

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 14, 2025
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN

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

STAFF IN

ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent
Bruce Cunnings, Assistant Superintendent
Jay Pankratz, Assistant Superintendent
David de Wit, District Principal, LSS
Tyra Lasko, Helping Teacher
Corissa St.George, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rai called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 26, 2024

The Minutes of the Education Committee meeting held on November 26, 2024 were received. The minutes will be presented at the January 21, 2025 Public Board meeting.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Anti-Racism Action Plan

David de Wit, District Principal, LSS, provided a report to the Education Committee outlining the key components of the school district's Anti-Racism Plan which includes six pillars aligning with the Ministry of Education and Child Care along with the work undertaken so far to implement the plan.

District Principal David de Wit exited the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

5.2 Elementary Progress Report – Who are our learners?

Bruce Cunnings, Assistant Superintendent and Helping Teacher Tyra Lasko presented information on the Literacy Framework and one of the district's interventions for supporting literacy development. Additionally, an overview of the EDI results was shared, as well as key numeracy initiatives.

Helping Teacher Tyra Lasko exited the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

A short break was taken from 5:21-5:27 p.m.

5.3 Middle Schools Operational Plan Progress Report

Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent provided a report highlighting the commitment of middle schools to engage, prepare, and challenge students for a lifetime of success. This commitment is driven by a vision that promotes joyful, inquiry-based learning experiences, that create opportunities for students to develop their agency, identity and connection through the implementation of evidence-based practices in literacy and numeracy instruction with a focus on student well-being.

5.4 Secondary Schools Operational Plan Progress Report

Jay Pankratz, Assistant Superintendent, presented the work done in secondary schools and the plans underway to support the success of students this year. Secondary schools are committed to creating safe and welcoming environments that promote intellectual, social, and emotional growth and aim to cultivate a collaborative school community that uplifts and empowers staff, students, and families.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.