

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: January 17, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Kevin Godden, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Gino Bondi, Assistant Superintendent
Carla Danielsson, Assistant Superintendent
Nathan Ngieng, Assistant Superintendent
Perry Smith, Assistant Superintendent
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant
Corissa St. George, Executive Assistant
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Neufeld called the meeting to order at 6:59 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 SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

The Board began the meeting with the singing of O Canada.

4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 Adoption of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held December 13, 2022

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held December 13, 2022 as amended.

CARRIED

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the Consent Items as presented.

CARRIED

A) Information

There were no items for information presented at this meeting.

B) For Approval

6.2 Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held September 25, 2018

6.3 Minutes of the Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting held November 9, 2021

6.4 Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held November 29, 2022

6.5 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held December 13, 2022

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Observances & Holidays Acknowledgement

Chair Neufeld acknowledged New Year's Day, Black Excellence Day, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, International Day of Education, and Bell Let's Talk Day.

7.2 Student Presentation: Robert Bateman Timberwolves – AA Varsity Provincial Champions

Superintendent Godden welcomed Principal Lance McDonald, coaches and athletes, who shared about their exciting season, which led to becoming AA Varsity Provincial Champions in December. The players who attended the meeting commented that they attended many practices, received hours of training, and worked hard as a team to clean up their penalties.

7.3 Community Partner Presentation: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley

Superintendent Godden welcomed Cheryl Unger, Program Manager and Cassie Silva, Mentoring Coordinator, who shared about the partnership and mentoring programs offered in schools.

7.4 Melissa Markle – School Transportation

Melissa Markle presented concerns about bus cancellations in November and December 2022.

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 Secondary Schools Strategic Plan Report for 2021-22

Assistant Superintendent Gino Bondi provided a progress report to the Board highlighting key achievements, innovative projects, early signs of success, and challenges related to increasing student success in our secondary schools during the pandemic.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT, with respect to the Abbotsford School District's 2020-24 Strategic Plan Strategic Pillar 1, Student Success, the district is making reasonable progress with respect to:

- Goal 1.4: Improve social-emotional competence
- Goal 1.5: Increase graduation success; and

FURTHER THAT, as part of the 2023/24 budget/strategic plan process, staff include a plan for increasing staff and student engagement in the grade 10 provincial assessments in support of:

- Goal 1.3: Increase student success in numeracy

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee Rauch and Trustee White)

8.2 AP 104 Parental Rights and Responsibilities

Superintendent Godden provided the updated AP 104, further clarifying parental rights and responsibilities. Changes included a slight modification to the name of the Administrative Procedure, clarity around educational programming, and updates to specialized services. Trustees agreed that wording around school personnel working collaboratively with parents should be included.

8.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning District Review

Superintendent Godden advised that the Review Team (representatives on behalf of the Ministry of Education and Childcare) would be meeting with the Senior Leadership Team, Board Chair Neufeld and District Principal Darlene MacDonald on January 23 & 24, 2023. The district has accepted an invitation to pilot the review process where the Review Team will focus on three areas from the Ministry strategic plan/continuous improvement cycle. They will be focused on the dimensions of data and evidence, strategic engagement and alignment.

Question Period

There were no questions asked during the first question period.

8.4 Bus Driver Recruitment

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk updated the Board that three additional regular floater positions will be included in the amended budget. Other options are also being considered in addition to the recruitment plan coordinated by Human Resources. The most recent Transportation Review was requested to be shared with trustees who hadn't yet reviewed it.

8.5 Review Provincial Operating Grant 2022-2023

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reviewed the operating grant for 2022-23. The categories of basic allocation, unique student needs, unique district needs and funding protection/enrolment decline were reviewed.

8.6 Second Quarter Budget Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the second quarter financial report for the period ending December 2022.

8.7 Skills Canada Provincial Competition Partners' Luncheon Sponsorship

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT the Board of Education approve the request from Skills Canada BC to co-sponsor the 2023 Skills Canada BC Competition Partners' Luncheon to a maximum amount of \$2,000.

CARRIED

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Ad Hoc Policy Committee Update

The committee recently met and began reviewing Policy 2 – Role of the Board of Education.

10.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

10.1 BC School Trustees' Association – Fraser Valley Branch Meeting

On January 30, 2023, five districts will attend the Fraser Valley Branch Meeting at Irene Kelleher Toti:ltawtxw. A tour of the new school will be offered, branch elections will be conducted, a discussion if any potential advocacy motions can be combined, and collaboration and sharing about different district directions will take place at this meeting.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

12.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees reported on events, community activities, and meetings they had attended.

13.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Questions about student eligibility to attend Skills Canada and international students were asked and responded to.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer