

# Minutes



## Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting

**Date:** May 30, 2023  
**Time:** 3:30 pm  
**Location:** Abbotsford School District Administration Office

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

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Kevin Godden, Superintendent  
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer  
Carla Danielsson, Assistant Superintendent  
Monica Schulte, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant

**GUESTS:** Gavin Dew, Chief Strategy Officer, Auguston Tech District  
Ian Renton, General Manager, Auguston Tech District

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### 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

### 2.0 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY**

We acknowledge 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 AGENDA**

The committee adopted the agenda as presented.

### 4.0 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### 4.1 **Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held April 25, 2023**

The Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held April 25, 2023, were approved and will be presented at the June 13, 2023, Public Board Meeting.

## **5.0 DELEGATIONS**

### **5.1 Gavin Dew, Chief Strategy Officer and Ian Renton, General Manager, Auguston – Abbotsford Tech District**

The Secretary-Treasurer introduced Gavin Dew and Ian Renton who made a presentation [REDACTED]

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Gavin Dew and Ian Renton exited the meeting at 4:05 pm.

## **6.0 FACILITIES UPDATE**

### **6.1 Naming of School District Fields (Colleen and Gordie Howe/W.J. Mouat)**

As requested by the Board at its May 9<sup>th</sup> Closed Board meeting, staff prepared and presented mock-ups of signage for fields currently under consideration for renaming.

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Trustee Wilson will present both proposals to the Indigenous Education Council.

### **6.2 Artificial Turf Fields Update**

The Secretary Treasurer provided a summary outlining current and proposed terms of the agreements with the City of Abbotsford. [REDACTED]

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### **6.3 Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) Request Update**

The Secretary-Treasurer provided the committee with a handout for his proposal to the Ministry for a meeting on May 31st. The committee supported the Secretary-Treasurer in his proposals to the Ministry.

## **7.0 FINANCE UPDATE**

## **8.0 MINISTRY INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

## **9.0 BUDGET INFORMATION**

### **9.1 Strategic Plan and Preliminary Budget for 2023-2024**

The Superintendent addressed budget guiding principles and merits in partnering strategy with budget. The committee reviewed the SWOT analysis highlighting internal and external enablers and challenges. Staffing recruitment and retention continues to be a challenge.

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed budget drivers, preliminary assumptions, operating estimates, budget pressures, interfund transfers and provided a financial snapshot of accumulated surplus.

Senior Staff Recommendations for New Initiatives

The committee reviewed the 2023/24 proposed initiatives.

Questions were asked regarding the deficit/surplus and clarification was made on the proposed new \$1.3M initiatives. The Superintendent reviewed the senior team ranking, including unranked proposals.

The committee requested another meeting (June 6) to receive detailed accounting of the rankings, review expenditure levels, accumulated surplus and review areas where spending could be reduced.

**10.0 FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

**11.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**12.0 REPORTS**

12.1 BCPSEA Satisfaction Survey 2023

Trustee Neufeld volunteered to complete the survey on behalf of the Board and will provide his responses to trustees.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.