

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: September 17, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN

ATTENDANCE: Stan Petersen, Chair
Rhonda Pauls, Vice Chair
Phil Anderson
Freddy Latham
Korky Neufeld
Preet Rai
Shirley Wilson

STAFF IN

ATTENDANCE: Kevin Godden, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Tracy Orobko, Executive Assistant
Corissa St.George, Executive Assistant
Kayla Stuckart, Communications Manager

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

The Board began the meeting with the singing of O Canada.

3.1 Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

Chair Petersen acknowledged that we reside on the shared traditional ancestral territory of the Sumas and Matsqui First Nations.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Public Meeting held June 18, 2019

It was MOVED by Trustee Latham and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held June 18, 2019.

CARRIED

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

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

CARRIED

A) Information

No items presented for information at the September 17, 2019 Public Board Meeting.

B) For Approval

5.2 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held June 18, 2019

5.3 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held June 12, 2019

5.4 Correspondence: BCPSEA 2019-04 September 6, 2019 (BCTF Statements - CFX Radio)

5.5 Correspondence: BCPSEA 2019-05 September 6, 2019 (BCTF Statements - CBC Radio)

5.6 Correspondence: BCPSEA Communications Advisory No. 7 September 6, 2019

5.7 Correspondence: BCSTA Membership Renewal

5.8 Equity in Action

For Approval

Correspondence: Honourable Ministers Conroy (Min. of Children and Family Development) and Chen (Min. of State for Child Care)

**originally, this item was included in section B) as item 5.4. Trustees agreed to sever this item for discussion.*

Discussion took place around how the change in funding impacts the district for creation of spaces.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education receive correspondence received from the Hon. Mins. Conroy (Minister of Children and Family Development) and Chen (Min. of State for Child Care).

CARRIED

6.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 Community Partner Presentation: Foundry Abbotsford

Superintendent Godden welcomed Leah Froese, Manager, Foundry Abbotsford. Ms. Froese presented an overview of Foundry Abbotsford's services and information about the Youth Ambassador Program run through Abbotsford schools.

7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

7.1 School Start Up Report

Superintendent Godden presented a summary of recruitment and hiring efforts, IT projects and Facilities and Transportation Department projects which were completed to prepare for students and staff returning to schools and district sites in September. The Board recognized and expressed appreciation to the teams facilitating these projects. Enrolment figures for September 30, 2019 will be reported at the October 8, 2019 public Board meeting. Questions about teacher movement, Education Assistants, the review of the ATSS Seismic Project and building envelope projects were asked.

7.2 2019 Canadian Student Leadership Conference (CSLC)

Superintendent Godden reminded the Board that student leaders represented from every province and territory will be attending the 2019 CSLC at Yale Secondary School from September 24-28, 2019. These leaders of tomorrow will join our community to learn from the conference theme *Empowering Inner Resources*. A question regarding whether trustees could take part in the conference program was asked.

Question Period

No questions were asked in this question period.

7.3 2018-2019 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

Director of Finance, Linda Peters reviewed the 2018-2019 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements with the Board. Questions around risk management and what would be an appropriate unrestricted operating surplus were asked.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 and approve any and all interfund transfers.

CARRIED

7.4 Capital Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reported that the planning phase with consultants for the new school on Eagle Mountain has begun. The targeted open date for the new school is September 2022. A celebration in the community for the new school will take place once the design phase is complete.

7.5 Public Board Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education hold the annual organizational meeting of the Board on November 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

CARRIED

8.0 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

9.0 **REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

9.1 Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards Sponsorship - 2020

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education approve the sponsorship of \$2500 targeting the youth award, to the Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards.

CARRIED

10.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

11.0 **TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustees reported on recent events they attended throughout the district and community and upcoming events they will be attending.

12.0 **QUESTION PERIOD**

A question regarding incorporating "green technologies" in the new Eagle Mountain school site was asked and responded to.

13.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer