

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, 2010 April 15
1730 hours

The Board of Trustees of Vancouver Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in the Board Room (Room 114) at the Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. on Thursday, 2010 April 15 at 1730 hours.

TRUSTEES

PRESENT: P. Bacchus, in the Chair

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

ALSO

PRESENT: S. Cardwell, Superintendent of Schools
B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer
L. Anderson, Associate Superintendent-Continuing & International Education
M. Dale, Assistant Secretary Treasurer-Facilities
L. Green, Associate Superintendent-North Area
S. Hutson, Associate Superintendent-Centre Area
R. Krowchuk, Assistant Secretary Treasurer-Finance
S. Lamb, Chief Information Officer (CIO)
V. Overgaard, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services
C. Remedios, Director of Instruction
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.

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

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by K. Clement, that this Board dissolve itself into Committee-of-the-Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 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

- a) Friends of the School Library
- b) Tyee Elementary School PAC
- c) Prince of Wales Mini School
- d) Lord Roberts PAC
- e) M. Brunet, Queen Mary Parent
- f) G. Lockhart
- g) C. Kunimoto
- h) Vancouver School Music Teachers Association
- i) R. Hamilton
- j) A. Stewart
- k) P. Stigings
- l) A. Garay
- m) Franklin Elementary Parents
- n) Vancouver City Councillors R. Louie and A. Reimer

Registered delegates E. Mazzi and N. Reichstein did not appear to present at the meeting.

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

- the district set minimal staffing levels for school libraries that will guarantee reasonable access to collections, student interaction with and instruction from the teacher-librarians, and a welcoming physical space;
- the district set a minimum standard for technology in school libraries to ensure equitable access to computers, technology instruction, and digital resources across all libraries within the District;
- that the Teacher-Librarian Consultant position be retained in order to facilitate communication, training and support to understaffed school libraries;
- if Tyee Elementary must be reduced to an annex, it be annexed to Maple Grove Elementary to preserve the ongoing close relationship between the two Montessori schools and to continue discussions and to work together in the creation of a third Montessori site in Vancouver;
- to reconsider the proposed cuts to the administrative blocks for Prince of Wales Mini and other alternative programs;
- the Vice Principal position at Lord Roberts be retained;
- with the CommunityLINK funding announcement, Roberts community schools be allocated one Youth and Family Worker and there be no further cuts at Lord Roberts;
- continue to support music in elementary schools and retain the elementary strings program;
- support the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement areas; Belonging, Mastery and Culture and Community;
- consider who will provide the extra tutoring, guidance and mentoring for the Aboriginal youth;
- consider how will Aboriginal families get a chance to share in a non-traditional music form;
- consider the Enhancement Agreement recognizes the need to increase the staff and students understanding of authentic histories and cultural awareness, and how can this be done when there is a proposed reduction in District Consultant support; and
- the principal at Franklin Elementary be retained.

The Chairperson thanked the delegates for their presentations.

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by A. Blakey, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 1905 hours.

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P. Bacchus, Chairperson

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B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer