

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, FEBRUARY 8th, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

P.B. Drescher, Acting Superintendent
W. D. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer
L. McCuaig, Administrative Assistant

Absent

L. McNally

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services; David Cuan, CJP Architects; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Michael Gordon, Principal, Bridgeview Elementary School; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; John Ormond, Assistant Superintendent; Angie Smith, Administrative Secretary; and Linda Western, United Way of the Lower Mainland.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

Trustee Absence

The Chairperson advised that Trustee McNally was not able to attend the meeting due to illness.

(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Presentation: United Way – Action for Neighbourhood Change

Michael Gordon, Principal, Bridgeview Elementary School provided Trustees with information regarding the Action for Neighbourhood Change Project. Principal Gordon introduced Linda Western, United Way of the Lower Mainland, who presented a video which introduced the purpose and activities behind the project.

United Way of Canada – Centraides Canada, in partnership with the Tamarack and Caledon Institutes, and the National Film Board of Canada, has been awarded a contract from the National Homelessness Secretariat to administer the project Action for Neighbourhood Change (ANC). The project focuses on developing creative ways of sustaining healthy and strong neighbourhoods. All neighbourhoods in modern society experience stresses and Action for Neighbourhood Change will use the experience of different locations chosen across Canada to benefit all communities, by influencing policy and developing strategies to strengthen the ability of communities to address social issues.

Surrey is one of five participating municipalities across Canada. Communities in Regina, Thunder Bay, Toronto and Halifax have also been chosen for neighbourhood revitalization. The United Way of the Lower Mainland Planning Consultant, Linda Western, guided the ANC project through the neighbourhood selection phase and on July 25, 2005 the ANC program was officially launched in the City of Surrey's Bridgeview community.

Since the ANC began working in Bridgeview, the project staff have helped the citizens become involved in changing and enhancing their neighbourhood. The Bridgeview community has received a number of grants to fund projects to enhance their neighbourhood. Among the many sponsorships received include Bridgeview Parent Advisory Committee, for a wall mural on Bridgeview Elementary School depicting a healthy stream environment, complete with fish created by the students and sidewalk art designed by the students. Surrey Crime Prevention Society has also sponsored a project promoting safety and proper road crossing for children and parents.

Action for Neighbourhood Change brings together social service providers, businesses, government departments and community groups to provide everyone the chance to develop a vision for strong and healthy neighbourhoods across Canada.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

(a) Delegation: Mr. R. Keating, re: Principles in the School System

Mr. Keating, a community resident and grandparent, provided Trustees with information regarding his view of the principles in the Surrey School system.

Through essays written by students from the Surrey School District to illustrate their points, the delegation presented information on the importance of effective communication between people in authority and students, in order to promote positive self images in the student population.

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

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2007-01-25

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2007-01-25 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Response to Delegation: Clifford Grant, re: Support Our Troops Program

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

THAT the Board extend its appreciation to Clifford Grant for his presentation at the 2007-01-25 Regular Board meeting regarding his Support our Troops Program; and

THAT the Office of the Superintendent make school Principals and school Parent Advisory Councils aware of the various initiatives and opportunities under the "Support Our Troops" program so that

they can consider participating as appropriate and have the necessary contact information.

CARRIED

(c) Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, re: Daily Pledge

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

THAT WHEREAS social responsibility has become a major focus for the Surrey School District; and

WHEREAS it would be unifying for the School District and instructive for the students, staff and the community to have the students recite a daily pledge; and

WHEREAS this pledge would need to be simple and understandable to all; and

WHEREAS this pledge could be used by staff, parents and the community to support these goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT School District No. 36 (Surrey) institute a daily pledge for students:

“Today, I will do my best

Today, I will treat others as I would like to be treated.”

DEFEATED (In Favour: Trustee Stilwell)

(d) Approval of Sketch Plans –Rosemary West Area Elementary – Site #189 –New School

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer and David Cuan of CJP Architects, provided Trustees with information on the planning process and sketch plans for the new Rosemary West Area Elementary school.

Trustees

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

THAT the sketch plans for the construction of the new school Rosemary West Area Elementary – Site #189, located at 15516 – 36 Avenue, be approved as presented and the architect be instructed to proceed with the remaining stages of the project.

CARRIED

(e) Public Private Partnership re: Earl Marriott Secondary Artificial Field

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

THAT Administration be directed to continue discussions with Earl Marriott Secondary School staff and the community, on the need for an improved play surface; and

THAT Administration be directed to prepare a report on the results of the continued discussions on the need for an improved play surface at Earl Marriott Secondary School and to present the report to the 2007/2008 Budget Committee by 2007-03-31 for consideration.

CARRIED

(f) Amended Annual 2006/2007 Operating Budget

Trustee Allen, as Chairperson of the 2007/2008 Budget Committee presented the Amended Annual 2006/2007 Operating Budget to the Board for formal consideration.

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

THAT the attached School District Amended Annual Operating Budget for 2006/2007 totalling \$491,569,491 including \$486,035,269 in operating expenditures, be approved and supplied to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

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

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2006/2007 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2006/2007 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2006/2007 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Masi, seconded by Trustee Masi:

THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2006/2007 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

(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 Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 9:21p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

WDN/lm

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer