

Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting

Date: April 9, 2024
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Korky Neufeld, Acting Chair
Stan Petersen
Preet Rai
Mike Rauch

REGRETS: Rupi Kanda-Rajwan
Jared White
Shirley Wilson

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Monica Schulte, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Neufeld called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

2.0 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY**

We acknowledge 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 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 January 16, 2024**

The Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held January 16, 2024, were approved and will be presented at the April 16, 2024, Public Board Meeting.

5.0 **DELEGATIONS**

6.0 **FACILITIES UPDATE**

6.1 **Long Range Facilities Plan**

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the draft long range facilities plan built around priorities identified by trustees. The committee discussed next steps including public consultation on the

engage.abbyschools.ca website. The plan will be presented to the Board at its May Board meeting and for approval at the June 18th Public Board meeting.

Trustee Rai exited the meeting at 5:19 pm.

7.0 FINANCE UPDATE

8.0 BUDGET INFORMATION

8.1 2024-2025 Strategic Plan and Preliminary Budget

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the district's engagement portal – Strategic Plan Consultation 2024-2028 survey results. This item will be further discussed at the May 3rd Board planning session. Discussion ensued on uncertified teachers, the employee engagement survey and the I.T. refresh project scheduled for summer 2025.

Trustee Rai joined the meeting at 5:34 pm.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.0 REPORTS

10.1 Barrowtown and Sema:th Elementary Schools – Middle/Secondary Catchment Review

On March 5th, a public meeting was held at Sema:th Elementary School with the Barrowtown and Sema:th catchment parents for the purpose of discussing the potential for changing the middle-secondary catchments from the Abby family to the Yale family of schools (instigated by a request from the Barrowtown PAC to change catchments). A survey at both schools was conducted.

Barrowtown: There were 12 respondents all of which support the change.

Sema:th: There were 62 respondents of which 49 support the change.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the next steps including a recommendation at the April 16th Public Board meeting.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.