

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, APRIL 14, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

Absent

T. Allen

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 4(d) *Report Re: Pesticide & Herbicide Use in the District - Update* be removed from the agenda, and that all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) **Recognition: Susan Chow, Teacher, North Surrey Secondary, re: Prime Minister's Certificate of Excellence**

The Board recognized Susan Chow, Teacher, North Surrey Secondary for her demonstrated excellence in teaching, leadership and commitment to improving student learning. Ms. Chow was one of fifteen teachers throughout the nation who recently received a Prime Minister's Award for excellence in teaching.

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Allan Buggie, Principal, North Surrey Secondary and Adele Clarke, Principal, Semiahmoo Secondary (former Principal, North Surrey Secondary) provided Trustees with information regarding Ms. Chow's achievements, innovative and exemplary teaching practices and success in student skills development, achievement and performance.

Susan Chow teaches Grade 11 and 12 marketing and accounting at North Surrey Secondary where she has taught for sixteen (16) years.

The Board recognized Susan Chow for her dedication to student learning and excellence in teaching.

The Chairperson presented Ms. Chow with a certificate of recognition and a pin commemorating her formal Board recognition.

(d) Presentation: Protecting Surrey Schools Together

Bob Coventry, Assistant Superintendent, Teresa Campbell, Manager, Safe Schools, Inspector Amrik Virk, Surrey RCMP, and several students provided Trustees with information regarding the joint partnership between the Surrey RCMP, Surrey Crime Prevention Society and the Surrey School District in developing a fun, interactive website for youth. The website, called "*Protecting Surrey Schools Together*" or "*PSST*", provides opportunities for students to participate in the promotion of a safe and caring school environment. It is a resource for students to confidentially share or obtain information about issues that concern them and support the safety and security of their school.

The site also features a question and answer forum so students can anonymously ask for information regarding any sensitive topic. Wherever possible, independent sources and experts will provide information and advice to students in response to their enquiries.

Beyond safety-related issues, the site presents opportunities for young writers to practice their craft and post stories publicly. Surrey students will participate in the design and content of the site on an ongoing basis to promote student ownership, relevancy and participation.

The site address is: www.psst-bc.ca

[2] DELEGATIONS

- (a) Delegation: Mr. and Mrs. Kandola, Parents, Re: Punjabi Language at Tamanawis Secondary School for Grade 8

Mr. Kandola, Parent, Beaver Creek Elementary School, provided Trustees with information regarding concerns of some Beaver Creek Elementary School parents regarding the lack of a Grade 8 Punjabi Language class at their catchment secondary school, Tamanawis Secondary.

In 2001/2002 when the parents enrolled their Grade 4 children in the four (4) year pilot program for the Punjabi language, they were not advised that their children would have to attend Princess Margaret Secondary in order to complete the fourth year of the program. Parents raised this issue with school district staff and were assured that Tamanawis Secondary would offer a Grade 8 Punjabi Language class in 2005/2006.

The Grade 8 Punjabi Language course was not included on the course selection form as an option for the now Grade 7 students to choose in order to complete their four (4) year program. Staff at Tamanawis Secondary advised the Beaver Creek Elementary parents that there were no plans to offer the course at the school for the 2005/2006 school year. The parents were also advised they would have to find additional students who wanted to take the course in order for there to be sufficient students choosing the course to fill a class.

The delegation is requesting that the Board:

- Ensure a Grade 8 Punjabi Language course is offered at Tamanawis Secondary in 2005/2006 in order that the children who enrolled in the four (4) year pilot program may complete the fourth year.
- Advise why this course was not part of the course selection form for students attending Grade 8 at Tamanawis Secondary next year.
- Advise why parents have been requested to find additional students to attend this class.

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

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2005-03-17

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2005-03-17 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Bylaw #146, Re: Janice Churchill Elementary – Site #186 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Drainage Works Including Ancillary Works and Related Appurtenances

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

THAT Bylaw #146, Re: Janice Churchill Elementary – Site #186 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Drainage Works Including Ancillary Works and Related Appurtenances be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #146, Re: Janice Churchill Elementary – Site #186 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Drainage Works Including Ancillary Works and Related Appurtenances be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #146, Re: Janice Churchill Elementary – Site #186 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Drainage Works Including Ancillary Works and Related Appurtenances be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #146, Re: Janice Churchill Elementary – Site #186 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Drainage Works Including Ancillary Works and Related Appurtenances be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (c) Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2005 (Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134 – Project Funding)

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2005 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2005 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2005 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2005 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (d) Business Development Department's Financial Activity – Reporting Frequency

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

THAT the Board recognizes and appreciates the amount of staff time required to complete one Quarterly Report is significant and challenging; and

THAT the Board is currently reviewing more than one Quarterly Report on the Business Development Department's Financial Activity at a time due to a backlog in preparation of the reports; and

THAT the Board accept the Education Business Community Partnership Advisory Committee's (EBCPAC) recommendation to revise the Board's direction provided in its 2002-11-28 motion and direct Administration to provide bi-annual reports, effective 2004-12-31 instead of quarterly reports to the Board regarding the Business Development activities in the school district with full disclosure of the funds and allocation of proceeds realized in these fundraising endeavours.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

Trustee Absence

Chairperson Wilson advised that Trustee Allen was not in attendance at the meeting due to a conflicting commitment in Victoria.

Trustee Polak – Resignation as a Trustee

Trustee Polak advised the Board that she has officially submitted her resignation as a Trustee to the Secretary-Treasurer, effective 2005-04-15, due to her candidacy as an MLA candidate in the May 2005 provincial elections.

On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Wilson thanked Trustee Polak for her dedication to the students, parents, staff and communities of Surrey and White Rock during her nine (9) years as a Trustee.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(c) Board Authorized Courses

Trustees received the summary of 2005-2006 Board Authorized Courses for information.

(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 McNally, seconded by Trustee Polak:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY-TREASURER