

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: February 5, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
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 6:58 p.m. and noted this was the first meeting to be livestreamed.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

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.

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4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Public Meeting held January 15, 2019

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held January 15, 2019.

CARRIED

Trustee Wilson inquired if agenda item 7.3 Revisions to AP 210 – Learning Resources could be brought back for further discussion since she was not in attendance at the January 15, 2019 Public Board Meeting. The Board discussed the purpose of revisiting the agenda item and agreed to put it back on the February 26, 2019 Public Board Meeting Agenda.

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) For Approval

- 5.2 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held January 15, 2019
- 5.3 Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held September 11, 2018
- 5.4 Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held December 11, 2018
- 5.5 Correspondence: BCPSEA At the Table

6.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 Industry Training Authority (ITA) Award Presentation and Student Presentation

Superintendent Godden welcomed Career Programs Helping Teacher Rick McDonald and ITA's Manager of Youth Programs Jason Leber. Mr. Leber presented a \$5,000 award for the second year in a row to the Board of Education for being the top performer in transitioning students to work as apprenticed youth in various trades, and top performance in our economic area. The ITA is happy to have Abbotsford School District as one of the strongest districts in enrolment and use the district as an example of how successful the programs offered by ITA can be. The \$5,000 will be used to continue to grow YTIT and YWIT. Mr. McDonald introduced graduates Noah Janz and Anthony Malatinka who were both Youth Train in Trades (YTIT) and currently Youth Work in Trades (YWIT). Both students spoke about the opportunities gained through the program to get them to where they are today.

7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

7.1 Update on Progress – District Planning Team Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Superintendent Godden reported that the District Planning Team received an overview of 6 year completion data, ELL and Aboriginal completion data and provincial student survey data at the January 21, 2019 meeting. The team then discussed connections among the data subsets, suggestions for further inquiry to better understand challenges/successes and further questions they still had about the data presented.

7.2 Update on Strategic Progress: Linda Peters, Director, Finance and Dale Churchill, Director, Facilities & Transportation

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk welcomed Director of Finance Linda Peters and Director of Facilities & Transportation Dale Churchill who reported on the progress of their operational plans, strategic goals and objectives related to the Board’s Strategic Plan.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT, with respect to the Abbotsford School District’s 2016-20 Strategic Plan Strategic Goal 10, Improve fiscal stewardship and transparency:

- Objective 10.1: Increase resources allocated to Instructional areas
- Objective 10.2: Increase parent use of online payment system

and Strategic Goal 11, Improve department services to schools

- Objective 11.1: Improve Facilities Department services to schools ensuring facilities are safe, clean and properly maintained
- Objective 11.2: Improve and streamline ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) workflows

the Board of Education finds that the school district is making reasonable progress toward achieving desired results.

CARRIED

7.3 Update on Strategic Progress: Karman O’Brien, Director, Information Technology

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk welcomed Director of Information Technology Karman O’Brien who reported on the IT Operational Plan’s progress related to the Board’s Strategic Plan.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT, with respect to the Abbotsford School District’s 2016-20 Strategic Plan, Strategic Goal 9, Improve ethical and innovative use of technology

- Objective 9.2: Improve the district’s IT security

the Board of Education finds that the school district is making reasonable progress toward achieving desired results.

CARRIED

Question Period

A question regarding what the cyber security plan will look like for teachers was asked and responded to. A question regarding parents receiving notifications about children being able to opt out of presentations at schools was asked and responded to.

7.4 Appointment of Auditor

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education approve the appointment of KPMG as the auditors for Abbotsford School District for the 2018-2019 school year.

CARRIED

7.5 Abbotsford School District Banking Services

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education extend the current term with the Bank of Montreal as the service provide for Abbotsford School District banking until June 30, 2021.

CARRIED

7.6 December Quarterly Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the quarterly financial report for December 2018 and noted that the district is on target for budget.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

9.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

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

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Proposed Substantive Motion to BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting

Trustee Wilson presented a proposed motion to bring to the BCSTA AGM. The Board discussed the proposed motion and agreed that the proposed motion should be passed by the BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch before sending to the BCSTA AGM for review.

10.2 Indigenous Representation on Naming Committee

Trustee Wilson suggested the district policy on naming committees be updated to reflect the provincial government's mechanism of indigenous representation on naming committees. Staff will review and make any recommendations if required.

11.0 TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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12.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions asked in this question period.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer