

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN THE CITY OF SURREY, COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

S. Wilson, Chairperson  
K. Evoy, Vice Chairperson  
T. Allen  
L. McNally  
H. Stilwell

**Staff**

F.I. Renihan, Superintendent  
W.A. Jefferson, Secretary-Treasurer  
P.B. Drescher, Deputy Superintendent  
L. McCuaig, Administrative Assistant

**Absent**

P. Glass  
M. Polak

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED**

(c) **Recognition: Glen Chua and Andrew Atkinson, Fleetwood Park Secondary Students, re: Calgary High School Film and Ad Festival Award**

The Board recognized Glen Chua and Andrew Atkinson, students at Fleetwood Park Secondary School, for their exceptional accomplishments as student filmmakers.

Dave Paul, Principal, and Robert Fulton, Teacher, at Fleetwood Park Secondary, provided Trustees with information regarding the school's television program and the projects the students have undertaken.

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With Glen's writing, directing and acting, and Andrew's camera skills, the pair have created a number of compelling and unique short films. Their films include:

- "The Red Diary", a Remembrance Day 2003 video, about the challenges of a young Asian-Canadian soldier in Europe during World War Two.
- An advertisement about second-hand smoke that placed third in the North Vancouver Health Region's "Students Kick Ash" contest.
- "A Student's View" – one of the top 10 videos in the Metrotown Metropolis anti-drug advertisement contest.
- "The Lost" - received "Best in Festival" at the Hot Shots High School Film and Ad Festival in Calgary, June 2004. The film was written and directed by Glen and then completed by a group of Fleetwood Secondary students working together with students from a number of other school districts.

Trustees, staff and audience members viewed "The Lost", a film about a man who cannot sleep and the visions he has.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Board, presented Glen Chua and Andrew Atkinson with certificates and recognition pins in honour of their imagination, determination and talent as young filmmakers.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Delegation: Mrs. Slater, Learning Disabilities Association of BC, re: Special Education – Teacher Qualifications

Philippa Slater, President, Learning Disabilities Association of BC, Fraser South Chapter, provided Trustees with information regarding students with special needs in support of Trustee Evoy's motion regarding Special Education – Teacher Qualifications to be considered by the Board later in the meeting.

The delegation is requesting that services to students with special needs be improved in a variety of ways, including:

- more clarification of the various disabilities and the needs attributed to them
- more discussion regarding funding schedules for these students
- improved teacher training
- due diligence in hiring specialists.

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[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2004-10-14

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2004-10-14 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Notice of Motion, Trustee K. Evoy, Re: Special Education – Teacher Qualifications

It was moved by Trustee Evoy, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

THAT WHEREAS during the past decade, the Surrey School District has experienced enrolment growth in percentage terms in Special Education that has far exceeded percentage growth district-wide, and this pattern is forecast to continue in the future. Surrey is not unique in this regard as many other districts around the province report similar situations. This has not only presented increased financial challenges for districts in supporting students with special needs, but has also challenged teachers to respond to the ever increasing diversity in their classroom and to help students with learning needs experience success. Given these trends, there appears to be an increasing need to have teachers be better trained to respond to the diverse learning needs that await them. To this end, the following motion is proposed:

WHEREAS every classroom is a special needs classroom; and

WHEREAS the Board is keenly aware of the escalating enrolment of Special Education students; and

WHEREAS the Board has presented its own research on future Special Education enrolment trends in the district to the Minister of Education; and

WHEREAS the Board must find cost-effective ways to respond appropriately to needs of Special Education students; and

WHEREAS the Board has had to take an increasingly more active role in helping teachers acquire skills in identifying and responding to all students with learning needs; and

WHEREAS the *School Act* gives authority to the BC College of Teachers to determine requirements for teacher certification.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board write the College of Teachers urging them to examine teacher certification requirements in order for all teachers, as a condition of certification, to have had sufficient training in identifying and responding to the diverse learning needs of students; and

THAT the Board write the Deans of the various Faculties of Education at provincial universities to express our concerns; and

THAT the Board forward this motion to BC School Trustees Association seeking their support for this initiative; and

THAT the Board provide copies of these letters to the Surrey Teachers' Association, the District Parents' Advisory Council, BCCPAC, the BC Teachers' Federation, Ministry of Education and the Coalition for Special Education, for their information.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Allen and McNally)

(c) Bylaw #142, Re: Kensington Prairie Elementary – Site #006 – School Closure – 2006-09-01

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

THAT Bylaw #142, Re: Kensington Prairie Elementary School – Site #006 – School Closure – 2006-09-01 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #142, Re: Kensington Prairie Elementary School – Site #006 – School Closure – 2006-09-01 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Evoy, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

THAT Bylaw #142, Re: Kensington Prairie Elementary School – Site #006 – School Closure – 2006-09-01 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #142, Re: Kensington Prairie Elementary School – Site #006 – School Closure – 2006-09-01 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (d) Bylaw #143, Re: Grandview Heights Elementary – Site #016 – School Closure – 2006-09-01

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

THAT Bylaw #143, Re: Grandview Heights Elementary School – Site #016 – School Closure – 2006-09-01 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Evoy, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

THAT Bylaw #143, Re: Grandview Heights Elementary School – Site #016 – School Closure – 2006-09-01 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #143, Re: Grandview Heights Elementary School – Site #016 – School Closure – 2006-09-01 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Evoy, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

THAT Bylaw #143, Re: Grandview Heights Elementary School – Site #016 – School Closure – 2006-09-01 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

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

THAT Administration be directed to continue to involve parents and the school communities in the transitional process for Grandview Heights Elementary – Site #016 and Kensington Prairie Elementary – Site #006, prior to relocating to the new elementary school located at 17148 – 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Site #134.

CARRIED

- (e) Five Year Capital Plan – 2005/2009

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

THAT the Board approve the Five Year Capital Budget – 2005-2009, as presented, for submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Stilwell, seconded by Trustee Evoy:

THAT Administration be directed to prepare a report on the operational efficiencies and potential cost savings of a District Education Centre for the school district which would be designed to bring together multiple educational, administrative and conference activities in one location; and

THAT the draft report be presented to the Board in support of the Board's 2005/2006 Capital Plan submission and forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Vandalism Reports

Trustees received the *Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Vandalism Reports* for information.

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the *Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Vandalism Reports*, at the 2004-10-28 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS the Board has been combating vandalism for several decades; and

WHEREAS the Board struck an Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee on 1998-11-26 to assist in developing recommendations for initiatives to be considered by the Board to reduce vandalism by fifty percent (50%) and to increase the safety of students, staff and visitors to the schools; and

WHEREAS the Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee suggested several initiatives that were implemented and correspondingly reduced the annual vandalism costs for a period of time; and

WHEREAS the ongoing work to curb vandalism costs continued subsequent to the dissolution of the Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee in 2002; and

WHEREAS the Annual Vandalism Report – 2004-06-30, presented at the 2004-10-14 Regular Board meeting, indicated an alarming increase in vandalism costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to prepare information outlining the anti-vandalism measures taken in the past several years and report to the Board by 2005-01-13; and

THAT the cost of these various anti-vandalism measures be included in the above report; and

THAT the report also include the current work underway and the plans for the future to mitigate the increasing costs of vandalism within the school district.

CARRIED

(c) 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 Evoy, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:53 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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CHAIRPERSON

WAJ/lm

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SECRETARY-TREASURER