

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: January 15, 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

TRUSTEE

REGRETS: 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 7:02 p.m. and noted that due to technical difficulties, voting at the meeting would take place by a show of hands for each motion.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

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 December 4, 2018

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 December 4, 2018.

CARRIED

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Latham and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

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 December 4, 2018

5.3 Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held May 8, 2018

5.4 Correspondence: Ministry of Education – 2019 Premier’s Awards for Excellence

5.5 Report on Funding Model Review

5.6 BCPSEA Bargaining Communication

6.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 Community Partner Presentation: Abbotsford Youth Commission

Superintendent Godden welcomed Bev Olfert, Executive Director of Abbotsford Youth Commission who shared how the AYC has grown since 1990. Ms. Olfert reviewed the goals of AYC and how they relate to the Abbotsford community. She also shared the programs which have been established and offered in Abbotsford District schools.

7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

7.1 Middle Operational Plan – Progress Report

Superintendent Godden welcomed Assistant Superintendent Angus MacKay who reported on the Middle Operational Plan's progress related to the Board's Strategic Plan.

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT, with respect to the Abbotsford School District's 2016-20 Strategic Plan Strategic Goal 2, Increase Student Inquiry and Achievement and Strategic Goal 6, Enhance Leadership Excellence:

- Objective 2.1: Increase student numeracy results in middle school
- Objective 2.2: Increase student reading comprehension in middle school
- Objective 6.1: Increase the capacity of school principals and vice-principals as instructional leaders

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

CARRIED

7.2 Secondary Operational Plan – Progress Report

Superintendent Godden welcomed Assistant Superintendent Gino Bondi who reported on the Secondary Operational Plan's progress related to the Board's Strategic Plan.

It was MOVED by Trustee Neufeld and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT, with respect to the Abbotsford School District's 2016-20 Strategic Plan Strategic Goal 3, Increase Graduation Success and Strategic Goal 6, Enhance Leadership Excellence:

- Objective 3.1: Increase graduation rates
- Objective 3.2: Improve grade to grade transitions
- Objective 6.1: Increase the capacity of school principals and vice-principals as instructional leaders

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

CARRIED

7.3 Revisions to AP 210 – Learning Resources

Superintendent Godden presented the revised Administrative Procedure 210 – Learning Resources. In light of changes to Ministerial policy related to learning resources and the introduction of the redesigned provincial curriculum, it has become necessary to amend AP 210. Teachers will be using resources to stimulate the curriculum for meaningful experiences for children, as such, the revised AP addresses the judicious care and consideration to the resources which will be made available to students. There will also be an update to the Communicating with your School brochure to include the process of potential challenges to learning resources. The revised AP will be implemented immediately.

Question Period

There were no questions asked in this question period.

7.4 Budget 2018-2019 Update – Operating Grants

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided a summary of the 2018-19 Budget – Operating Grant. A complete amended budget will be presented at the February 26, 2019 public board meeting.

7.5 2019-2020 Budget Preparation

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the guiding principles to be used in 2019-20 budget preparation. As part of the Board’s strategic plan in engaging opportunities, staff are planning new communications to increase our consultation and engagement with the community during the public budget consultation process.

7.6 Revision to Policy 7 – Board Governance and Operations

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented changes to Policy 7 – Board Governance and Operations to specifically address the live streaming of public board meetings which will take effect February 5, 2019. Students who present at public board meetings will be given notice of the live streaming which is taking place at the meeting they are due to present at.

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

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

CARRIED

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

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 upcoming events they will be attending.

12.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions asked in this question period.

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13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer