

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)

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Phone: 604.859.4891 Fax: 604.859.5898

Date: February 21, 2017

Time: 7:04 p.m. to 9:04 p.m.

Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Shirley Wilson, Chair
Stan Petersen, Vice Chair
Phil Anderson
Freddy Latham
Rhonda Pauls
Preet Rai
Cindy Schafer

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin Godden, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Cheryl McLeod, Executive Assistant
Corissa St.George, Recording Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

R17-032 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve the Agenda of the Public Meeting of February 21, 2017.

CARRIED

3.0 O CANADA

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

3.1 Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous Community

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

4.0 CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 General Record of the Closed Meeting held January 31, 2017

R17-033 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the General Record of the Closed Meeting held January 31, 2017.

CARRIED

4.2 Minutes of the Public Meeting held January 31, 2017

R17-034 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held January 31, 2017.

CARRIED

4.3 MOE Letter re Student Learning Grant

R17-035 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education receive the letter from George Farkas, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education regarding the Student Learning Grant.

CARRIED

5.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 Student Presentation: Chief Dan George – Shervin Azar

Superintendent Godden welcomed Vice-Principal Whitman who introduced Shervin Azar, a Grade 7 student at Chief Dan George. Shervin shared his journey of moving to Canada, his perseverance in learning English, and how he made his dream a reality by writing and publishing a book.

6.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions asked in this question period.

7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

7.1 Career Programs Progress Report

Superintendent Godden welcomed District Principal Patti Tebbutt who provided a Career Programs progress report of the past year. Ms. Tebbutt shared the successes, survey data, enrolment trends in program offerings, challenges and upcoming new initiatives.

7.2 District Program Reviews

Superintendent Godden reviewed the findings and recommendations from District Program Reviews of the French Immersion Program and Yale Sports Academies. The intent of the reviews was to highlight what is working well and make recommendations for improvement. The Board thanked Assistant Superintendents Bondi and Danielsson as well as consultant Michael Audet for their work in preparing these reports. The findings and recommendations will be used to improve the programs.

7.3 Updated Administrative Procedure – AP 336

Superintendent Godden reviewed the amendments made in four sections of AP 336 based on the direction provided from the Board at the January 31 meeting.

7.4 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/2017

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the amended annual budget for 2016/2017.

R17-036 It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three reading of the 2016/2017 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in this one meeting.

CARRIED

7.5 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/2017 – First Reading

R17-037 It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Schafer

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2016/2017 be given first reading.

CARRIED

7.6 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/2017 – Second Reading

R17-038 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2016/2017 be given second reading.

CARRIED

7.7 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/2017 – Third Reading

R17-039 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2016/2017, specifying an expenditure of \$203,627,631 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 21st day of February, 2017.

CARRIED

7.8 2017-18 Preliminary Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk informed the Board that preliminary budget planning is ongoing for 2017-18. Financial estimates will not be available until the implications from the Supreme Court of Canada decision to restore Collective Agreement provisions from 2002 have been determined. Enrolment is predicted to increase between 50-100 students in 2017-18. Future funding information and government direction is expected soon. Public information meetings for the 2017-18 budget are scheduled for March 2 and April 12.

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7.9 Local Capital 2016-17

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk advised that Local Capital is money set aside for project expenditures at the Board's discretion. The Secretary-Treasurer recommended that funds be transferred from Local Capital to cover technology equipment expenses.

R17-040 It was MOVED by Trustee Schafer and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve the allocation of \$721,018 from Local Capital to cover technology equipment expenditures.

CARRIED

7.10 Unified Communication Project

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reviewed that in 2011, there were 13 recommendations as part of the initial IT Roadmap. With the NGN project complete, the District is ready to implement the recommendation to make communication improvements, create efficiencies, and reduce operating costs. In the next few months, the District will start by replacing telephone systems at two of our sites as part of a "Proof of Concept" project. The POC will allow our staff to ensure the system operates smoothly before rolling out to schools. Once tested, the implementation will have the potential to save the District \$50,000 a year.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 The Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held January 17, 2017

R17-041 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education receive the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held January 17, 2017.

CARRIED

8.2 Minutes of the Policy Meeting held November 8, 2016

R17-042 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive the Minutes of the Policy Meeting held November 8, 2016.

CARRIED

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8.3 Policy 15

At the February 7, 2017 Policy Committee meeting, Policy 15 – Student Code of Conduct was amended with the addition of one paragraph, to align with the updated BC Human Rights Code.

R17-043 It was MOVED by Trustee Schafer and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 15 – Student Code of Conduct, as revised.

CARRIED

8.4 Administrative Procedure – AP 339

Superintendent Godden advised that in light of the update to the BC Human Rights Code, Senior Staff have provided AP 339 – Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression as a supportive framework for students and staff no matter their identity. The new AP was reviewed and will give the District direction going forward.

9.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

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

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report at this meeting.

11.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees shared events they attended including a Family Gathering for the Aboriginal Education department. Chair Wilson shared the poster from BCSTA promoting 'Public Education is the Key'.

12.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were asked and responded to by staff about the SOGI Administrative Procedure and the Unified Communication Project.

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13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer