

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: October 22, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Nosek, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Nathan Ngieng, Deputy Superintendent
Bruce Cunnings, Assistant Superintendent
Jay Pankratz, Assistant Superintendent
Kristi Ferguson, Senior Manager, Communications and Community Relations
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant
Beth Penney, Executive Assistant
Corissa St. George, Executive Assistant

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wilson 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 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.

Prior to the adoption of the agenda, the Board of Education offered congratulations to Trustee Korky Neufeld as the new MLA for the Abbotsford West riding. Beth Penney was welcomed to her new role, and the Board thanked Tracy Orobko for her significant and remarkable contributions over the last seven years to the district.

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4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 Adoption of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee White

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 September 24, 2024

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held September 24, 2024.

CARRIED

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai 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 for information at this meeting.

B) For Approval

6.2 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held September 24, 2024

7.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 School Presentations: Semá:th Elementary and John Maclure Community School

Semá:th Elementary School Principal Chelsea Elliott and students shared about the 6-book series *Wonder Pup* from author Angela Murphy which the school staff uses to support social-emotional learning (SEL) in the classroom, providing lasting benefits for their school community. John Maclure Community School Principal Fay Christie and Vice-Principal Janet Bauer, as well as students, shared about the school's Around School Program, which features multiple clubs students can join, coordinated and run by John Maclure staff.

7.2 What's In a Name? - Abbotsford Retired Teachers Association Gift History Resource Legacy

Superintendent Nosek acknowledged the legacy gift from the Abbotsford Retired Teachers Association. They spent many hours researching the history of the names of our schools and each school website features the history of their school name.

8.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

8.1 2024 Summer Explorers and Secondary Summer School Program Reports

Superintendent Nosek welcomed the 2024 Summer School Leadership Team: Tracy Krys, Joe Frew, Gurb Mahil, Tom van Hunenstijn and Paula Thompson. The 2024 Leadership Team shared highlights, successes, and future considerations as well as the big ideas and information about inquiry-based learning that had approximately 1,400 students engaged in July 2024.

8.2 Measuring Up Report and Video

Superintendent Nosek presented the annual Measuring Up Report, and the video will be sent out to trustees and published online.

8.3 Facilities & Transportation Department: Strategic Plan Progress Report

Greg Forbes-King, Director of Facilities & Transportation, provided a progress report to the Board highlighting achievements related to how the Facilities & Transportation Department worked to improve the condition and performance of district facilities.

8.4 Finance Department: Strategic Plan Progress Report

Monica Schulte, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer provided a progress report to the Board highlighting achievements related to how the Finance Department worked to optimize resources across the district.

8.5 Information Technology Department: Strategic Plan Progress Report

On behalf of Karman O'Brien, Director of IT, Pat Taylor, Manager, IT Infrastructure provided a progress report to the Board highlighting achievements related to how the Information Technology Department worked on improving the ethical and innovative use of technology.

8.6 First Quarter Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the First Quarter Financial Update, which compares the current revenues and expenditures to the current year's budget and the previous year's first quarter financial results.

8.7 Enrolment Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the enrolment summary as of September 30, 2024. The report shows an increase of approximately 40 students compared to the budget projection.

8.8 Pay Transparency Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reported that the district's annual pay transparency report will be published by November 1, 2024 in accordance with the Pay Transparency Act.

8.9 Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards 2025

The Board discussed the sponsorship opportunities presented and made a motion.

It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the sponsorship amount of \$3,000, targeting youth award, to the 2025 Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Kanda-Rajwan & White)

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8.10 Administrative Procedure 117: Whistleblower - Annual Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reported that under Section 10.1 of AP 117, an annual report shall be prepared for the Board outlining the number of disclosures made, number of investigations required, and/or further action needed. For the period ending June 30, 2024 and in consultation with the Human Resources Department, the district has not received any reports.

9.0 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

11.0 **REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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

11.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

11.1 Notice of Motion

Trustee Rauch presented a motion which will be presented at the November 5, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

12.0 **TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12.1 Trustee Meetings & Events: September-October 2024

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

13.0 **QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions were asked and responded to about student reporting technology tools and some data pieces in the Measuring Up Report.

14.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer