

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 20th, 2010 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, Executive 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:

Shane Begg, Teacher, Johnston Heights Secondary; Susan Chow, Principal, Career Education; Ken Hignell, Principal, Johnston Heights Secondary; Pat Horstead, Director of Instruction, CISC; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Denise Moffatt, President, Surrey Teachers' Association; Umur Olcay, Manager, Facilities & Demographics Planning; Dave Paul, Assistant Superintendent; 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**

The Chairperson requested that 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 Chatha:

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Teacher Shane Begg, Johnston Heights Secondary

The Board recognized Shane Begg, a Teacher at Johnston Heights Secondary for his extraordinary commitment, leadership and innovation in support of students as an educator in the Surrey School District.

Ken Hignell, Principal, Johnston Heights Secondary, provided Trustees with information regarding Mr. Begg's commitment to students and his promotion of music and literacy in a way that demonstrates the positive power and influence of music.

A few years ago, Shane Begg was teaching English at Princess Margaret Secondary when he struck on the idea of using rap music to help students study Macbeth. After moving to Johnston Heights Secondary he carried on with the concept, offering to help students wanting to perform.

Shane connected with budding student rapper Calvin Tiu, who used rap as a way to connect with other students and share his experiences as someone living with cerebral palsy. Four other students; Elias, Rowell, Tiffany and Theresa, joined in and the group "*Access Denied*" was born.

Under Shane's management and mentorship, *Access Denied* has drawn considerable media attention and public appearances, including a very high-profile performance on the word stage at Yaletown in Vancouver as part of the Vancouver Olympics. As a result, an elite record company approached event organizers asking for a demo package from *Access Denied*.

This group has unified the school in many ways as students and staff share pride in the group's success and its theme of striving to overcome obstacles and achieve dreams. *Access Denied* sang two rap songs for the Board and audience, demonstrating their unique skills.

Through-out, Shane has given of his time to encourage, manage, produce and mentor the group members. His ability to connect with students and encourage them to engage in the curriculum and beyond, demonstrates his broad, innovative vision of education.

The Board recognized Shane Begg for his extraordinary commitment, leadership and innovation in support of students as an educator in the Surrey School District. The chairperson presented Mr. Begg with a certificate and pin in commemoration of his formal recognition.

(d) Presentation: Cooperative Education

Susan Chow, Principal, Career Education, provided Trustees with information regarding Cooperative Education courses in the district. Two students, Jan Zhang, Fleetwood Park Secondary and Shadiksha Baniya,

Queen Elizabeth Secondary, provided information on their experiences in the program.

Jan Zhang, Fleetwood Park Secondary School participated in the Science Cooperative Program last year. The program is designed for science enthusiast students and combines Mathematics 11, Biology 11 and Chemistry 11 with outdoor pursuits and work experience. Jan really enjoyed that the program was very science-oriented and working in a classroom full of science enthusiasts. The class went on several field trips including a geneticist's lab where the students worked with DNA; the Vancouver Aquarium; and the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre where the students went out in a boat on the ocean and worked with marine biologists.

Students explored careers in more depth and received 90 hours of work experience. Jan worked for a local nutritionist during her work experience and was hired to assist her after the work experience. Students in the Cooperative Education Program are exposed to more information through their work experience. They also receive help from career facilitators on resumes, interview processes, etc.

Shadiksha Baniya, Queen Elizabeth Secondary School, also participated in the Science Cooperative Program last year. Shadiksha was able to focus more on sciences, including labs, dissections, and other projects. Her class went on field trips to labs, universities and a couple of colleges. She met many people who share the same goals. Her interpersonal skills have improved. The program gave Shadiksha a chance to experience a real life work experience in an elderly care facility, primarily with people with dementia. The job was very challenging at first but with the support of her supervisor and teacher, Shadiksha was able to successfully perform the required work. The program helped her focus on a more specific career path and direction for her post secondary education.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Delegation: Denise Moffatt, President, Surrey Teachers' Association, re: Effects of Reductions in Counselling Services to Students

Denise Moffatt, President, Surrey Teachers' Association, introduced several teacher counsellors who will present information on the effects of reductions in counselling services to students, including: Pam Sinclair, Ren Morley, Sheila Fitzgerald, Tracy Tifenbach and Evelyn Feller.

The counsellors provided Trustees with detailed information on the unique role of the counsellor in supporting and providing service to the students, families and communities.

In their role as counsellors, these teachers deal with the most vulnerable children in the district, regularly dealing with life and death situations such as suicide intervention, sexual abuse and many other versions of children at risk.

The delegation is requesting that the Board reconsider the proposed operating budget reductions and changes to elementary counselling services. The delegation is specifically requesting the Board to:

- Restore funding levels
- Save the current model of delivery; and
- Maximize the effectiveness of the services provided by counsellors by restoring reasonable case-loads.

The Chairperson advised that a formal response would be provided at the next Regular Board meeting.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2010-04-29

It was moved by Trustee Wilson seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2010-04-29 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(b) Establishment of a Girls' Softball Academy at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary – Site #041

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

THAT the proposal to offer Girls' Softball Academy at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary beginning September 2010 be approved; and

THAT the fee for participation in the Girls' Softball Academy be set at \$500.00 for the 2010/11 school year.

CARRIED

(c) Specialty Academy Schedule of Program Fees

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

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, Lord Tweedsmuir Secondaries)	\$675.00
Advanced Hockey Academy (Earl Marriott Secondary)	\$4200.00
International Baccalaureate Program (Semiahmoo Secondary)	\$180.00 Registration \$124.30 per Examination
<u>CARRIED</u>	

(d) Eligible Schools Sites Proposal – 2010-2014 Capital Plan

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

THAT WHEREAS the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) has consulted with the City of Surrey and the City of White Rock on these matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT based on information from local government (Schedule 'A' – Table 1), the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) estimates that there will be 46,527 development units constructed in the school district over the next 10 years (Schedule 'A' – Table 2); and

THAT these 46, 527 new development units will be home to an estimated 14, 765 school age children (Schedule 'A' – Table 3); and

THAT the School Board expects 6 new school sites and 2 site expansions, over the ten-year period, will be required as the result of this growth in the school district and the site acquisitions will be located as presented in Schedule 'B'; and

THAT according to Ministry of Education site standards presented in Schedule 'B' the sites will require 22 hectares of land. These sites should be purchased within ten years and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$50 million; and

THAT the Eligible School Sites Proposal as adjusted be incorporated into the Five Year Capital Plan, 2010-2014, and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

- (e) Award of Construction Contract – Hall's Prairie Elementary – Site #019 – Seismic Upgrade

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

THAT, subject to receiving government funding, the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, Olivit Construction Ltd., in the total amount of \$465,280 (excluding GST) for a seismic upgrade at Hall's Prairie Elementary – Site #019, located at 18035 – 8th Avenue.

CARRIED

- (f) Grant Application Support re: School Community Connections – Funding of Projects to Increase Community Access to Schools

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

THAT the Board support the submission of a funding proposal in the amount of \$30,000 to Strengthening the Connection to support the following project:

- Installation of new FOB electronic access systems at Holly Elementary, Mary Jane Shannon Elementary and Lena Shaw Elementary.

CARRIED

- (g) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126144 Full School Day Kindergarten – Capital Requirements Early Planning Funds – Site Planning and Design Work

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126144 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126144 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126144 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126144 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(h) Proposed Local Calendar for 2010/2011 School Year

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

THAT the Board approve five fewer days of instruction as follows:

March 28 – April 1, 2011; and

THAT the Board approve six district-wide non-instructional days on common dates throughout the school district for the purpose of providing families with greater consistency for their planning, as follows:

September 27, 2010

October 22, 2010

November 12, 2010

February 11, 2011

May 6, 2011

May 30, 2011.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) 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 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

(b) 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 Wilson:

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

L. McNally
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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