

Minutes



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Date: February 25, 2025
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN

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

TRUSTEE

REGRETS: Korky Neufeld

STAFF IN

ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent
Donna Wright, District Principal, Curriculum
Andrea Senft, Manager of Childcare and Early Learning
Allison Gardner, District Principal, Indigenous Education
Michael Pearson, District Vice-Principal, Career Programs
Paul Gill, District Coordinator, Trade Programs
Clayton Radons, District Coordinator, University Transitions
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 January 14, 2025

The Minutes of the Education Committee meeting held on January 14, 2025 were received. The minutes will be presented at the March 11, 2025 Public Board meeting.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Early Learning and Childcare Progress Report

The BC Curriculum and Early Learning Framework tells us that early learning skills are essential for communication, intellectual growth, social-emotional development, and physical development. District Principal Donna Wright and Manager of Childcare and Early Learning Andrea Senft provided a progress report on the district's focus on high-quality Early Learning and Childcare, teaching, and leadership. The report included how the children, families and teachers in Abbotsford engage in Early Learning and Childcare, special projects, early signs of success, resources, and next steps

5.2 Indigenous Education Department Progress Report

District Principal of Indigenous Education, Allison Gardner shared stories, data, initiatives, and hopes for the future regarding each of the Enhancement Agreements' goals: *Student Success, Cultural Identity, and Equity and Access through Advocacy*.

District Principal Donna Wright & Manager of Childcare and Early Learning Andrea Senft exited the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

5.3 Career Programs Progress Report

District Vice-Principal of Career Programs Michael Pearson, Paul Gill, District Coordinator, Trade Programs and Clayton Radons, District Coordinator, University Transitions, presented the existing programs and opportunities in Career Programs. The new proposals and opportunities available for students, with considerations for strengthening career programs across the district, were also reviewed.

District Principal Allison Gardner, District Vice-Principal Michael Pearson, Paul Gill and Clayton Radons exited the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.