

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, NOVEMBER 18, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
K. Evoy, Vice Chairperson
T. Allen
P. Glass
L. McNally (part)
M. Polak
H. Stilwell

Staff

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

[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".

Chairperson's Announcements:

Chairperson Wilson advised that Trustee McNally is representing the Board at a school function and will join the meeting later. Chairperson Wilson also welcomed Trustee Glass back to the Board table after a short absence recovering from back surgery.

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

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

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

CARRIED

(c) **Recognition: MJ Norris Elementary School, Re: Ethic of Care Program**

The Board recognized seventeen (17) teachers at MJ Norris Elementary School who developed and implemented the Ethic of Care Program at their school over the last three years.

Sharon Schwartzin, Principal and Heather McAllister, Vice Principal, MJ Norris Elementary, provided Trustees with information regarding the Ethic of Care Program.

The research project zeroes in on people's interaction with each other. An individual demonstrates concern and care for others by actively evaluating the impact of his or her actions on others – and responding sensitively and appropriately. This differs from more common, traditional approaches that focus on behaviours, traits and rules for interacting with others.

The teachers involved continue to work hard at interpreting and translating the Ethics of Care philosophy into a practical application for the classroom that can be shared and implemented by teachers everywhere, even internationally.

Ms. McAllister was invited to speak about her group's groundbreaking work to the International Leadership and Ethics Conference in Barbados earlier this year and discussed the project with another internationally recognized organization – the Imaginative Education Research Group – at its conference in Vancouver. In addition, last month Heather was invited by B.C.'s Minister of Education to speak about the research at MJ Norris Elementary at the Deans' Symposium on Learning Communities at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue.

The Board recognized the dedication and visionary work of the Ethics of Care teachers at MJ Norris in promoting safe and caring environments in our schools and communities. The Chairperson presented the group with a certificate of recognition and each teacher with a pin commemorating their formal Board recognition.

Trustee McNally arrived to the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

(d) Presentation: Surrey Traditional School, Re: “Len Shepherd, the Biography” Project

Patricia Kiloh Vice Principal, Surrey Traditional School, provided Trustees with information about the “Len Shepherd, the Biography” Project. As a result of the school move to the old Len Shepherd Secondary school site, the teachers and grade 9 students of the Surrey Traditional School researched, wrote and published a book presenting the biography of Mr. Len Shepherd, an illustrious man and former Trustee whom the original school had been named after.

The project was started in the 2003/2004 school year and completed up to the publishing phase by June 2004. The publishing and presentation stages were undertaken in the 2004/2005 school year. Many of the now grade 10 students who participated in the project read small statements throughout their PowerPoint presentation highlighting the research,

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structure, process and publication of this biographical book on the life of Len Shepherd. The presenting students included: Ramanjot Dahia, Jasdeep Dhaliwal, Punreet Nijjar, Jessica Castillo, Tapinder Dhaliwal, Elizabeth Gordon, Martin Wong, Mandy Pamma, Jason Lai and Kevin Woo.

A copy of the book was provided to the Surrey Museum Archives and the Surrey Traditional School library, which is named after Len Shepherd. A copy of the book was also presented to Connie Cleaver, Mr. Shepherd's daughter.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2004-10-28

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2004-10-28 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Response to Delegation: Mrs. Slater, Learning Disabilities Association of BC, Re: Special Education – Teacher Qualifications

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

THAT in response to the request of the Learning Disabilities Association of BC delegation at the 2004-10-28 Regular meeting, the Board refer their written presentation to Administration for consideration of the points raised by the delegation; and

THAT staff in their deliberations, be mindful of the points raised in their continuing work with the Learning Disabilities Association of BC.

CARRIED

(c) Approval of Sketch Plans: White Rock Elementary – Site #009 – Replacement School

Mark Mathiasen of Graham Hoffart Mathiasen Architects, the project architect, presented the sketch plans for the construction of the White Rock Elementary replacement school to Trustees for consideration.

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

THAT the sketch plans for the construction of White Rock Elementary – Site #009, replacement school, located at 1273 Fir Street, be approved as presented and the architect be instructed to proceed with the remaining stages of the project.

CARRIED

(d) Transportation Committee Report

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

THAT Board Policy #5400 - *Pupil Transportation*, be waived to permit Alexander Cichon, a Grade 10 student, currently residing in the catchment area for Earl Marriott Secondary, to purchase a bus pass for transportation to/from Semiahmoo Secondary School for the 2004/2005 school year only, providing there is sufficient room on the appropriate bus.

CARRIED

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

THAT Board Policy #5400 - *Pupil Transportation*, be waived to permit Elizabeth Ann Toney, a Grade 11 student, and Nicholas Paul Toney, a Grade 8 student, who will be moving to the Earl Marriott Secondary catchment area, to purchase a bus pass for transportation to/from Semiahmoo Secondary School for the 2004/2005 school year only, providing there is sufficient room on the appropriate bus.

CARRIED

(e) Accountability Contract for 2004/2005

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

THAT the Board approves the Accountability Contract for 2004/2005.

CARRIED

- (f) Lease Renewal – Business Management Services – Site #168 and Curriculum & Instructional Services Centre – Site #268

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

THAT the Board authorize the execution of the rental contract addendums to the lease agreements with West-Bend Construction Ltd. for the rental of the two buildings located at 7532 and 7542 – 134A Street, known as the Curriculum & Instructional Services Centre and Business Management Services.

CARRIED

- (g) Report Re: Class Sizes

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

THAT the Board receive this report; and

THAT section (A) of this report comprise the report to the Minister of Education as required by section 6 of the Class Size Regulation established pursuant to Section 76.1 of the School Act; and

THAT the number of students in each Kindergarten to Grade 3 class in the District, along with the information contained in section (A) of this report, be sent to the chair of each parent advisory committee and be made available to the public at each school as required by section 6 of the Class Size Regulation.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

- (a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

- (b) Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Historical Artifacts & Heritage Buildings

Trustees received the *Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Historical Artifacts & Heritage Buildings* for information. The motion will be presented to Trustees for formal consideration at the next meeting.

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- (c) Tenth Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee 2003/2004

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

THAT the Board receive the *Tenth Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee 2003/2004*.

CARRIED

- (d) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

- (e) 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 Polak:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER