

Minutes



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Date: November 26, 2024
Time: 5:00 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
Michelle Gehring, Director of Instruction, LSS
Tracy Krys, Director of Instruction, Curriculum
Donna Wright, District Principal, Curriculum
Corissa St.George, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rauch called the meeting to order at 5:26 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 April 23, 2024

The Minutes of the Education Committee meeting held on April 23, 2024 were received. The minutes will be presented at the December 10, 2024 Public Board meeting.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Literacy Framework

Donna Wright, District Principal, Curriculum, presented about Abbotsford students' literacy performance, highlighting successes, emerging needs, and future plans. She emphasized the K-12 Literacy Framework is designed to aid teachers in providing comprehensive literacy instruction and enhance communication with parents. Literacy extends beyond reading and writing; it involves understanding and communication, essential for students to connect with themselves and their community.

District Principal Donna Wright exited the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

5.2 Digital Literacy Initiatives

Tracy Kryz, Director of Instruction, Curriculum, outlined the strategic efforts underway to integrate digital literacy within the Abbotsford School District by trying to equip our students with the skills necessary to use technology responsibly, effectively, and ethically. This initiative emphasizes the technical aspects of digital engagement but also fosters strong digital citizenship. This preparation is key for helping students manage their online interactions ethically and responsibly as they transition into secondary education.

Director of Instruction Tracy Kryz exited the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

A short break was taken from 6:35 p.m. – 6:41 p.m.

5.3 Learning Support Services Operational Plan Progress Report

Michelle Gehring, Director of Instruction, Learning Support Services, provided an operational plan progress report on current trends in Learning Support Services, including classroom complexity, the continuum of supports and services, community partnerships, and parent engagement.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.