

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: January 10, 2017
Time: 7:05 p.m. to 8:49 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 7:05 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

R17-001 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Agenda of the Public Meeting of January 10, 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.

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4.0 CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 General Record of the Closed Meeting held November 29, 2016

R17-002 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the General Record of the Closed Meeting held November 29, 2016.

CARRIED

4.2 General Record of the Closed Meeting held December 13, 2016

R17-003 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the General Record of the Closed Meeting held December 13, 2016.

CARRIED

4.3 Minutes of the Regular (Special) Organizational Meeting held November 29, 2016

R17-004 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular (Special) Organizational Meeting held November 29, 2016.

CARRIED

4.4 Minutes of the Public Meeting held November 29, 2016

R17-005 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held November 29, 2016.

CARRIED

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4.5 Summary of the Abbotsford Mental Health Community Forum from November 19, 2016

R17-006 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive the outline of the presentations and workshops from the Abbotsford Mental Health Community Forum which was held November 19, 2016.

CARRIED

4.6 MOE Letter re Trustee Election Legislative Amendments

R17-007 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive the letter from Mike Bernier, Ministry of Education regarding upcoming Trustee Election Legislative Amendments.

CARRIED

4.7 MOE Letter re Rural Education Enhancement Funds

R17-008 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive the letter from Kim Abbott, Ministry of Education regarding Rural Education Enhancement Fund Applications.

CARRIED

4.8 BC Government News Release "Abbotsford Students Tapped for Career and Skills-Training"

R17-009 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive the BC Government News Release "Abbotsford Students Tapped for Career and Skills-Training".

CARRIED

4.9 MOE Update re the Financial Health Working Group and the Rural Education Review

R17-010 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive the Ministry of Education Update re the Financial Health Working Group and the Rural Education Review.

CARRIED

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4.10 MOE News Release re MOA signed for Supreme Court Ruling

R17-011 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education receive the Ministry of Education News Release re MOA signed for Supreme Court Ruling.

CARRIED

5.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 Student Presentation: Yale Secondary – Senior Boys’ Rugby Team

Superintendent Godden welcomed Principal, Lance McDonald, Rugby Coaches Doug Primrose and Greg Byron and the Yale Secondary Senior Boys’ Rugby Team. The team reflected on how they secured the provincial championship title in June, 2016.

6.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions asked in this question period.

7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

7.1 Enrolment Management Plan

Superintendent Godden reviewed last year’s Board approved amendments to Policy 18 that align with Section 74.1 of the School Act, and provided details about registration priorities and timelines. The Board reviewed the enrolment report presented and discussed the intent of the Enrolment Management Plan. The Board clarified that under the grandfather provisions, children should follow a sibling who is enrolled in a District Program.

7.2 Sister City Information

Superintendent Godden provided a brief report on the Summer Program the district offers for students from Fukagawa, Japan as part of the Sister City arrangement. The Board Chair and the Superintendent will initiate a meeting with the Mayor to discuss further.

7.3 Long Term Facilities Plan (LTFP)

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk summarized the work being completed by the committee and advised that the objective is to have the plan approved by the Board in the Spring. The last LTFP was completed in 2011, and a new plan is required in order to meet Provincial requirements for a School District Long Term Facility Plan.

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7.4 Policy 1 – Foundation Statements

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk advised that one item was removed under the section of Guiding Principles and the Strategic Plan section was updated.

R17-012 It was MOVED by Trustee Petersen and SECONDED by Trustee Schafer

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 1 – Foundation Statements, as revised.

CARRIED

7.5 Policy 2 – Role of the Board of Education

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk advised that there was a deletion in the Planning area section.

R17-013 It was MOVED by Trustee Latham and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 2 – Role of the Board of Education, as revised.

CARRIED

7.6 Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk advised that under the section titled Specific Responsibilities of Individual Trustees, the last item was updated.

R17-014 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee, as revised.

CARRIED

7.7 Policy 7 – Board Governance and Operations

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk advised that there was an addition under the Agenda section.

R17-015 It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Petersen

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 7 – Board Governance and Operations, as revised.

CARRIED

7.8 Proposed Administrative Procedure – School Act Section 177

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk advised the proposed Administrative Procedure was drafted in keeping with the guidelines on the maintenance of order under Section 177 of the School Act. This Administrative Procedure will be brought forward to the June meeting where there is an annual review of changes to the Administrative Procedures.

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7.9 2016-2017 Operating Grant Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided an update on changes to our Funded Enrolment, based on September 30th enrolment numbers, and the resulting changes in the Operating Grant.

7.10 Trustee Representation on Committees for 2017

Chair Wilson advised that the Trustee Representation on Committees List for 2017 is for Public Record and will be posted on the website.

7.11 Trustee/School Liaison Program - 2017

Chair Wilson advised that the 2017 list and corresponding letter will be available on the district website. This information will also be sent to schools.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports at this meeting.

9.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

9.1 The Reach – Governor General Award

Trustee Latham reported that The Reach won this prestigious award due to their effort to engage the community.

R17-016 It was MOVED by Trustee Latham and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education send a letter of congratulations to the Reach for this award.

CARRIED

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Change in Signing Authority

R17-017 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Schafer

THAT the Board of Education approve the following signatory (manual or by use of a mechanical or other device) for the Bank of Montreal: Signatory (any two) Shirley Wilson, Board Chair; Kevin Godden, Superintendent; Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer; Linda Peters, Director of Finance.

CARRIED

11.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees reported on recent events they attended, including the announcement of a grant from the Rick Hansen Foundation to build an inclusive playground at McMillan Elementary.

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12.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Questions regarding the Long Term Facilities Plan and Section 177 were asked and responded to by staff.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer