

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 27, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
K. Evoy, Vice Chairperson
T. Allen
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

Absent

P. Glass

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 the agenda be amended in order to rename item 3(b): *Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134 – Project Agreement*.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) **Recognition: Brian Cooper & Jake Dunbar, Students, Elgin Park Secondary, Re: Canada Skills Competition Gold Medal – TV & Video**

The Board recognized Brian Cooper and Jake Dunbar, two grade 11 Elgin Park Secondary students, for their exemplary efforts and exceptional achievements as student filmmakers.

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Bea Hadikin, Principal, and Rochelle Dubetz, video teacher, Elgin Park Secondary, provided Trustees with information regarding the school's outstanding film and video programs and the accomplishments of Brian Cooper and Jake Dunbar in particular. While still in grade 10, Jake Dunbar and Brian Cooper won gold medals in the national 2004 Canada Skills Competition. The national win came on the heels of regional and provincial gold medals in the competition.

Since last year's gold, these two young men teamed again for the annual "Zoom Film Festival". Their work was awarded "First Place – Technical" and "Second Place - Script", as well as the "Overall Judges Selection" and "Audience Choice" – nearly sweeping the entire competition. They each received a \$1,000 scholarship to the Arts Institute.

Even at their young ages, they have been prolific and successful filmmakers. To date, Brian has produced about 10 videos and Jake, close to 40. They intend to pair-up and enter this year's Canada Skills Competition again to "go for the gold" two years in a row. The students presented a 5 minute film titled "Take 5".

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The Chairperson presented Brian and Jake with certificates of recognition and pins commemorating their formal Board recognition.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Delegation: Karen Sidhu, Chairperson, Autoplan Brokers Road Safety Program, Fraser Valley, re: ICBC's 2005 Marc Savard Tour

Karen Sidhu, Chairperson, Autoplan Brokers Road Safety Program, Fraser Valley and Andrew Morrison, Manager, Youth Strategies, Provincial Loss Prevention Programs, ICBC, provided Trustees with information regarding the 2005 Marc Savard Tour presented by ICBC.

The ICBC RoadSense Speakers Program provides school and community groups with thought-provoking speakers that use personal experience to teach their audiences about the risks and rewards of cars and driving. Many of the speakers have experienced personal tragedy on BC roads. ICBC is currently offering the Marc Savard presentation, "*Your Mind, Your Power, Your Choice*" to 16 schools in the Fraser Valley region through this program. During the 2003/2004 school year, three Surrey School District schools hosted presentations by Marc Savard.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death for youth in BC, more than the next four leading causes combined. Although the statistics have been improving in the last few years, in 2003, 83 youths were killed and 11,700 were injured by car crashes. ICBC has searched for innovative and unique ways to catch the attention of youth in BC to cause youth to stop, think and make better choices. The RoadSense Speakers Program has been one of the successful programs that brought a message of safety and choice, which has reached students.

To ensure audience safety during the Marc Savard presentations, ICBC did all of the usual background and record checks, but also spent the better part of 1.5 years to monitor his presentations and talks to students, teachers, principals, school counselors, parents, etc. They received only positive feedback on the Marc Savard presentation.

Permission forms are sent home prior to this presentation to ensure parental awareness and approval of their child's attendance and/or participation in this presentation.

Mr. Savard has a unique ability to capture the audience's attention. ICBC strongly recommends Mr. Savard as a good, successful speaker with a strong, positive message about impaired driving and making good choices.

Since 2002, Mr. Savard has done over 71 presentations in BC, to over 200,000 students. He has been doing this show since 1998 throughout North America.

The delegation invited trustees to attend one of the presentations that will be taking place in the Fraser Valley over the next few weeks to watch and observe the message.

The delegation is requesting that the Board reconsider their decision to deny permission for the Marc Savard tour to be presented to students in the Surrey School District.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for its presentation and advised that a response would be provided at the next meeting.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2005-01-13**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2005-01-13 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134 – Project Agreement

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

THAT the Board ratify the Capital Project Agreement in the sum of:

- (a) \$6,115,789 Capital funding, from the Province
- (b) \$1,000,000 Capital Reserve
- (c) \$949,946 to be held as contingency reserve to address increases in capital project construction costs

for Ministry of Education approval of the Phase II Feasibility Study for Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134.

CARRIED

(c) International Students – Tuition Fees

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

THAT the Board set the 2005/2006 tuition fees for international fee-paying students at \$12,700 (comprised of \$12,000 tuition + \$700 medical).

CARRIED

(d) Three Quarterly Reports on Business Development Financial Activity Ending 2004-12-31

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

THAT the Board receive the Three Quarterly Reports on Business Development Financial Activity for the quarters ended June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2004, for information.

CARRIED

(e) Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures – Six Months Ended 2004-12-31

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

THAT the Board accept the Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures for the six (6) months ended 2004-12-31, as presented.

CARRIED

- (f) Interim Financial Report – Special Purpose Funds – Six Months Ended 2004-12-31

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

THAT the Board accept the Schedule of Special Purpose Funds for the six (6) months ended 2004-12-31 as presented.

CARRIED

- (g) Business Development Editorial Advisory Committee – Trustee Appointment

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

THAT the Chairperson appoint a Trustee to serve as the Board's representative on the Business Development Editorial Advisory Committee, as contemplated under Regulation #10805.1 – *Promotion of External Agencies Through Schools*.

CARRIED

- (h) Surrey School District Hundredth Anniversary Celebrations – 2006

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

THAT an ad hoc committee of the Board be struck to plan the school district's hundredth anniversary celebrations during the 2005/2006 school year; and

THAT the Board Chairperson appoint a chair for this committee.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

- (a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

Former Trustee Jock Smith

Trustees sadly noted the recent passing of former Trustee Jock Smith on 2004-12-19 of pneumonia. Jock was a trustee for 12 years until 1982. He was a strong advocate of vocational education and was ahead of his time in supporting educational projects and initiatives. Jock was a very charismatic individual and will be sincerely missed by all who knew him. The Board extended their deepest sympathies to Mr. Smith's family, friends and colleagues.

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(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.

(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 Polak:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER