

Minutes



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)
2790 Tims Street, Abbotsford, BC, V2T 4M7

Date: January 9, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN

ATTENDANCE: Mike Rauch, Chair
Rupi Kanda-Rajwan
Korky Neufeld
Stan Petersen
Preet Rai
Jared White
Shirley Wilson

STAFF IN

ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent
Jay Pankratz, Assistant Superintendent
Bruce Cunnings, Assistant Superintendent
Darlene MacDonald, District Principal, Indigenous Education
Corissa St.George, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rauch called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

2.1 Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

We acknowledge that the Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Semá:th First Nation and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes of the Education Committee meeting held November 28, 2023

The Minutes of the Education Committee meeting held on November 28, 2023 were received. The minutes will be presented at the January 23, 2024 Public Board meeting.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Indigenous Education Department Progress Report

Darlene MacDonald, District Principal of Indigenous Education, provided a summary of promising practices that have evolved, initiatives, and the challenges and hopes for the future of Indigenous Education. Graduation rates and initiatives through spring break and summer school programs to support increased five-year school completion rates were also shared.

District Principal MacDonald exited the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

5.2 Secondary Schools Operational Progress Report

Assistant Superintendent Jay Pankratz provided a report highlighting the continued work and plans underway in secondary schools that seek to fulfill the commitment of engaging, preparing and challenging students to a lifetime of success.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.