

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 15th, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
P. Glass, Vice Chairperson
T. Allen
W. Jefferson
R. Masi
L. McNally
H. Stilwell

Staff

M.A. McKay, Superintendent
W.D. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer
P.D. Drescher, Deputy Superintendent
L. McCuaig, Administrative Assistant

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

In addition to the Table Officers named above, the following presenters and staff were in attendance at the meeting:

Bob Chadwick, Associate Superintendent, Career, International & Continuing Education; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Systems; Margaux Molson, Principal, Tamanawis Secondary School; Angie Smith, Administrative Secretary and K. Thomson, Director, Fiscal Management Services.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Mr. Arvinder Bubber, Kwantlen University College, Re: SPARK Program Support

The Board recognized Mr. Arvinder Bubber, Chair, Kwantlen University College Board, for his community spirit, his vision and his exceptional commitment and support of education and the SPARK program.

Margaux Molson, Principal, Tamanawis Secondary, provided Trustees with information regarding the “Students’ Preparation, Access; Reaching goals and Knowledge” program, commonly referred to as the SPARK program and the efforts and contributions of all those who helped make the program a success, particularly Mr. Bubber and the Indo-Canadian business community.

Arvinder Bubber is the intellect and inspiration behind the “SPARK” program. His vision was to motivate and support disadvantaged students - students who have potential, but need encouragement and other assistance to realize that potential.

Beginning in Grade 11, SPARK covers the entire cost of university-level courses for participating students, through to graduation. This financial support continues to pay for half of the student’s first-year post-secondary tuition, and 25 per cent of their second-year tuition. Kwantlen welcomes the SPARK program students, although the students can choose any college or university.

To obtain the considerable funding required for the program, Mr. Bubber has raised over \$100,000 in contributions from the Indo-Canadian business community, with a commitment to raise another \$200,000 over the next four years. This funding currently supports a total of 150 SPARK students at Tamanawis Secondary and Princess Margaret Secondary schools. Premier Gordon Campbell was so impressed with the program that his government earlier committed \$800,000 to it with the hope that SPARK will be replicated in other districts.

The Board recognized Arvinder Bubber for his dedication, commitment and support of the SPARK program and the students in Surrey and White Rock.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2005-11-24 and Inaugural Board Meeting Held 2005-12-08

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2005-11-24 and Inaugural Board meeting held 2005-12-08 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Annual Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the Year Ended 2005-06-30

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the Annual Statement of Financial Information for the year ended 2005-06-30.

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

THAT the Board approve the statements and schedules included in the Statement of Financial Information for the Year Ended 2005-06-30, as required under Section 2 of the *Financial Information Act*, and

THAT the report be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

- (c) International Students – Tuition Fees

Bob Chadwick, Associate Superintendent, Career, International & Continuing Education, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed tuition fees for international fee-paying students for 2006/2007.

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

THAT the Board approve the 2006/2007 tuition fees for international fee-paying students at \$12,700.00 (comprised of \$12,000.00 tuition + \$700.00 medical).

CARRIED

[4] INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**(a) Trustee Reports**

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

Trustee McNally advised that Fred Dunn, a long-serving Crossing Guard at Earl Marriott Secondary School, had recently passed away. The Earl Marriott Secondary students raised \$700 at their annual "Battle of the Bands" contest and donated all of the funds to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in honour of Mr. Dunn.

The Board extended their condolences to Mr. Dunn's family, friends and colleagues.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(c) Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments – 2006

Trustees were requested to advise the Chairperson of particular committees they wished to serve on for 2006, by 2005-12-31. The 2006 Board Committees and Trustee Representation appointments will be brought to a future meeting for information, when completed.

(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 Jefferson:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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