

**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, JANUARY 13, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

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

**Staff**

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

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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 Evoy, seconded by Trustee Allen:

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

**CARRIED**

(c) **Recognition: Marc Pelech, Art Teacher, and Jennifer Griffiths, Student, Sullivan Heights Secondary, Re: Online Youth Art Gallery Initiative**

The Board recognized Marc Pelech, Art Teacher, and Jennifer Griffiths, Student, at Sullivan Heights Secondary, for their contributions to the creation and support of the Online Youth Art Gallery Initiative.

Sheila Morrissette, Principal, Sullivan Heights Secondary, provided Trustees with information regarding this unique initiative in the form of an innovative web site that provides Surrey art students a place to learn and exhibit their craft publicly.

Sullivan Heights Secondary Fine Arts teacher and department head, Marc Pelech initiated the "Youth Visions" art gallery web site project in May 2002. Last summer, he received a federal government grant to substantially improve the site. He enlisted the help of a small group of SFU students. Sullivan Heights Secondary student Jennifer Griffiths also joined the project early last year to do design development for the online exhibition gallery, among many other tasks. Much of her work was outside of school hours in the spring and fall, employing her meticulous design skills.

As indicated on the web site: *"The project plan was to take student art from the little-seen walls of high schools and showcase it to the public. This goal evolved into a comprehensive strategy for breaking down barriers between youth and the community, and creating a youth art legacy unique to Surrey."* In all, 16 galleries will be available for student display from 18 Surrey secondary schools by the end of this year.

The Youth Visions web site galleries have included sculpture, digital art, drawing, graphic design, painting, photography and more. The site showcases themes which this year are to address such issues as the environment, safe schools, substance abuse and other social issues. Themes about Canada and conceptual art are also to be covered.

The Online Youth Art Gallery Initiative can be viewed at: [www.youthvisions.ca](http://www.youthvisions.ca)

The Youth Visions program has been recognized with more than 150 awards from government, business and community organizations. Its achievements have been chronicled in the media in more than 100 articles. It continues to garner support and attention as a pioneering program that develops not only student Fine Arts skills, but student social awareness and responsibility.

The Board recognized Marc Pelech, Art teacher, Sullivan Heights Secondary, for his initiative and vision in establishing the Youth Visions Art Gallery to further Fine Arts education in the Surrey School District and our community. The Board also recognized Jennifer Griffiths, student, Sullivan Heights Secondary, for her dedicated support and contribution to the development of the Youth Visions Art Gallery.

The Chairperson presented Ms. Pelech and Ms. Griffiths with certificates of recognition and pins commemorating their formal Board recognition.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

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[3]     **ACTION ITEMS**

(a)     Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2004-12-16

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

        THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2004-12-16  
        be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b)     Annual Review of Kilometerage Expense Reimbursement Rate

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

        THAT the Board establish the Kilometerage Expense  
        Reimbursement Rate at \$0.44 per km. effective 2005-02-01.

CARRIED

(c)     Report Re: Information Signs on School District Construction Sites

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

        THAT following Board approval to award the construction contract,  
        Administration be directed to place at each new elementary and  
        secondary construction site signage which identifies the school  
        district including the school district logo, school grade levels  
        offered, and the projected date (fall, winter, spring, summer, plus  
        year) for school opening.

CARRIED

Trustees suggested that if timing permitted, the proper name of the new school should be included on the construction site information sign. This would require the Public Relations Committee to complete its work and present recommendations for naming a new school to the Board for formal consideration, prior to the installation of the sign. While the Public Relations Committee will endeavor to comply with this suggestion, it may not be possible at all new school sites.

[4]     **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a)     Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) 2005 Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments

Trustees received information regarding the 2005 Board Committees and Trustee Representation appointments. Minor updates will be included. The revised list will be distributed to the system via B-memo.

(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 Polak, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.  
CARRIED

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CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY-TREASURER