

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, JUNE 11th, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

L. McNally, Chairperson
S. Wilson, Vice Chairperson
T. Allen
I. Chatha
P. Glass
L. Larsen
R. Masi

Staff

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

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson McNally 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:

Dr. Elisa Carlson, Principal, Lena Shaw Elementary; Russ and Ellen Cmolik, Founders, Cmolik Foundation; Bob Coventry, Assistant Superintendent; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Robin Funk, Literacy Helping Teacher; Pat Horstead, Director of Instruction; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services and Dr. Donna VanSant, Board Member, Cmolik Foundation.

(a) **“O Canada”**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang “O Canada”.

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

Chairperson McNally requested that item 3(b) *Capital Project Bylaw No. 115336 (Surrey Traditional School – Site #080 – Structural Seismic Upgrades Phase 2 Classrooms)* and item 4(a) *Trustee Reports*; be removed from the agenda and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Cmolik Foundation – District Student Support

The Board recognized the Cmolik Foundation, its founders Russ and Ellen Cmolik and board member, Dr. Donna VanSant, for providing unique opportunities for disadvantaged students, including some extraordinary educational and life experiences.

The Cmolik Foundation's motto is "Expanding Horizons", and that is exactly what the foundation's "Adopt-a-Class" program has been doing for Grade 5 students at Lena Shaw Elementary. Last November, for an aviation-themed experience, the students were bussed to the Boundary Bay Airport where they attended "ground school" and toured the control tower, hangars and helicopters before an exciting 15-minute airplane or helicopter flight.

The students were then taken to the BCIT Aerospace Centre near the Vancouver airport where they toured the facilities and learned about aviation careers. Then, it was off to the Vancouver Imax theatre for a private showing of a film about Apollo 13. After the movie, the students were treated to a gourmet dinner at the Pan Pacific hotel restaurant where they also learned about dinner etiquette and social skills.

In March 2009, the Cmolik Foundation facilitated a health-themed trip with the students bussed to Peach Arch Hospital to learn about the radiology, maternity, dietary and other hospital departments, and health care careers. From the hospital, it was off to the La Terrazza award-winning Italian restaurant in Vancouver for dinner and keynote speaker, retired Vancouver Canuck star Cliff Ronning. After dinner and learning about the hospitality industry, it was off to watch the Vancouver Canucks defeat the Columbia Bluejackets.

The entire cost for both these amazing field trips was picked up by the Cmolik Foundation.

Beyond the "Adopt-a-Class" program, the foundation has established, tuition free, a five-day, summer day camp for Grade 5 students, in partnership with Simon Fraser University. The students will explore everything from business marketing to physics and digital media. This day camp program will expand over the next three years to include Grade 6 and Grade 7 students.

The Cmolik Foundation's support of SD36 (Surrey) students goes further to include secondary students. Five scholarships were announced earlier this year for graduating students who have had to overcome a significant barrier or disadvantage and have demonstrated tenacity in achieving their goals. Each scholarship offers \$30,000 over five years for tuition and books.

The Board recognized the Cmolik Foundation for its extraordinary generosity and compassion in support of disadvantaged students in the Surrey School District. The Chairperson presented Russ and Ellen Cmolik and Donna VanSant with pins and a certificate commemorating the Board's formal recognition.

(d) Presentation: Full Day Kindergarten

Pat Horstead, Director of Instruction and Robin Funk, Literacy Helping Teacher, provided Trustees with information regarding the Full Day Kindergarten project in the district. Highlights included:

- 24 full day Kindergarten classrooms located in ten Inner City elementary schools.
- 6 of these classrooms were funded with CommunityLink funding.
- Students were in one classroom with a teacher for the full day.
- The benefits of providing full day Kindergarten to students in Inner City schools were reviewed.
- Observations and feedback from teachers and administration were reviewed.
- Standard district kindergarten equipment list was revised, all classrooms were inventoried and each classroom was equipped to the new district standard. The classrooms are better equipped and there is greater equity across the district.
- Language, Literacy, Learning Project – opportunity to work with teachers and schools to define an effective full day Kindergarten program.
- Focus on providing an enriching, stimulating, developmentally appropriate learning environment.
- Instructional focus on developing oral language, foundational literacy skills and cognitive development.
- In-service and workshops throughout the year
- Outcome of the project has been highly successful.
- Summer LLL Project will provide additional support to at-risk students.

[2] DELEGATIONS

No items.

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[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2009-05-28

It was moved by Trustee Allen seconded by Trustee Wilson:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2009-05-28 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Award of Construction Contract – AHP Matthew Elementary – Site #051 – Seismic and Envelope Upgrades

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed award of construction contract for seismic and envelope upgrades at AHP Matthew Elementary.

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, RAM Construction Inc., in the total amount of \$3,000,000 (excluding GST) for seismic and envelope upgrades at A.H.P. Matthew Elementary – Site #051, located at 13367 – 97th Avenue.

CARRIED

(c) Award of Construction Contract – Earl Marriott Secondary – Site #105 – Grass Sports Field Reconstruction

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed award of construction contract for the grass sports field reconstruction at Earl Marriott Secondary.

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, Matcon Civil Constructors Inc., in the total amount of \$582,850 (excluding GST) for grass sports field reconstruction at Earl Marriott Secondary – Site #105, located at 15751 – 16th Avenue.

CARRIED

(d) Specialty Academy Schedule of Program Fees

Peter Drescher, Deputy Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed schedule of program fees for Specialty Academies.

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

THAT the schedule of fees for specialty academies be approved as follows:

Intensive Fine Arts (David Brankin Elementary, White Rock Elementary)	\$40.00
Hockey Academy (Earl Marriott, Elgin Park, Semiahmoo Secondaries)	\$675.00
International Baccalaureate Program (Semiahmoo Secondary)	\$180.00 Registration \$115.50 per Examination.

CARRIED

(e) Establishment of Parents' Advisory Council – Newton Learning Centre – Site #596

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the request from the Newton Learning Centre to establish a Parents' Advisory Council.

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

THAT the Board formally recognize the establishment of a Parents' Advisory Council at the Newton Learning Centre – Site #596.

CARRIED

[4] INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS(a) Policy Development & Review Project – Completed Segments

Trustees received information on the draft revisions and proposed changes to policies. The policies will be brought to the next meeting for formal consideration.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

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

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

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

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 Allen, seconded by Trustee Chatha:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

CARRIED

L. McNally
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer