

SPECIAL BOARD/COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, 2010 June 17

The Board of School Trustees of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in the Mount Pleasant Elementary School Gymnasium, 2300 Guelph Street, Vancouver, B.C. on Thursday, 2010 June 17, at 1900 hours.

TRUSTEES

PRESENT:

P. Bacchus, in the Chair

A. Blakey	S. Gregson
J. Bouey	M. Lombardi
K. Denike	A. Wong
C. Gibson	

ALSO

PRESENT:

S. Cardwell, Superintendent of Schools
B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer
R. Krowchuk, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer - Finance
P. Wlodarczak, Associate Superintendent - Human Resources
M. Phillips, Administrative Office Assistant (Recorder)

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the meeting of the Board is being held in the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people.

I. Motion to Dissolve the Board Meeting into Committee-of-the-Whole

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by A. Wong, that the
Board dissolve itself into Committee-of-the-Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

II. Delegations re Revised 2010/2011 Budget Proposals

The Chairperson welcomed the delegates and thanked them for attending. She reviewed the Procedures for Delegations to the Board.

The following delegates presented their views regarding the *2010/2011 Revised Budget Proposals* dated 2010 April 27. Written briefs were provided and retained for the Board's records.

1. Shane Simpson, MLA
2. Audrie Leung, Settlement Worker
3. Steve Ironside
4. Sylvia Helmer
5. Jessica Guan, ESL Parent
6. Family Preservation Team of Family Services of Greater Vancouver – S. Lui, J. Wong
7. South Asian Multicultural Parents – D. Boparai, L. Nagil
8. Robert Li, Multicultural Liaison Worker
9. District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)
10. Vancouver Parents for Successful Inclusion – M. Quetton
11. Ideal Mini School – L. Pacilla
12. Linda Dallow
13. Heritage Language Schools Alliance – J. Huang, J. Chang
14. Shelley Sullivan, parent, Vancouver Technical Secondary
15. Karen Tsang
16. Pui Ying Christian Services Society – S. Wong
17. Shaughnessy Elementary Parent Advisory Council – T. Pryce
18. Moms on the Move (MOM) – C. Gerlach
19. Queen Alexandra Elementary PAC – R. Fernandez
20. Jenny Kwan, MLA

Registered delegate Judith Ince did not appear to present at the meeting.

Trustee Gibson arrived at the meeting at 1910 hours. Trustee Denike arrived at 1915 hours.

In their presentations, the delegates submitted the following requests to the Board:

- give the time necessary to explore the option of opening a before and after school care program with the YMCA in the primary building at A.R. Lord Elementary, to generate income and allow the building to remain open;
- support a balanced budget;
- consider the outcome of cutting the manager's position at the District Reception Placement Centre (DRPC) and keep the position in place;
- retain School Support Workers (SSWs) for Special Needs students;
- retain the Inclusion Consultant position;
- retain Multicultural Liaison Workers (MCLWs) for English as a Second Language (ESL) and immigrant students and their families;
- work together with the Ministry of Education and focus on what is best for students;
- consider choices in a larger context and put long-term interest of all students and the future of our society first and foremost;
- retain additional teaching blocks currently provided to Ideal Mini School;
- keep A.R. Lord Elementary School open;
- consider deferring rental rate increases until February 2011, the end of the school term for Heritage Language Schools being the end of January, increasing by 5% in February 2011, followed by subsequent increases of 3% at the beginning of each new term;
- decrease custodian service hourly rate charge;
- there be clear communication about what is available with accumulated surplus funds;
- consider non-profit organizations who have already collected tuition fees for the fall and defer rental rate increases to February, 2011, and top rental rates for non-profit organizations for weekday classrooms usage at \$12.75 per hour in 2012, rather than \$14.75;
- continue advocacy for public education, keep accountability and transparency at the local level, and include parents in conversations regarding change;
- reconsider proposals which may result in the loss of Junior Kindergarten, school closure, and loss of school principal at Queen Alexandra Elementary; and
- speak up for equality of outcomes for every child.

Trustee Bouey requested a report from staff on how issues listed in the brief submitted by Audrie Leung will be dealt with, without the DRPC manager.

In response to trustee questions, staff clarified:

- \$16.32 million shortfall has been revised to \$17.23 million, with approximately \$7-8 million related to salary and employee benefits increase; and
- in the current budget proposal, rental rate increases would be effective July 2010.

The Chairperson thanked the delegates for their presentations and reminded everyone the Board is scheduled to vote on the budget on Wednesday, 2010 June 23.

III. Motion to Rise From Committee-of-the-Whole

Moved by A. Blakey, seconded by J. Bouey,
that the Committee-of-the-Whole rise and
report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting

Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by
A. Wong, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 2125 hours.

P. Bacchus, Chairperson

B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer