

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, DECEMBER 2, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
K. Evoy, Vice Chairperson
T. Allen
P. Glass
M. Polak
H. Stilwell

Staff

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

Absent

L. McNally

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 3(d) *English Language Services for Adults (ELSA) Contract Update*, be added to the agenda.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) **Recognition: Tia Henriksen, Teacher, Re: Dedicated Support of Early Literacy**

The Board recognized Tia Henriksen, Teacher for her exceptional promotion and leadership of literacy initiatives in her school and the district.

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Bob Insell, Principal, North Ridge Elementary, provided Trustees with information regarding Ms. Henriksen's commitment to early literacy and parent partnership to help young readers succeed. Tia Henriksen, a grade one teacher at North Ridge Elementary, participates in the district's Early Literacy Leaders program and is a team leader in many school initiatives. Ms. Henriksen has been instrumental in establishing North Ridge's Family Literacy program – which has six sessions throughout the school year. She is active in the school's Noisy Reading Day, a weekly parent participation event. She also actively supports the use of "Peer Tutors" to assist in early primary language development. She initiated and ran a very successful program at North Ridge Elementary over the last two summers, called "Summer Read and Rec.". The program targets early primary students who could be considered at risk, or significantly below expectations in reading and language development. It provides those children with four weeks of morning reading instruction and language development, combined with afternoon recreation activities.

Mr. Insell and Ms. Henriksen shared a short video highlighting aspects of the Family Literacy program, the Noisy Reading Day and literacy activities conducted at the school.

The Board recognized Tia Henriksen for her leadership and exceptional dedication to the promotion of early childhood literacy and family involvement. The Chairperson presented Ms. Henriksen with a certificate of recognition and a pin commemorating her formal Board recognition.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2004-11-18**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2004-11-18 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

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

THAT WHEREAS the Board recognizes the value of historical artifacts and heritage buildings to the communities of Surrey and White Rock; and

WHEREAS the Board believes in the preservation of historical artifacts and heritage buildings with significant importance as a joint community responsibility; and

WHEREAS the Board supports the community's preservation of historical artifacts and heritage buildings whenever and wherever economically feasible; and

WHEREAS in accordance with section 75 of the *School Act*, one of the Board's primary mandates is to make available an educational program to all persons of school age enrolled in the school district; and

WHEREAS the Board is dedicated to providing safe and caring environments in which all learners can achieve academic excellence, personal growth and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS the Board must address the challenges of its primary mandates and the provision of educational programs and facilities to the K-12 students of Surrey and White Rock before it can financially support the preservation of historical artifacts and heritage buildings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to continue to explore ways to work with its community partners within the Board's mandate and available funding to support the retention of our school and community history.

CARRIED

(c) Approval of Sketch Plans: Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134 – New School

Patrick May of Grant & Sinclair Architects Ltd., the project architect, presented the sketch plans for the construction of the Grandview Heights Area Elementary, a new school, to Trustees for consideration. The new school will replace Kensington Prairie Elementary and Grandview Heights Elementary and is equidistance from the two existing schools.

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

THAT the sketch plans for the construction of Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134, new school, located at 17148 – 26 Avenue, be approved as presented and the architect be instructed to proceed with the remaining stages of the project.

CARRIED

(d) English Language Services for Adults (ELSA) Contract Update

Trustees received updated information regarding the status of the Board's English Language Services for Adults (ELSA) contract.

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

THAT the Board request the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services to provide School District No. 36 (Surrey) with an extension of the English Language Services for Adults (ELSA) program, not unlike they have given other providers, to 2005-06-30, in order to permit a fair review of the Board's proposal to be reconsidered for approval.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) Policy Development and Review Project – Completed Segments

Trustees received information regarding the completed segments of the Policy Development and Review Project. The documents will be presented to Trustees for formal consideration at the next meeting.

(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 Polak, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

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

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER

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