

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN THE CITY OF SURREY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

[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:

Catherine Brewin, Principal, H.T. Thrift Elementary; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Pat Hyde, Retired Teacher & Volunteer; Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Jim McMurtry, Teacher, Fraser Heights Secondary; and Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Pat Hyde, Retired Teacher, H.T. Thrift Elementary, re: One-to-One Literacy

The Board recognized Pat Hyde a retired teacher who introduced a “One-to-One Literacy Program” to provide a way for children to explore literature one-to-one, led by an adult.

Catherine Brewin, Principal, H.T. Thrift Elementary School, provided Trustees with information regarding the One-to-One Literacy Program and the many volunteers who support the program, led by Pat Hyde.

Pat worked for several years as a Learning Assistance Teacher at H.T. Thrift Elementary and retired over five years ago. Four years ago, she conceived and introduced a “One-to-One Literacy Program” to provide a way for children to explore literature one-to-one, led by an adult.

Pat spent countless volunteer hours recruiting, training and organizing community volunteers. She set up and equipped the program with books and games. Teachers were encouraged to refer students who needed to practice reading skills and develop self-confidence, but did not necessarily qualify for other support programs in the school.

Over the last four years, teachers have come to rely on the program to provide a secure environment for students while they practice reading with the undivided attention of an adult. Students have developed very positive relationships with their volunteers and look forward to their daily sessions. The program has had an extremely positive impact upon the school and there is never any difficulty finding students wishing to participate.

The success of the program has spread. Pat introduced One-to-One at Peace Arch Elementary three years ago and this past September, at Hall’s Prairie Elementary. She continues to show amazing energy and passion in promoting literacy.

The Surrey Board of Education recognized Pat Hyde for her extraordinary dedication and support of student literacy in the Surrey School District.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2007-10-25

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2007-10-25 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Response to Delegation: Jim McMurtry re: Pesticides, Insecticides & Herbicides

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

THAT the Board recognizes the stewardship and leadership role it plays in the campaign to constantly improve BC's and the school district's environment reputation and has taken appropriate steps, over the past three years, to implement programs to achieve reductions in the previous levels of pesticide use; and

THAT the Board direct Administration to prepare a report to the 2008/2009 Budget Committee for consideration, on the options and costs to further reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides, while at the same time, recognizing the Board's fiduciary responsibility to ensure the choices are evaluated against its need to meet all of its financial obligations; and

THAT the Board expresses its appreciation to the delegation for a thoughtful and informative presentation.

CARRIED

(c) 2008/2009 Board Authorized Courses

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

THAT the Board approve the following Board Authorized Courses for the 2008/2009 school year:

- Roofer Level 1 Technical Training 12
- Tutorat en paire 11 (Peer Tutoring 11)
- Visual Impairment Technology 11.

CARRIED

- (d) 2007/2008 Superintendent's Report – School Act Requirement on the Reporting of Organization of Classes in the District

Peter Drescher, Acting Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the organization of classes in the district which should be included in the 2007/2008 Superintendent's Report to the Ministry of Education.

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

THAT the Board accept the Superintendent's Report – *School Act* Requirement on the Reporting of Organization of Classes in the District which was provided to the Board on 2007-10-01.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

- (a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

- (b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

- (c) Report on Changes to Classes Pursuant to Section 76.4 of the School Act

Peter Drescher, Acting Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the changes to classes in the last month.

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

THAT the Board accept the report on changes to classes pursuant to Section 76.4 of the School Act.

CARRIED

- (d) 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 8:13 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W.D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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