

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 12th, 2006 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 7:41 p.m.

It was noted that due to technical difficulties, Shaw Cable was not able to record the meeting and therefore will not be able to broadcast the meeting on local cable television on Saturday.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Michael Cook and Earle Fraser, Royal Canadian Legion, Cloverdale Branch 006; Owen Croy, Manager, Parks, and Debbie Sproule, Business Operations Coordinator, Parks Division, City of Surrey; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; John Ormond, Director of Instruction; and Lynn Robertson, Assistant Superintendent.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Reading Assessment District 36 Team, re: RAD36 Program

The Board recognized the Reading Assessment District 36 Team for their leadership, innovation and successful teamwork and the RAD36 Program.

John Ormond, Director of Instruction and Lynn Robertson, Assistant Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the RAD36 Program which began in the fall of 2003 when RAD36 team leaders Joanie Donovan and Kathy Puharich began planning the development of a tool that could be used to effectively assess the reading skills and reading development for students in Grades 1 through 9. Teachers wanted an up-to-date, teacher-friendly and efficient program.

Helping Teachers, principals, teachers, the Surrey Teachers Association, the district's Research Department and the Director of Instruction formed a steering committee. Developing an assessment tool that would meet the broad needs of B.C.'s largest school district was a long and complex process.

After many months of extensive research and analysis, then writing and design, a draft RAD36 program was developed and distributed to Surrey schools a year ago. RAD36 team members provided in-service instruction to teachers then gathered feedback to refine the program and reading kits further before introducing the final versions in time for the current school year. Team members did all this work, while still holding down their "day jobs".

Essentially, RAD36 is a twice-yearly reading assessment tool. The fall assessment serves to guide student instruction, while the spring assessment determines how far students have developed, based on specific needs identified in the first assessment. RAD36 was designed, therefore, to *inform* instruction - an assessment to support learning.

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. RAD36 has garnered attention and recognition throughout B.C. as the most effective tool available for assessing student performance and guiding instruction. Perhaps the most convincing demonstration of its value is the extent to which it has been embraced by classroom teachers throughout Surrey.

The Board recognized the RAD36 team members for their vision and extraordinary commitment to improving student learning. On behalf of the Board, the Chairperson presented the group with a certificate of recognition and each team member with a pin commemorating the Board's formal recognition.

[2] DELEGATIONS

- (a) Delegation: The Cenotaph Restoration Committee of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 006, Cloverdale, re: Restoration of the Cloverdale Cenotaph

Earle Fraser, Michael Cook of the Royal Canadian Legion, Cloverdale Branch No. 6, Restoration Committee and Debbie Sproule, Business Operations Coordinator, Parks Division, City of Surrey, provided Trustees with information regarding their plans for the continuing restoration of the Cloverdale Cenotaph. The Cenotaph is located on the grounds of the new Surrey Museum.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 6, Cloverdale, partnering with community groups, organizations and government agencies, plan to place a historically significant life-size bronze statue atop the refurbished WWI cenotaph in Heritage Square of the Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre located on Highway No. 10 in Cloverdale. This project will promote community ownership and awareness of Heritage Square and will educate Surrey's youth regarding the significance and role Surrey soldiers and Veterans played in history.

The delegation provided Trustees with information regarding the history of the cenotaph, the improvements completed to date and future plans.

The bronze statue to be placed on top of the refurbished cenotaph must be ordered by 2006-02-17 and will cost \$65,000. The statue depicts a soldier in full battle kit, paying respect at the temporary grave of a recently fallen comrade and is titled "Kneeling in Remembrance".

Funds do not have to be in place by the February order date but the statue cannot be commissioned without commitment for the funds. The delegation will be applying for government and/or community grants. Installation is planned for late October, 2006

The delegation is requesting that the Board and the students of Surrey provide a cash gift in support of the statue purchase and installation.

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

THAT the Board refer the Royal Canadian Legion, Cloverdale Branch No. 6 delegation's Restoration of the Cloverdale Cenotaph project to the SD36 (Surrey) Centennial Committee and the SD36 (Surrey) Education Business Community Partnership Advisory Committee for consideration.

CARRIED

[3] ACTION ITEMS**(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2005-12-15**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2005-12-15 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Annual Review of Kilometerage Expense Reimbursement Rate

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

THAT the Board establish the Kilometerage Expense Reimbursement Rate at \$0.49 per km., effective 2006-02-01.

CARRIED

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

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

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

(c) 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 8:51 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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