

SPECIAL BOARD/COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

Wednesday, 2010 April 21

The Board of School Trustees of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in the Board Room (Room 114) at the Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. on Wednesday, 2010 April 21 at 1900 hours.

TRUSTEES

PRESENT:

P. Bacchus, in the Chair

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

ALSO

PRESENT:

S. Cardwell, Superintendent of Schools
B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer
L. Anderson, Associate Superintendent-Continuing and International Education
J. Duprey – Legal Counsel
L. Green, Associate Superintendent – North Area
S. Hutson, Associate Superintendent – Centre Area
R. Krowchuk, Assistant Secretary–Treasurer - Finance
S. Lamb, Chief Information Officer (CIO)
G. Little, Associate Superintendent – South Area
C. Remedios, Director of Instruction - Learning Services
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 K. Clement, that the Board dissolve itself into Committee-of-the-Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

II. Delegations re Preliminary 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 Preliminary Budget Proposals* dated 2009 April 07. Written briefs were provided and retained for the Board's records.

Delegations

1. BC Parents for Mandarin - Vancouver Committee
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (B. Laird)
3. Stop BC Education Cuts (D. Steele)
4. Waverley Elementary Parent Advisory Council (N. Ozaki)
5. Killarney Parent Advisory Council (R. Roxborough)
6. Templeton Mini School Parents (J. Mousseau, B. Lang, I. Leung)
7. Templeton Mini School Students
8. John Oliver Parent Advisory Council (I. Gowans)
9. Carrie Bercic and Student (S. Bercic)
10. John Henderson Elementary Parent Advisory Council (M. Monroy)
11. David Hadaway
12. Dawn Preston Brown
13. John Kirkness
14. Mark Vulliamy
15. Pacific Community Resources – CommunityLINKS LIFT program (I. Mass)
16. Cheryl Douglas
17. Britannia Community Services Centre Society
18. British Columbia (BC) Society for Public Education (H. Luke)
19. Kerrisdale Elementary Parent Advisory Council (Robert Kraljii)
20. Van Horne Elementary Parent Advisory Council

Registered delegate Mali Bain did not appear to present at the meeting.

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

- include second language learning as an essential core skill and invest in mandarin as a second language;
- maintain administrative capacity;
- focus on the level of impact to students with the proposed cuts;
- retain the Vice Principal at Waverley Elementary, retain the role of Vice Principal at Waverley but reduce the Vice Principal time again, or remove the Vice Principal from Waverley Elementary completely, but do not implement a Head Teacher until long-term clear directions are set for the school district;
- at Killarney Secondary, reconsider: reductions in Vice Principal administration time, reductions in counsellors, school library accessibility with support from Teacher Librarians on a regular basis, and school based Resource Teacher and other supports for Ministry designated students;
- retain elementary band and music programs;
- reconsider the proposed cuts to Templeton Mini School program;
- protect public education programs;
- allow John Oliver Secondary to continue to provide a differentiated education for highly able learners, retaining the Mini School and pre-emptive programs;
- provide support for Teacher Librarians, avoiding further cuts in the libraries;
- do not cut music, library, ESL, counsellors, multicultural support, and other programs at Henderson Elementary;
- special consideration to preserve the City School Mini program associated with King George Secondary;
- retain band program, Resource Teachers and a full time Teacher Librarian at Sir James Douglas Elementary;
- look closely at the roles of the Communications Department and the advisory committees;
- make consistent success stories available to public by maintaining an ongoing log of success stories from teachers and the schools;
- make it clear to the provincial government that any policies mandated by them must be fully funded by them;
- have a longer timeline to respond to issues raised by provincial announcements;

- participate actively in British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM);
- maintain a balance of programs, making principles clear for priority planning;
- exercise judgement in speaking the truth to those trying to control the local system in response to local needs;
- continue providing CommunityLINK funds and individual school in-kind contributions to the LIFT program, to encourage continued community partnership funding;
- consider closing elementary schools that have fewer than 100 students each;
- examine closely the cumulative effects of cuts in ESL/LAC, SLP, teacher psychologist, counsellors, and Vice Principal time;
- fulfill principles of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement and Neighbourhood Centers of Learning;
- consider the *Save Our Schools Statement of School Needs*, as outlined in the submitted brief from the BC Society for Public Education;
- avoid administrative cuts, replacing Vice Principals with head teachers;
- if additional funding is found, Van Horne Elementary requests no cuts to Resource Teachers, no change in school calendar and no cut to strings and band program;
- avoid shrinking school lunch hour;
- begin a long term strategic plan to look at all aspects of VSB operations;
- allow the parents at Van Horne Elementary to install a new playground themselves;

The Chairperson thanked the delegates for their presentations and summarized messages heard.

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Lombardi, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 2115 hours.

P. Bacchus, Chairperson

B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer