

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 26th, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
T. Allen
W. Jefferson
R. Masi
L. McNally

Staff

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

Absent:

P. Glass, Vice Chairperson
H. Stilwell

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Theresa Campbell, Manager, Safe Schools; Sharon Cohen, Assistant Superintendent; Bob Coventry, Assistant Superintendent; Amy Newman, Fine Arts Helping Teacher; Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Paulina Pekova, Fine Arts Helping Teacher; Lynn Robertson, Assistant Superintendent; Angie Smith, Administrative Secretary; and Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada", led by Adam Olgui, a grade 10 student who was one of the top three winners in the Spring 2005 "Surrey Idol" contest held at Princess Margaret Secondary School.

(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 3(c) *Award of Construction Contract – Surrey College – Site #187 – Modular Complex* and the revised attachment to item 4(b) *2006 Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments*, be added to the agenda and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Constable Erica Dirsus, Surrey RCMP Youth Section Officer, Re: Drug Use Prevention Video Support

The Board recognized Constable Erica Dirsus, Surrey RCMP Youth Section Officer for her exceptional dedication and leadership in supporting the cause of substance use prevention and education in Surrey schools.

Theresa Campbell, Manager, Safe Schools, provided Trustees with information regarding the very important role that the Surrey RCMP Youth Section plays in the school communities throughout our district.

Constable Erica Dirsus has been with the Youth Section for three (3) years. She is a trained ‘Drug Abuse Resistance Education’ or ‘DARE’ instructor and has been supporting the district’s Safe Schools Department in developing new educational tools to convince young people to choose not to use drugs.

Cst. Dirsus was pivotal in facilitating four (4) large substance use student forums at the Bell Performing Arts Centre. She helped to organize twenty (20) parent education nights at her assigned schools on the same topic. Cst. Dirsus is also a contributing member of the Surrey Methamphetamine Response Team or ‘SMART’ and is assisting in the development of the Surrey Crystal Meth prevention campaign in secondary schools.

Cst. Dirsus provided countless hours of her own time to support the development of Surrey student and parent educational DVDs on substance use.

Her knowledge and leadership of these initiatives, exemplify her passion for the health, care and safety of our youth. Her dedication continues to provide drive and direction in our battle against substance use.

The Board recognized Constable Dirsus for her leadership and extraordinary dedication to substance use prevention and education in support of Surrey School District students. On behalf of the Board, the Chairperson presented Constable Dirsus with a certificate of recognition and a pin commemorating the Board's formal recognition.

(d) Presentation: Elementary Speech Fest

Lynn Robertson, Assistant Superintendent and Dorota Peacock, Literacy Helping Teacher, provided Trustees with information regarding the Fifth Annual Elementary Speech Fest which was held on 2006-12-05 at North Surrey Secondary.

Approximately 12,000 elementary students participated in the speech fest this year. Four students presented their winning speeches:

- Julia Bazso, Grade 7 student at East Kensington Elementary – *Being Small*
- Qadeem Sale mohamed, Grade 7 student at Clayton Elementary – *Teachers' Strike*
- Nicholos Poullos, Grade 7 student at Riverdale Elementary – *The Pet Alternative*
- Hilary Howard, Grade 6 student at Hyland Elementary – *Money*.

(e) Presentation: Memorandum of Understanding Re: Early Childhood Development, Learning and Care Between the Ministry of Children & Family Development; the Ministry of Health & SD36 (Surrey)

Lynn Robertson, Assistant Superintendent and Penny Coates, Provincial Outreach Coordinator, United Way of the Lower Mainland, provided Trustees with information regarding "The Early Childhood Partners" memorandum of understanding.

The school district has worked very closely with some of our community partners to look at early childhood development and care and what we could do as partners to develop this area. The Fraser Health Authority, Surrey Health Services; the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Surrey Area; the City of Surrey; and the United Way of the Lower Mainland as well as the Surrey School District, are collectively known as "The Early Childhood Partners". All of the partners fully support the memorandum of understanding and the need to collaboratively research, plan and coordinate early childhood development, learning and care initiatives in the Surrey/White Rock area.

An Office of Early Childhood Development, Learning and Care will be established and jointly funded by the Partners.

This partnership and collaborative focus on early childhood development is the first of its kind in BC and in Canada.

(f) Presentation: Fine Arts Programs

Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction; Amy Newman and Paulina Pekova, Fine Arts Helping Teacher; provided Trustees with information on the various Fine Arts Programs in the district.

The ***Westminster Savings Credit Union Fine Arts Festival des Beaux-Arts*** commenced in November 2005 with the Surrey Fringe Festival and continues through June 2006 in a variety of schools and community venues. This series of events provides a wonderful opportunity for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 to perform in a variety of disciplines in the fine arts.

The school district is hosting the ***Envision Jazz Festival*** for the 24th year, on February 2, 3 and 4, 2006 at the Bell Performing Arts Centre. As Western Canada's largest and longest-running educational jazz festival, this event showcases 2,500 secondary school jazz musicians over three days. The students perform and compete in six jazz categories are evaluated by professional adjudicators.

Daytime events are held at the Sheraton Guildford Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and are free of charge.

Evening events are held in the district's Bell Performing Arts Centre, where the best student choirs and bands chosen from the daytime showcase, perform along with the finest professional Canadian jazz artists. Awards and scholarships are also presented during each of the evening performances.

Trustees were also provided with information on the ***Learning Through the Arts*** (LTTA) pilot project that has been implemented in six (6) elementary schools. This unique program partners teachers and artists who collaborate on lesson plans to infuse the arts into core curriculum lesson plans. Students learn math through dance, language through song writing, and social studies through visual art.

LTTA methods are designed to actively engage students and enhance their ability to learn concepts required in math, history, science and reading. The program provides a range of tools and resources to help teachers find instructional methods that are suited to the divergent ways in which students learn.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No Items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2006-01-12

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2006-01-12 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Surrey School District 100th Anniversary Proclamation

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

THAT WHEREAS the Surrey School District was established on March 14, 1906; and

WHEREAS the Surrey School Board wishes to recognize this historic milestone; and

WHEREAS the community is invited to participate in the celebration of a century of excellence in the Surrey School District,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 36 (Surrey) proclaim 2006 a year of celebration in honour of the 100th anniversary of the Surrey School District's official formation.

CARRIED

(c) Award of Construction Contract – Surrey College – Site #187 – Modular Complex

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the modular complex project for Surrey College and the results of the recent construction contract tender request.

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract Documents with the lowest qualified bidder, Shelter Industries Ltd., in the total amount of \$2,674,383 (including GST) for the construction of a modular complex for Surrey College – Site #187, located at 9260-140 Street.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) 2006 Board Committee/Trustee Representation Appointments

Trustees received information regarding the 2006 Board Committees and Trustee Representation appointments. Minor updates will be included. The revised list will be distributed to the system via B-memo.

(c) Student Cell Phones and Communication Devices

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the completed survey of student use of cell phones and communication devices in schools.

(d) School Plans

Sharon Cohen and Lynn Robertson, Assistant Superintendents, provided Trustees with information regarding the process involved in developing a School Plan. A School Plan is a working document that, with reflection and monitoring, guides the path for achieving student success at every school.

Each school's School Planning Council is responsible for developing, monitoring and reviewing the plan.

School communities are engaged in an annual planning cycle that supports improving student achievement and success. The cycle begins with an analysis of student achievement, survey and demographic data, as well as an extensive series of community engagement activities. It concludes with the filing of the district's Accountability Contract with the Ministry of Education, which reflects the major goal areas of School Plans.

Two major goal themes in School Plans throughout the district continue to be Literacy and Human and Social Development.

(e) Incoming Correspondence

Trustees reviewed Correspondence #3-01 from Mr. Brad Purves, President, Surrey Technology Education Association, requesting the Board's support in hosting the BC Technology Education Association Conference in October 2006.

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

THAT Administration be directed to advise the Surrey Technology Education Association of the Board's support in principle for the hosting of the BC Technology Education Association Conference in October 2006 in the Surrey School District.

CARRIED

[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 8:58 p.m.

CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer