

**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, FEBRUARY 24, 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  
H. Stilwell

**Staff**

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

**Absent**

M. Polak

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[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**

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

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

**CARRIED**

(c) **Presentation: Students Integrating Technology**

Dr. Sharon Cohen, Director of Instruction, provided Trustees with information regarding the status of Students Integrating Technology.

Approximately 13,000 student accounts were set up in the district's FirstClass system. About 8,000 students are working with on-line literacy and numeracy projects. The other 5,000 students have access to digital graduation portfolios on-line. Students in Grades 2 through 12 are participating in the technology projects.

Shelly Wilcox, On-line Learning Communities Helping Teacher, and Antonio Vendramin, Teacher, Frost Road Elementary, provided Trustees with information regarding the learning opportunities and benefits to students of integrating FirstClass into their schoolwork.

Kevin Ferrier and Tiffany Chung, Grade 7 students at Frost Road Elementary, presented an overview of the different ways that students in their school are using FirstClass. Examples of the students' use of the FirstClass system included: correspondence between other students and other schools; creation of web pages for Science Fair projects; participation in a Virtual School conference; work on a novel study project with Berkshire Park Elementary; and school conferences.

The Chairperson thanked all of the participants for their thorough and informative presentation.

(d) Presentation: ICBC Loss Prevention re: Safe Driving Rebate

John Ozdan, Manager, Transportation Services, and Karon Trenaman, Regional Director, Loss Prevention, Fraser Valley Region, Surrey, ICBC, provided Trustees with information regarding the premium savings plans available from ICBC to fleet customers with good safety records.

Ms. Trenaman indicated that the district has an excellent fleet insurance safety record and acknowledged the efforts and skill of district staff in regards to safety and crime prevention.

Ms. Trenaman was very pleased to advise that the Surrey School District qualified for fleet premium savings discount and presented the Chairperson, on behalf of the Board, with a cheque in the amount of \$34,683.

On behalf of the Board, the Chairperson thanked ICBC for the opportunity to realize such significant savings to its fleet insurance premiums.

In light of his pending retirement, the Board took the opportunity to acknowledge John Ozdan, Manager, Transportation Services, for his outstanding contributions to the district. John will be retiring at the end of March.

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[2] **DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Charlene Dobie, Sullivan Heights Secondary CPF Representative, Canadian Parents for French, Surrey Chapter, re: Relocation of French Immersion Program

This item was postponed until later in the meeting as the delegation was not able to be present at this time.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2005-02-10

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2005-02-10 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Approval of Sketch Plans – Chimney Hill Elementary – Site #165 - Addition

Mark Mathiasen of Graham Hoffart Mathiasen Architects presented the sketch plans for an addition to Chimney Hill Elementary – Site #165, to the Trustees for their approval. The school capacity will increase from 80K + 300 student spaces to 80K + 525 student spaces.

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

THAT the sketch plans for the construction of an addition to Chimney Hill Elementary – Site #165, located at 14755 – 74 Avenue, be approved as presented and the architect be instructed to proceed with the remaining stages of the project.

CARRIED

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

- (b) Charlene Dobie, Sullivan Heights Secondary CPF Representative, Canadian Parents for French, Surrey Chapter, re: Relocation of French Immersion Program

Charlene Dobie, representing the Canadian Parents for French (CPF), Surrey Chapter, and Adrian Dix, Executive Director, CPF BC and Yukon, provided Trustees with information regarding the French Immersion Program and highlighted their concerns about the proposed relocation of the program from Sullivan Heights Secondary.

The delegation indicated their appreciation for the Board's support of French Immersion and French as a Second Language programs. The French programs provided by the district are one of the largest programs in BC.

The delegation is requesting:

- The French Immersion program currently located at Sullivan Heights Secondary, to remain at the school.
- The Board to provide stability to its French Immersion programs.
- A larger committee be struck, including parents, to make the relocation decisions based on a long-term planning commitment.
- For the new committee to look at what other school districts participating in this federal program are doing.
- Slow down the planned expansion of the program. Opening two (2) new programs in 2006 will strain scarce resources and teachers.
- Work with the delegation to find a better solution for the French Immersion students in this community.

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation and advised that a formal response would be provided at the next Regular Board meeting.

#### [4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Declaration of March 2005 – “Learning Disabilities Month”

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

THAT the Board formally consider item 4(b) *Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Declaration of March 2005 – “Learning Disabilities Month”*, at the 2005-02-24 Regular Board meeting.  
CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS there are a growing number students with learning disabilities in the Surrey School District, the province and across Canada; and

WHEREAS the primary goal of the BC school system is to support the intellectual, human, social and career development of students, along with the support of the families and the community; and

WHEREAS enabling students to achieve the goals of human and social development and career development is a responsibility shared by schools, families and the community; and

WHEREAS these goals apply to all students, including students with learning needs; and

WHEREAS the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada, who is the national voice for persons with learning disabilities and learning needs and those who support them, has declared March, "National Learning Disabilities Month"; and

WHEREAS the Board supports public awareness initiatives in order to promote understanding and improved services for children with learning disabilities and learning needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board declare March 2005 as "Learning Disabilities Month" in Surrey School District to promote public awareness and understanding of students with learning disabilities and learning needs.

CARRIED

(c) Semi-annual Vandalism Costs Report – 2004-12-31

Wayne Jefferson, Secretary-Treasurer, and Lance Nordling, Director, Physical Plant & Transportation Services, provided Trustees with a semi-annual report on vandalism costs for the period between 2004-07-01 and 2004-12-31. The report included information on the significant activities undertaken to reduce vandalism costs during this period of time.

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

THAT the Board receive the Semi-annual Vandalism Costs Report – 2004-12-31 for information.

CARRIED

(d) Report Re: Change to Speed Zone School Signage – Multi-lane Arterial Roads

Wayne Jefferson, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with a final report on the district staff's attempts to obtain a change to the speed zone school signage on multi-lane arterial roads.

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

THAT the Report Re: Change to Speed Zone School Signage – Multi-lane Arterial Roads be received for information.

CARRIED

(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 Stilwell, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY-TREASURER