

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, JANUARY 14th, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

Absent:

P. Glass

[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:

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Toni Jones, Helping Teacher, Gifted Education; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Pius Ryan, Director of Instruction, Student Support Services; Angela Smith, Administrative Assistant 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 requested that the agenda be amended to remove item 4(a) *Trustee Reports*.

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

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

CARRIED

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(c) Presentation: Gifted Education

Pius Ryan, Director of Instruction and Toni Jones, Helping Teacher, Gifted Education, provided Trustees with information regarding Gifted Education. Highlights of the presentation included:

Elementary Challenge Program

- for students in Grades 3-7
- 4 sessions a year, each session being 9 weeks
- Students attend for ½ day a week
- Topics are varied depending on age and interest.

Elementary District Initiatives

- the initiatives are in addition to the regular Challenge Program and referrals are done by the Challenge teachers
- topics include: Lego dacta, leadership, debate and digital storytelling.

Multi-age Cluster Classes

- 3 full time MACC programs, Hyland, Berkshire Park & Bayridge
- For students in grades 5-7
- Referrals can be completed by classroom teachers, principals, parents, challenge teachers
- Program is designed to provide academic challenge and social-emotional support for highly gifted students.

Secondary Gifted Program

- all secondary schools have a gifted facilitator
- their role is to identify and monitor the designation of gifted students; write Individual Education Plans for gifted students, be advocates for gifted students, etc.

Secondary District Initiatives

- secondary debate
- SFU Surrey Challenge
- SFU Burnaby, What Can Youth Do? Symposium.

Gifted Learning Disabled Pilot

- being conducted at Fraser Heights Secondary (4 or 5 students at this time)
- teacher has 1 block to support the Gifted Learning Disabled students
- program provides focused support for Gifted Learning Disabled students with other complex needs i.e. Aspergers, ADHD, Anxiety
- designed to develop Gifted Learning Disabled students' understanding of their unique strengths and needs and reach the goals of independence, self-advocacy, and meaningful peer relationships.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2009-12-10**

It was moved by Trustee Wilson seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2009-12-10 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(b) **Annual Review of Kilometrage Reimbursement Rate**

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the annual review of the kilometrage reimbursement rate.

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

THAT the Board maintain the Kilometrage Reimbursement Rate at \$0.51 per km., effective 2010-02-01.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) **Progress Report – Active Capital Projects**

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(b) **Revision to Policy #1050 – Mission Statement & Guiding Principles**

Peter Drescher, Deputy Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding proposed revisions to Policy #1050 – *Mission Statement & Guiding Principles*.

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the Revision of Policy #1050 – *Mission Statement & Guiding Principles* at the 2010-01-14 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the amendments to Policy #1050 – *Mission Statement & Guiding Principles* be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the changes to classes pursuant to Section 76.4 of the *School Act*.

It was moved by Trustee Allen, 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) Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments - 2010

Trustees received a list of the 2010 Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments for information.

(e) 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 Wilson, seconded by Trustee Chatha:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.
CARRIED

L. McNally
Chairperson

WDN/lm

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer