

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: March 7, 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

REGRETS: Perry Smith, Assistant Superintendent

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Kevin Godden, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Gino Bondi, Assistant Superintendent
Carla Danielsson, Assistant Superintendent
Nathan Ngieng, 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 7:00 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 Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held February 14, 2023

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee White

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held February 14, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Rauch and SECONDED by Trustee Kanda-Rajwan

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

CARRIED

A) Information

There were no items presented for information at this meeting.

B) For Approval

6.2 Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held January 10, 2023

6.3 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held February 14, 2023

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Observances & Holidays Acknowledgement

Chair Neufeld acknowledged International Women's Day, World Down Syndrome Day, International Day for the Elimination for Racial Discrimination and Transgender Day of Visibility.

7.2 Student Presentation: Terry Fox Elementary School – Terry's Team

Superintendent Godden welcomed Principal Magon and students from Terry Fox Elementary, who shared information about the new Grade 5 Service and Humanitarian Club "Terry's Team" The club raises money for different organizations and does kind things for the community, including the school community.

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 2022 Summer Explorers and Secondary Summer School Program Reports

Superintendent Godden welcomed Assistant Superintendents Bondi and Danielsson who introduced the 2022 Summer School Leadership team – Michelle Basran, Deborah Chenier, Melanie Trudeau, Soraya Rajabally and Tom van Hunenstijn. The 2022 Leadership Team shared the big ideas and information about inquiry-based learning that had approximately 1,600 students engaged from July 4-28, 2022.

8.2 Local School Calendar for 2023-2024 – Notice of Motion

Superintendent Godden presented the revised calendar for 2023-2024 which the Abbotsford Teachers' Union (ATU) is in support of. The revised calendar is very similar to the proposed calendar, except that the early dismissal days have been changed to February 7 & 8 instead of February 14 & 15. The 2023-2024 proposed Local School Calendar was made available from February 15-February 28, 2023 for an opportunity for parents, students and stakeholder groups' input via an online survey.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education adopt the revised local school calendar for the 2023-24 school year.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee Wilson)

8.3 K-12 Extra-Curricular Scan

Superintendent Godden welcomed Assistant Superintendent Ngieng who presented information about the district engaging in a detailed study of student engagement in extra-curricular activities to understand the landscape of extra-curricular activities for K-12. The environmental scan will take place during the Spring of 2023, with a report delivered to the school district by June 2023.

8.4 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning District Review

Superintendent Godden shared information about the recent meetings between our district and the Ministry Review Team and presented the draft Peer Feedback Report. The report will be used to guide the district's ongoing work.

Question Period

There were no questions asked during the first question period.

8.5 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reviewed the budget and strategic planning cycle, guiding principles, major budget assumptions, pressures and budget process for 2023-2024. The community is encouraged to review the engage.abbyschools.ca site to view the video about the district's budget and to provide feedback on budget development.

8.6 New Administrative Procedure 116 - Privacy Management Program

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented information about the new program and the new AP on Privacy Management.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education appoint the Secretary-Treasurer as the Head of the public body for the purposes of section 77 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

CARRIED

8.7 New Administrative Procedure 117 - Whistleblower - Public Interest Disclosure Act

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the new AP which requires school districts to implement whistleblower procedures by December 31, 2023.

8.8 New Administrative Procedure 118 - Privacy Breaches and Privacy Complaints

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the new AP which requires public bodies to have a documented process in place to respond to any privacy breaches and complaints.

8.9 New Administrative Procedure 119 - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Internal Process

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the new AP which was developed to support the district's ongoing process for handling multiple requests received.

8.10 BC School Trustees Association - Membership Fees for 2023/2024

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rauch

THAT the Board of Education affirm its membership renewal to the BC School Trustees' Association for the 2023/2024 year.

CARRIED

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Field Naming Committee

Trustee Wilson provided an update that on March 6, 2023, students met to discuss possible names for the fields, and each table came to a consensus with a name and theme. The names will be presented to the Board to make their decision in April.

10.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

10.1 BCPSEA Regional Meeting

Trustee Wilson expressed appreciation to staff for the work and organization for the BCPSEA Regional Meeting which took place at Abby Arts Addition on March 1, 2023.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

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12.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

13.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions asked during the second question period.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer