are in grade 7 band and have only started playing their instrument in September. Many of them added a second instrument in the Spring. Although most of the students are in grade 7, there are 2 grade 6 students and one each in grades 3, 5, 8 and 9 participating in the band this year.

Students rehearse two times per week after school for about 90 minutes and attend sectional rehearsals before school, at lunch and after school.

The Sunnyside Elementary Grade 7 Jazz Band played 3 pieces for Trustees and audience members: Tiger of San Pedro; The Shadow of Your Smile and Walk the Dinosaur.

The Chairperson thanked the Sunnyside Elementary Grade 7 Jazz Band for its exceptional performance and Ms. Hagen for her expertise and dedication to the students of the Sunnyside community.

Recess:

The meeting was recessed at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Larsen arrived to the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

(d) Presentation: Learning Centre Students – Documentary Films

David Ellison, teacher, City Central Learning Centre, provided Trustees with information regarding the documentary film project. Unfortunately, the film students were not able to attend the meeting.

This is the second year the documentary film project has taken place. A private foundation, Cinematheque, donated \$1,000 to help fund this special project. Four films were produced in a very short time period by Learning Centre students and were shown recently at the Surrey Art Gallery. The films were: “*Culture in a Can*”; “*Psychic Controversy*”; “*The Question*” and “*Suffocation*”.

Plans are in progress for creating a digital film camp for the summer.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Ellison, on behalf of the Board, for his insightful presentation and the students' excellent film creations.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2013-05-09

It was moved by Trustee McNally seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2013-05-09 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Grant Application re: Newton Elementary – Playground Upgrade

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

THAT the Board support the submission of a proposal to transfer the approved \$17,500 in funding to a playground upgrade project at Newton Elementary which will be completed by 2013-05-31 and which meets the requirements of School Community Connections.

CARRIED

(c) 2013-2018 Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement

Gloria Raphael, District Principal, Aboriginal Education, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed 2013-2018 Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement.

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

THAT the Board endorse the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement for 2013-2018.

CARRIED

(d) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126675, Bridgeview Elementary – Site #033 – Water Damage

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126675 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126675 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126675 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126675 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

(b) Notice of Motion, Trustee L. McNally, re: East Kensington Elementary – Traffic Control

Trustee McNally provided Trustees with information regarding her notice of motion on East Kensington Elementary – Traffic Control.

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the *Notice of Motion, Trustee L. McNally, re: East Kensington Elementary – Traffic Control* at the 2013-06-06 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS, the excessive vehicle speed at East Kensington Elementary School continues to present student and staff danger; and

WHEREAS, the school district restricts parents from entering onto the school grounds to drop off their children due to safety concerns, and

WHEREAS, parents cannot drop off students on the small shoulder of the road due to the chain link fence walkway which the district erected that runs parallel to the road, and

WHEREAS, the only place for parents to drop off and pick up students at the school district's parking lot opposite the school, requiring the students to have to cross 184th Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Surrey has installed a flashing amber light and crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, the school district has employed a temporary crossing guard to defer speeders; and

WHEREAS, the school district in partnership with the RCMP has requested and been afforded police speed traps; and

WHEREAS, the school district continues to search for options that will deter excessive speeding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct Administration to communicate and liaise with the City of Surrey, the RCMP and other stakeholders to develop a traffic strategy; and

THAT the Board authorize the employment of a crossing guard or equivalent at the East Kensington Elementary site.

CARRIED

(c) Notice of Motion, Trustee L. Larsen, re: National Aboriginal Day

Trustee Larsen provided Trustees with information regarding her notice of motion on National Aboriginal Day.

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the *Notice of Motion, Trustee L. McNally, re: East Kensington Elementary – Traffic Control* at the 2013-06-06 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS the Constitution of Canada recognizes the existing rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada; and

WHEREAS in 1996, the Government of Canada proclaimed June 21, in each year, as “National Aboriginal Day”; and

WHEREAS the Board acknowledges the Aboriginal peoples of Canada have made and continue to make valuable contributions to Canadian society and it is considered appropriate that there be, in each year, a day to mark and celebrate the contributions and to recognize the different cultures of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada; and

WHEREAS a “National Aboriginal Day” will provide an opportunity to celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of the nation’s Aboriginal peoples.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board declare June 21 of each year as “National Aboriginal Day” in the School District No. 36 (Surrey).

CARRIED

(d) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(b) 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.

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(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 Dobie:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:57 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer