

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, OCTOBER 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

P. D. Drescher, Deputy Superintendent
P. Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
L. McCuaig, Administrative Assistant

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Brian Bastien, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources Dept.; Kevin DeBoice, Vice Principal, Earl Marriott Secondary School; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer (with laryngitis) and Umur Olcay, Manager, Facilities & Demographics Planning.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 1(c) *Recognition: Kit Sauder, Grade 12 Student, Earl Marriott Secondary School, re: Social Responsibility*, be added to the agenda; items 4(c) *Organization of Classes* and 4(d) *Class Size Report*, be moved to action items, and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

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- (c) Recognition: Kit Sauder, Grade 12 Student, Earl Marriott Secondary School, re: Social Responsibility

The Board recognized Kit Sauder, a grade 12 student at Earl Marriott Secondary for his exceptional social responsibility.

Kevin DeBoice, Vice Principal, Earl Marriott Secondary, provided Trustees with information on Kit's accomplishments and achievements, in particular his compelling story that won him an audience with the Dalai Lama. He was invited to participate in a dialogue with the Dalai Lama and a small select group, on "Nurturing Compassion". Kit shared his story of compassion publicly. The event was webcast to selected schools through-out the province.

In the video, Kit tells a very compelling story about coming across a stranger crying on the street. He reached out to this despondent and lonely woman and after awhile, they cried together and they shared a laugh together. Kit went on his way and, as he relates in his presentation, he "bore witness to the life of a stranger and helped her to smile".

Kit is also very active in school government, sports, drama, singing and is an excellent student.

The Board recognized Kit Sauder for his inspirational demonstration of social responsibility and exemplary achievement. Chairperson Wilson presented Kit with a certificate of recognition and a commemorative pin.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Delegation: George Singh & Ted Hewlett, Co-chairpersons, Society to Save the Kensington Prairie Site, re: Preservation of Kensington Prairie Elementary School

George Singh and Ted Hewlett, Co-chairpersons, represented the Society to Save the Kensington Prairie Site and provided Trustees with information on the group's desire to preserve the recently closed Kensington Prairie Elementary School site.

The school was closed in June 2006. The original building was constructed in 1914. After some preliminary work by a group of local citizens, a community meeting held on 2006-05-29 voted unanimously for the following resolution:

"That this meeting favours the preservation for community use of at least the historic 1914 building and the gym as well as the playground of Kensington Prairie Elementary School."

The Society to Save the Kensington Prairie Site was also formed at this meeting.

The delegation indicated that there are many reasons to preserve the site and the buildings. The site could serve multiple purposes. It could serve as a destination for field trips. The gym and playgrounds could continue to be used for neighbourhood athletic events and small concerts as well as being available for casual community use for assorted sports. The delegation suggested that renting a portion of the school to a daycare and pre-school could financially contribute to the site preservation costs.

The craftsman style building should be kept as a reminder of the value our ancestors placed on the education of their children. It is a heritage registry site and is already recognized as having qualities that are significant and contribute to the history of the City.

The delegation is requesting that:

- The Board commit to the general principle of preserving the site for local community use as well as for use by Surrey and White Rock residents.
- The Board support the delegation's resolution, quoted above.
- A Board representative assist the delegation in developing a way to continue the delegation's work of alerting local government bodies and communities of the site's potential.
- The Board and the City of Surrey work together for the preservation of the site for the continued community use.

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

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2006-09-28 and Special (Open) Board Meeting Held 2006-10-02

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2006-09-28 and Special (Open) Board meeting held 2006-10-02 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Response to Delegation: Cathy Bach, Chairperson, 2812 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, re: Facility Rental Costs

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

THAT the Board acknowledges the points raised in the delegation's presentation and supports the endeavours and efforts of the 2812 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, (RCACC) for the youth in Surrey and White Rock; and

THAT the Board Chairperson be directed to write a letter of support for the RCACC in their pursuit of additional funding for The National Cadet Program; and

THAT the delegation be advised that the Board uphold the provisions of Policy #10400 – *Community Use of Facilities & Grounds* and its Regulation 10400.1 and cannot waive the facility rental fees for the 2812 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.

CARRIED

- (c) Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, re: Clarification from Minister of Education on Parental Rights for Students Opting Out of Classes

Trustee Stilwell presented a notice of motion regarding clarification from the Minister of Education on parental rights for students opting out of classes for formal consideration by the Board; however the motion was not seconded and did not receive consideration.

- (d) Bylaw #161, Re: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Public Rights of Passage With or Without Vehicles

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

THAT Bylaw #161, Re: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Public Rights of Passage With or Without Vehicles be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #161, Re: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Public Rights of Passage With or Without Vehicles be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #161, Re: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Public Rights of Passage With or Without Vehicles be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #161, Re: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Public Rights of Passage With or Without Vehicles be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (e) Bylaw #162, Re: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Drainage Works

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

THAT Bylaw #162, Re: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Drainage Works be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #162, Re: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Drainage Works be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #162, Re: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Drainage Works be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #162, Re: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 – Statutory Right-of-Way – Drainage Works be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(f) Eligible School Site Proposals – 2007-2011

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer and Umur Olcay, Manager, Facilities & Demographics Planning, provided Trustees with information regarding the Eligible School Site Proposals for 2007-2011. This is a required part of the Capital Plan process.

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

THAT WHEREAS the Board of School Trustees of School District No.36 (Surrey) has consulted with the City of Surrey and the City of White Rock on these matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT based on information from local government, the Board of School Trustees of School District No.36 (Surrey) estimates that there will be 38,249 development units constructed in the school district over the next 10 years (Schedule 'A' – Table 1 & 2); and

THAT these 38,249 new development units will be home to an estimated 13,552 school age children (Schedule 'A' – Table 3); and

THAT the School Board expects 6 new school sites and 2 site expansions, over the ten-year period, will be required as the result of this growth in the school district and the site acquisitions will be located as presented in Schedule 'B'; and

THAT according to Ministry of Education site standards presented in Schedule 'B' the sites will require 22 hectares of land. These sites should be purchased within ten years and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$53.5 million; and

THAT the Eligible School Sites Proposal as adjusted be incorporated into the Five Year Capital Plan, 2007-2011, and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

(g) Five Year Capital Plan – 2007-2011

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer and Umur Olcay, Manager, Facilities & Demographics Planning, provided Trustees with information regarding the Five Year Capital Plan for 2007-2011 and the status of the Board's potential future projects.

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

THAT the Board approve the Five Year Capital Budget – 2007-2011, as presented, for submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

(h) Organization of Classes

Brian Bastien, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources Dept., provided Trustees with information regarding the organization of classes in the school district for 2006/2007 and the reporting requirements under Section 76.3(5) of the *School Act* on this topic.

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

THAT the Board accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools, as required by the *School Act*, Section 76.3(5) regarding the organization of classes in the school district for 2006/2007.

CARRIED

(i) Class Size Report

Brian Bastien, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources Dept., provided Trustees with updated information regarding class sizes in the district for the 2006/2007 school year.

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

THAT the Board receive the Report on Class Sizes; and

THAT the following class size information be included in the report to the Minister of Education as required by Section 6 of the *Class Size Regulation* established pursuant to Section 76.1 of the *School Act*:

- (i) the average class size, in the aggregate for kindergarten classes in the school district as of September 30th was 17.9 which is under the School Act maximum average of 19; and
- (ii) the average class size, in the aggregate for grades 1 to 3 in the school district as of September 30th was 20.6 which is under the School Act maximum average of 21; and
- (iii) the average class size, in the aggregate for grades 4 to 7 classes in the school district as of September 30th was 25.7 which is under the School Act maximum average of 28; and

- (iv) the average class size, in the aggregate for grades 8 to 12 classes in the school district as of September 30th was 26.7 which is under the School Act maximum average of 30; and
- (v) no kindergarten class exceeded the legislated cap of 22 students; and
- (vi) no grades 1 to 3 class exceeded the legislated cap of 24 students.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(c) School Fees Status Report

Peter Drescher, Deputy Superintendent, provided Trustees with information the status of school fees in the district for the 2006/2007 school year.

As a result of decisions made by the 2006/2007 Budget Committee and the Board, last year, which came into effect this year, substantial course fees were eliminated, reduced and harmonized for various courses. It is anticipated that the new rules for course fees will have an additional impact on the school district, but the extent is not known at this time.

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

THAT Administration be directed to seek clarification on the new changes to the course fee rules as a result of the recent court decision and develop a plan regarding course fees to be brought back to the Board for consideration.

CARRIED

(d) Incoming Correspondence

There were no correspondence items requiring Trustees' attention.

[5] **FUTURE BUSINESS**

(a) Items for Future Discussion

There were no items noted requiring discussion by the Board in the future.

(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 Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

PLD/lm

P. Dundas
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer