

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, APRIL 12th, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

Absent

P. Glass

[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:

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Mary Gibbons, Principal, Holly Elementary; Leeann Look, Teacher, Cloverdale Traditional School; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Mr. Mike Stewart, Lenscrafters; Dr. Rick Wong, Lenscrafters; and Ann Turner, Principal, Cloverdale Traditional School.

Trustee Absence:

Chairperson Wilson advised that Trustee Glass was not present at the meeting due to illness and that Mike McKay, Superintendent, was away on school district business.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 3(b) - *Capital Project Bylaw No. 115354 [Ellendale Elementary – Site #804 – Structural Seismic Upgrade of Entire School – Except 1993 Addition (Block -3)]* be removed from the agenda.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Dr. Rick Wong and Mr. Mike Stewart, Lenscrafters, Re: Student Support

The Board recognized Dr. Rick Wong and Mr. Mike Stewart, Lenscrafters, who, through their business, have been wonderfully generous in support of our students and their families.

Mary Gibbons, Principal, Holly Elementary, provided Trustees with information about Dr. Wong's and Mr. Stewart's dedication to the students in Surrey. Dr. Rick Wong is an optometrist at the Lenscrafters store in Guildford Mall. Mr. Mike Stewart is the store's general manager.

For the past three-and-a-half years, Dr. Wong and the Guildford Mall Lenscrafters have been providing eye examinations – and free eyeglasses to students of Holly Elementary; an inner-city school.

This relationship came about because school staff had noticed some students had difficulty in seeing blackboards, or had complained often of headaches. Dr. Wong and Mr. Stewart at the Lenscrafters store readily offered their services to assist.

Their services were later folded into the "Gift of Sight" program for school children. However, the program stipulates a maximum of 10 recipients, yet it has proven to be so valuable and needed by the Holly community, requests from anxious families continue to pour in. Without hesitation, Dr. Wong and Mr. Stewart decided no one would be turned away. This year, 36 children and 23 adults received eye exams and many received eyewear as well.

The Surrey School Board recognized Dr. Rick Wong and Mr. Mike Stewart for their compassionate and generous support of the Holly Elementary school community. The Chairperson presented Dr. Wong and Mr. Stewart with a certificate of recognition and a pin commemorating their formal Board recognition.

(d) Presentation: 2007 BC Children's Champion Child

Ann Turner, Principal, Cloverdale Traditional School, provided the Board with information on the 2007 BC Children's Champion Child.

In February 2007, five-year old Jeevan Basra was named as Ambassador for BC Children's Hospital as the 2007 Champion Child. Jeevan is a kindergarden student at Cloverdale Traditional School.

The Champions Across Canada program, presented by Wal-Mart Canada, is a unique program designed to celebrate the human spirit and bring awareness to the issues surrounding pediatric health-care funding and children's hospitals in Canada.

As BC's representative in the Champions Across Canada program, Jeevan and her parents Sanddip and Sarb will be sharing her story of courage and hope. Serving as an ambassador for the thousands of kids treated each year at BC Children's Hospital, Jeevan will travel to Ottawa and Orlando, Florida, to share her inspiring message and to spread the word of the important work of children's hospitals.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2007-03-29

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2007-03-29 be adopted as circulated.

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 8:16 p.m.

CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W.D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer