

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, APRIL 29th, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Acting 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, Executive Assistant

Absent

L. McNally, Chairperson

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairperson Wilson 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:

Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services; Chris Baldry, Principal, Chimney Hills Elementary; Merlin Chatwin, Community-Schools Partnership Coordinator; Sharon Cohen, Assistant Superintendent; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Pat Horstead, Director of Instruction, CISC; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Liane Ricou, Manager, Business Development; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services; and Alison Temple, Teacher, Chimney Hills Elementary.

(a) **"O Canada"**

The Chimney Hill Festival Dragon Ensemble 2010 led Trustees, Administration and the audience in singing "O Canada".

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

Acting Chairperson Wilson requested that item 1(d) *Presentation: Dragon Ensemble Recorder Musical Presentation, Chimney Hill Elementary* be moved to item 1(c); item 3(b) *Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures – Nine Months Ended 2010-03-31* be revised; and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Presentation: Dragon Ensemble Recorder Musical Presentation, Chimney Hill Elementary

Chris Baldry, Principal, Chimney Hill Elementary, provided Trustees with information about the Chimney Hill Festival Dragon Ensemble 2010. Alison Temple, Music Director at the school led the ensemble. The ensemble is a group of students who have been playing the recorder for several years.

The ensemble played several selections for the enjoyment of Trustees and the audience, including: RD March, Andante Dolce, Jazz Bag Plus One, Elegy, Country Gardens, Bach Chorale and Marche Americaine.

(d) Recognition: DREAM Spring Break Camps

The Board recognized 24 community partners for their dedication and support of disadvantaged young students and their families through the Spring 2010 DREAM Camps.

Pat Horstead, Director of Instruction; Merlin Chatwin, Community-Schools Partnership Coordinator; and Liane Ricou, Manager, Business Development; provided Trustees with information about the "*Drama, Recreation, Extracurricular, Arts and Music*" camp, referred to as the DREAM Camp.

Last year, after community consultation, the Board made a difficult budget-related decision to extend Spring Break by one week for the current school year in order to avoid having to make program or service cuts. A key concern for the Board was the impact the extended break would have on childcare challenges for lower income families as well as the students who benefit most from consistent learning, structure and activities. There needed to be activities and programs in place to assist them.

District staff approached businesses and community groups in our district and beyond, for assistance. Twenty-four community partners recognized the need and stepped up to help.

Through the generosity of donated services of these community partners, about 500 students in 10 elementary school communities participated in a wide variety of full-day educational and physical activities every weekday over the two-week Spring Break.

The Board recognized the DREAM Camp partners for their generous support of disadvantaged students and families in the Surrey School District. The partners included:

Academy of Arts and Dance	The Art Institute of Vancouver
Arts Umbrella	Athelite Basketball
BC Golf Association	Cartwheels
Excel Performance Soccer	Friends of Semiahmoo Bay
High Touch, High Tech	Kidproof Canada
Kins Farm Market nutrition program	Marble Gymnastics
Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society	Red Tiger Martial Arts
Science ALIVE	Science World
Seung-ri Black Belt Academy	Softball BC
Space Lady	Sportball
Stanley Park Ecology Society	Surrey Gymnastics Society
Surrey Public Library	Tennis XL; and
Royal Bank of Canada.	

Acting Chairperson Wilson presented recognition certificates to many of the community groups involved in the DREAM Camps, who were present for the meeting. The recognition certificates will be sent to the community groups who were not able to attend.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2010-04-15**

It was moved by Trustee Allen seconded by Trustee Chatha:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2010-04-15 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(b) **Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures – Nine Months Ended 2010-03-31**

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

THAT the Board accept the Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures for the nine (9) months ended 2010-03-31, as presented.

CARRIED

- (c) Interim Financial Report – Special Purpose Funds – Nine Months Ended 2010-03-31

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

THAT the Board accept the Special Purpose Fund Schedules for the nine (9) months ended 2010-03-31 as presented.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

- (a) Trustee Reports

Trustees briefly 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 Glass, seconded by Trustee Chatha:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Acting Chairperson

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W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer