

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, MAY 29th, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

R. Masi, Chairperson
W. Jefferson, Vice Chairperson
P. Glass
L. McNally (*part*)
H. Stilwell
S. Wilson (*part*)

Staff

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

Absent

T. Allen

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Masi 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:

Constable Jeremy Anderson, Surrey RCMP; Pat Barrett, Principal, K.B. Woodward Elementary; Paul Bruce, Career Development Facilitator, Earl Marriott Secondary; Rick Fabbro, Assistant Superintendent; Ken Hignell, Principal, Johnston Heights Secondary; Susan Johnson, Career Development Facilitator, Guildford Learning Centre; Vicki Munn, Career Education Principal; Deborah Murin, Teacher, Johnston Heights Secondary; Christa Rawlings, Teacher, K.B. Woodward Elementary; 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 Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

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

CARRIED

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(c) Recognition: K.B. Woodward Elementary Environmental Club

The Board recognized the K.B. Woodward Elementary Environmental Club, a group of young, hard-working and caring elementary students that are setting examples of social responsibility in many ways.

Pat Barrett, Principal and Christa Rawlings, Teacher Sponsor, provided Trustees with information on the K.B. Woodward Environmental Club. The Club was formed in April last year with the goal of collecting juice and other recyclable containers from throughout the school on a weekly basis. To the end of the last school year, the students in the Club raised \$400 and donated that money to the Canadian World Wildlife Federation.

In September last year, the eight student club members, now in Grade 7, were right back at it. They have continued to take one lunch break each week to collect recyclable containers from every one of the 23 divisions in the school. They've sorted, counted and cleaned an average of five-to-six hundred containers each week. Each student works hard, takes initiative to complete tasks and supports the team.

So far this year, the Club has recycled more than 21,000 containers, raising more than \$1,000. The Club is ranked seventh in the province and first in Surrey for most containers recycled by an elementary school.

After discussing options amongst themselves and with other students at K.B. Woodward, the Club members have decided to split the funds raised with money going to purchase school play equipment, student leadership t-shirts, to purchase an Earth Day advertisement in the local newspaper and to support the Kwantlen Park Secondary Global Awareness Club's "Spread the Net" campaign.

The Club members also donated money to help top up funds for other student clubs in their school that were not able to reach their goals. On top of this, the students donated their time and efforts to supporting a number of Earth Day clean-up initiatives.

The Surrey Board of Education recognized the students in the K.B. Woodward Elementary Environmental Club for their extraordinary leadership and initiative in social responsibility.

Chairperson Masi presented each of the students with a pin commemorating the formal Board recognition. He also presented the Principal with a certificate of recognition.

Trustee Attendance:

Chairperson Masi advised that Trustee Allen was absent from the meeting due to another commitment. Trustee McNally and Trustee Wilson will be joining the meeting later, as they are representing the Board at graduation events.

(d) Recognition: Deborah Murin, Teacher & Adapted Physical Activities Coordinator, re: AIMS Games

The Board recognized Deborah Murin, Teacher and Adapted Physical Activities Coordinator for her leadership, management and championship of the Athletes In Motion (AIM) Games since its inception four years ago.

Trustee Wilson arrived to the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Rick Fabbro, Assistant Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding Ms. Murin and her work in support of the AIM Games.

These games reach out to our students with special needs, providing them an opportunity to enjoy and compete in sports and games that are adapted to their abilities. This event works on many levels as community organizations and able-bodied students also support it to everyone's benefit.

This year, the AIM Games involved about 190 student athletes and 100 student volunteers, as well as 32 coaches from eight community organizations, including the Special Olympics.

In addition to the Games, Deborah also organizes and oversees the Adapted Physical Activities Program which involves five adapted sports staged weekly over two months. Similar to the AIM Games, this program provides opportunities for special needs students, as well as connections into community programs that the students may not otherwise be aware of.

The Board recognized Deborah Murin for her exceptional commitment to students with special needs through her leadership and support of the Athletes In Motion Games and the Adapted Physical Activities Program.

Chairperson Masi presented Ms. Murin with a pin and certificate of recognition commemorating her formal Board recognition.

(e) Presentation: RCMP Youth Academy

Vicki Munn, Career Education Principal, and Susan Johnson, Career Development Facilitator, Guildford Learning Centre; provided Trustees with information regarding the 13th anniversary of the RCMP Youth Academy and the purpose and goals of the program.

Trustee McNally arrived to the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

The RCMP Youth Academy is a partnership involving five (5) Lower Mainland school districts and five (5) RCMP detachments. Communities participating in the RCMP Youth Academy include Burnaby, Coquitlam, North Vancouver, Richmond and Surrey.

Constable Jeremy Anderson, Surrey RCMP Detachment, provided Trustees with information regarding the benefits of the RCMP Youth Academy program and the daily activities of the students at the Academy.

Thirty-one (31) students from the Surrey School District participated in the RCMP Youth Academy for 2008. This is triple the number of students from previous years. The Academy is funded partially by the candidates and partially through Career Programs in school districts.

Several of the participating students from the district were present and provided Trustees with highlights of their experiences at the RCMP Youth Academy.

(f) Presentation: Joel Kitching, Earl Marriott Secondary Graduate, World Skills Silver Medalist, Internet Web Design Competition

Vicki Munn, Career Education Principal, and Paul Bruce, Career Development Facilitator, Earl Marriot Secondary, provided Trustees with information regarding the Internet Web Design Competition and the World Skills Silver Medalist, Joel Kitching, an Earl Marriott Secondary graduate.

Joel Kitching, an Earl Marriott Secondary student at the time, competed in local, provincial, and national competitions in the Internet Web Design category. Joel won a gold medal at the national competition which qualified him to participate in the World Skills Competition. The World Skills Competition is held every two years and was held in Japan in November 2007. It is the "Olympics" of Trades and Technology competitions.

The competition project was to create a web site where alumni of World Skills Competitions can sign up and see contact information for other contestants who participated in World Skills events. Competitors were given 4 hours per day over 4 days to complete this very complex project.

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Joel is an inspiration to many students as evidenced by the numbers of students registering for this year's Regional competition in Internet Web Design.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Delegation: Wendy McNeeley, re: Voluntary Gardasil Vaccination Program

Wendy McNeeley provided Trustees with her many concerns regarding the voluntary Gardasil Vaccination program proposed by the government of BC.

The delegation is requesting the Board to decline the immunization program out of consideration for the future health of the young women participating in the program.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2008-05-08

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2008-05-08 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

- (a) Trustee Reports

Trustees briefly reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

- (b) Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, re: Gardasil Vaccine

Trustees received a notice of motion from Trustee Stilwell regarding the Gardasil Vaccine. The motion will be presented to the Board for formal consideration at the next Regular Board meeting.

- (c) School Calendar Report

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with a report regarding the school calendar for the 2008/2009 school year.

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

THAT the Board accept the Superintendent's summary of 2008/2009 School Calendars, as presented.

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 Wilson:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

CARRIED

R. Masi
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer