

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: May 2, 2017
Time: 7:02 p.m. to 9:06 p.m.
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Shirley Wilson, Chair
Phil Anderson
Freddy Latham
Rhonda Pauls
Cindy Schafer

REGRETS: Stan Petersen, Vice Chair
Preet Rai

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 7:02 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

R17-071 It was MOVED by Trustee Latham and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve the Agenda of the Public Meeting of May 2, 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 Minutes of the Public Meeting held April 11, 2017

R17-072 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held April 11, 2017.

CARRIED

4.2 General Record of the Closed Meeting held April 11, 2017

R17-073 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 April 11, 2017.

CARRIED

4.3 General Record of the Extraordinary Special (in camera) Meeting held April 19, 2017

R17-074 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the General Record of the Extraordinary Special (in camera) Meeting held April 19, 2017.

CARRIED

4.4 General Record of the Extraordinary Special (in camera) Meeting held April 25, 2017

R17-075 It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the General Record of the Extraordinary Special (in camera) Meeting held April 25, 2017.

CARRIED

5.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 Community Partner Presentation: Abbotsford Community Services

Superintendent Godden welcomed Shairose Jinnah, Director of Child, Youth and Family Services and Simone Maassen, Manager, Youth Services. Ms. Jinnah and Ms. Maassen spoke about the partnership of programs and services that Abbotsford Community Services and the district have in place. The presentation included information about The Foundry, a wellness centre where both youth and parents will receive support (i.e. mental health, primary health, substance use, and social) at one location. Abbotsford Community Services will invite the Board to the opening of The Foundry once the location is secured and ready to open to the community.

5.2 South Poplar Traditional Elementary Delegation (Speakers: Becky Szmuto & Hardy Gill)

Ms. Becky Szmuto and Mr. Hardy Gill presented information to the Board regarding Over-Crowding at Abbotsford Middle School and the impact it is having on South Poplar Traditional Elementary families.

6.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Questions regarding clarification on Policy 18 and AP 336 and how registration priorities relate to choice schools were asked and responded to.

7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

7.1 Rescind Academy Fees – 2017/18 Motion No. R17-063

Superintendent Godden reported a slight adjustment required for the Yale Softball and Baseball Academies fees. The increase includes additional registration fees and transportation costs since students have had to relocate their training to GoodLife Fitness instead of Abbotsford Recreation Centre. This adjustment requires the Board to rescind the motion made at the April 11, 2017 Board meeting.

R17-076 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education rescind Motion No. R17-063 which reads:

“THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$750 per year for the Abbotsford Senior Secondary Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$600 per year for the Abbotsford Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$600 per year for the Eugene Reimer Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$1,600 per year for the Grade 6 and 7 Wm. A. Fraser Middle School Hockey Academy; and

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THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$1,700 for the Grade 8 Wm. A. Fraser Middle School Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$2,500 per year for the Yale Secondary Hockey Skills Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$13,500 for U15 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$13,000 for the U16 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$14,000 for the U18 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2017 school year in the amount of \$2,100 for the Yale Baseball Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$2,000 for the Yale Softball Academy; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2016/2017 school year in the amount of \$2,500 per year for the Robert Bateman Secondary Golf Academy.”

7.2 Academy Fees 2017/18

Superintendent Godden presented the Academy Fees for 2017/18 for the Board’s approval. All fees have been approved by the respective parents’ advisory councils.

R17-077 It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

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THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$600 per year for the Abbotsford Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$600 per year for the Eugene Reimer Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$1,600 per year for the Grade 6 and 7 Wm. A. Fraser Middle School Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$1,700 for the Grade 8 Wm. A. Fraser Middle School Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$2,500 per year for the Yale Secondary Hockey Skills Academy; and

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THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$13,500 for U15 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$13,000 for the U16 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$14,000 for the U18 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2017 school year in the amount of \$2,350 for the Yale Baseball Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2017/2018 school year in the amount of \$2,350 for the Yale Softball Academy; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2016/2017 school year in the amount of \$2,500 per year for the Robert Bateman Secondary Golf Academy.

CARRIED

7.3 Annual Facilities Grant Plan 2017-2018

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented a list of projects which will take place over the summer under the Annual Facilities Grant the district receives.

7.4 Budget Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented a budget update and noted that the current year forecast is a surplus of \$1.21M. The district anticipates some challenges related to staffing and the provincial demand for teachers. Staff are looking at every available space in the district as a result of the restoration of the Collective Agreement language from 2002.

7.5 Unified Communications Plan for Email/Website URLs

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reviewed that the upcoming update to email and website domains will align with the district's visual identity which was refreshed in 2010.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 The Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held April 4, 2017

R17-078 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 April 4, 2017.

CARRIED

8.2 The Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held February 7, 2017

R17-079 It was MOVED by Trustee Schafer and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education receive the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held February 7, 2017.

CARRIED

9.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

9.1 BCSTA AGM Update

Trustees Anderson, Latham and Wilson provided an update from the BCSTA AGM including keynote, sessions and motions. Chair Wilson advised that the BCSTA Branch Meeting will be held in Abbotsford on October 16, 2017.

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 including an Honouring Ceremony for 2017 Aboriginal Youth Role Models at W.J. Mouat, the URock awards, Abbotsford Sports Hall of Fame dinner, Day of Mourning, a community public safety meeting regarding the fentynal crisis and the Halq'emeylem Language Celebration and Competition.

12.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Questions regarding catchment, choice schools, programming and waitlists were asked and responded to.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer