

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: March 12, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Shirley Wilson, Chair
Preet Rai, Vice Chair
Korky Neufeld
Stan Petersen
Mike Rauch (via teleconference)
Jared White

TRUSTEE REGRETS: Rupi Kanda-Rajwan

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent
Bruce Cunnings, Assistant Superintendent
Jay Pankratz, Assistant Superintendent
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant
Corissa St.George, Executive Assistant

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 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 Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as Presented.

CARRIED

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5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held February 13, 2024

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held February 13, 2024.

CARRIED

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

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 9, 2024

6.3 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held February 13, 2024

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Observances & Holidays Acknowledgement

Chair Wilson acknowledged Irish Heritage Month, International Women’s Day, Ramadan, St. Patrick’s Day, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, World Down Syndrome Day, Holi, Good Friday, Indigenous Languages Day, Transgender Day of Visibility and Easter.

7.2 School Presentations – Irene Kelleher Totí:Itawtxw and Mt. Lehman Elementary

Irene Kelleher Totí:Itawtxw students, Principal Shelley Portas and Mt. Lehman Elementary students, Principal Maralee Lincoln, teacher Carla Plank and selected PAC members attended and shared innovative work and events happening in their schools. Irene Kelleher Totí:Itawtxw students shared how they are learning and building connections with one another by sharing stories from their favourite books. The group from Mt. Lehman Elementary shared the different activities and programs which contribute to the school’s unique atmosphere, vibrant community spirit, and collaborative efforts

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 Strategic Plan Engagement & Preliminary Budget for 2024-25 Updates

Superintendent Nosek and Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided an update about the consultations that have taken place since December 2023 to gather feedback that will help inform the Board’s refreshed strategic plan for 2024-28 and updates related to preparing for the 2024-25 Preliminary Budget and budget cycle.

Trustees thanked Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager, as she departs the district after seven and a half years to pursue a new opportunity.

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8.2 2024-2027 Local School Calendars

Deputy Superintendent Ngieng presented the calendars for the years 2024-2027. The calendars were created in alignment with other surrounding school districts, and the Abbotsford Teachers' Union has agreed to support them. The 2024-2027 Local School Calendars were made available from January 26 to February 9, 2024, for parents, students, and stakeholder groups to provide input via an online survey.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education adopt the proposed Local School Calendars for the 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 school years.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee Wilson)

8.3 IB Update

Superintendent Nosek reported that, as a follow-up to a recent Education Committee Meeting, the district is affirming our commitment and plan to continue to strengthen the quality of the IB and IB DP programs at Abby Senior.

8.4 Barrowtown and Semá:th Elementary Schools - Middle/Secondary Catchment Review

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reminded the board that the district is currently in a consultation phase with Barrowtown and Semá:th Elementary Schools regarding their catchments for middle-secondary. The feedback is being collected, and will be presented at the April Public Board Meeting.

8.5 Property Disposition - CORE and ITC Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reported that the district has started the consultation process regarding the potential disposal of the Centre of Resources for Education (CORE) and Information Technology Centre (ITC) sites. A public information meeting is being held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, to share this information.

8.6 Board Policy 18 - School Catchment Areas

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the revised Policy 18.

It was MOVED by Trustee White and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve proposed revised Board Policy 18—School Catchment Areas, pending the alignment to AP 336, section 1. Registration Priorities.

CARRIED

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

10.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no reports by representatives on external organizations at this meeting.

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

A comment about how the Board of Education Public minutes are drafted was made.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer