

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 28, 2023
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN

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

TRUSTEE

REGRETS: Stan Petersen
Jared White

STAFF IN

ATTENDANCE: Dr. Kevin Godden, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Gino Bondi, Assistant Superintendent
Carla Danielsson, Assistant Superintendent
Nathan Ngieng, Assistant Superintendent
Michael Pearson, District Vice-Principal
Corissa St.George, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rauch called the meeting to order at 3:35 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 Stó:lō people, 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 10, 2023

The Minutes of the Education Committee meeting held on January 10, 2023 were received. The minutes will be presented at the March 7, 2023 Public Board meeting.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Strategy Management Cycle

Superintendent Godden provided a brief overview of the Strategy Management Cycle and highlighted the key engagement processes and initiatives the Board is asked to prioritize as part of the 2023-24 strategic plan and budget cycle.

5.2 Career Programs Progress Report

District Vice-principal Michael Pearson provided an update from the Career Programs Department, which included enrolment rates, completion rates and a status report on programs with considerations for strengthening these programs for the coming year.

Trustee Wilson exited the meeting at 3:59 p.m. and re-entered at 4:17 p.m.

5.3 Agricultural Sustainability Program Proposal

District Vice-principal Michael Pearson presented options for a proposed Agricultural Sustainability Program. Establishing a program like this in Abbotsford could allow for more opportunities for students to be actively employed in our community. The Board expressed general support for the program, with interest in exploring the land lease option (#2), and requested more information and costs be brought to a future meeting.

District Vice-principal Pearson exited the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

5.4 Human Performance Academy Re-location

Assistant Superintendent Gino Bondi presented the opportunity to relocate the Human Performance Academy from Rick Hansen Secondary to Abbotsford Traditional School. This is due to the expansion of the Schools of Science and Business at Rick Hansen and interest from Abbotsford Traditional School to have the program at their school as part of their school redesign.

Trustees Kanda-Rajwan and Rai exited the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

5.4 Middle Years Programme (MYP) at Abbotsford Senior Secondary

Due to time constraints, the Education Committee requested this item be brought forward to the March 7, 2023 In-Camera Meeting.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The committee briefly discussed the presentations, and there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.