

Minutes



PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: May 7, 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 7:01 p.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

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 April 9, 2019

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held April 9, 2019.

CARRIED

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai 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 April 9, 2019

5.3 Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held November 20, 2018

5.4 Correspondence: BCPSEA Communications Advisory No. 3: April 12, 2019

5.5 Correspondence: C. McKellan, Parent, ATSS, ATMS, King Traditional Elementary

6.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 Student Presentation: Mountain Elementary – School Projects, Events and Groups

Superintendent Godden welcomed Principal Cameron Friesen and Vice-Principal Gary Toews who introduced students and staff from Mountain Elementary. Students performed a short performance from their upcoming musical Beauty and the Beast Jr. Staff presented the work completed in The Learning Forest by kids, staff, parents, and the community which provides opportunities for students to learn and play in nature.

6.2 Heidi Smit Vinois, Advisory Committee/Task Force: BCEDAccess Society - Access to Education

The delegation provided a presentation about what their society does and how it supports families in BC.

6.3 Abbotsford Traditional Secondary and Middle School PAC: K. Sangha, C. McKellan, K. Mahal, B. Dhand

The delegation presented additional information and concerns in relation to the ATSS Seismic Upgrade to the Board.

7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

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

Superintendent Godden presented a summary from the meeting which took place on April 15, 2019 where the committee explored evidence related to student graduation data. Looking toward 2019-20, the focus will be on gathering meaningful evidence of student learning.

7.2 Student Fees and Deposits for 2019-20

Superintendent Godden presented the Student Fees and Deposits for 2019-20. There were no changes from the previous year. The Superintendent clarified that a hardship clause remains in place for families who need to access it.

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT the Board of Education approve the following school fees and deposits for the 2019/2020 school year:

- Student Activity Fees for middle and secondary schools of up to \$30 per student. The student activity fee covers costs such as student agendas, guest speakers, student identity cards, school events, student recognition, student leadership, locks and locker rentals. Schools shall not charge for a student agenda if it is to be used as a learning resource or for assessment purposes;
- Parking permits of up to \$16 for the right to park as well as for administrative expenses at secondary schools where required;
- Graduation Fee of up to \$60 per student, the basic amount for the cost of the convocation ceremony (e.g. gown and stole rental, keeper cap and tassel, folder, diploma and tickets to convocation/venue, tea/reception);
- Personal supplies in accordance with the supply list approved by the district;
- Course Fee: \$550 for graduated adults taking non-funded courses;
- Refunds for graduated adults paying \$550 course tuition will be handled as follows:
 - For Bakerview Centre for Learning: Continuing Education, refunds for fee paying graduated adults will be granted up to 4 days of attendance after registration. There will be a 10% per day holdback to a maximum of 40%. Withdrawal after four days will result in no refund. Individuals wishing a refund due to hardship after registration will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
 - For Abbotsford Virtual School, upon placement into a distributed learning course: refunds may be granted: 100% within two days, 75% within a week, and 50% within 30 days. Refunds will not be considered after 30 days.

CARRIED

7.3 Board/Authority Authorized Courses (BAAC)

Superintendent Godden presented the rewritten grade 11 and 12 BAA courses which have been rewritten to align with the new curriculum. In addition, the new BAA courses were presented for approval

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT the Board of Education approve the following Board Authority Authorized existing rewritten courses:

- BAA Community Service 12;
- BAA Equine Studies 11;
- BAA Fine Arts Assistant 11;
- BAA Forensic Science 11;
- BAA Horticulture 11;
- BAA Journalism 10;

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- BAA Mentorship 12;
- BAA Psychology 11;
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- BAA Sports Performance 11;
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- BAA Vet Science 11; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Anthropology 12 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Community Service 11 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Drumline 10 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Drumline 11 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Drumline 12 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Equine Management 10 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Film & TV Auditioning 12 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Film Studies 12 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Mentorship 11 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Sociology 11 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Sociology 12 as a Board Authority Authorized Course; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Sports Performance 10 as a Board Authority Authorized Course.

CARRIED

7.4 Human Performance Academy at Rick Hansen Secondary School

Superintendent Godden presented the newly created academy which aims to assist in providing student athletes to improve their quality of movement in all sports with exposure to proper movement-based training. Initially, the academy will be open to RHSS students and then will be offered district wide.

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve a partnership with Innovative Fitness to create the Human Performance Academy at Rick Hansen Secondary School.

CARRIED

7.5 Academy Fees for 2019-20

Superintendent Godden presented the academy fees for 2019-20. Questions regarding the impact of phasing out the middle hockey academy and the difference in the Middle School Soccer Academies were asked.

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Rai

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$550 for the Abbotsford Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$750 for the Abbotsford Senior Secondary Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$500 for the Eugene Reimer Middle School Soccer Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$2,500 for the Robert Bateman Secondary Golf Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$850 for the Rick Hansen Secondary Human Performance Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$1,250 for the Valley Prep Program; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$14,000 for the U15 Bantam Varsity Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$14,500 for the U15 Bantam Prep Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$14,500 for the U16 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$15,000 for the U18 Team in the Yale Hockey Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$2,350 for the Yale Softball Academy; and

THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$2,350 for the Yale Baseball Skills Academy; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Education approve academy fees for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$8,500 for the Yale Baseball Elite Academy.

CARRIED

7.6 Verbal update: Enrolment Management - Early and Late French Immersion

Superintendent Godden advised the Board that the Human Resources department has had recent success in recruiting French Immersion teachers. The district will now be able to offer a new class that will be able to enrol at all the schools including Centennial, Clearbrook and Margaret Stenersen Elementary schools and Chief Dan George Middle School.

Question Period

Questions related to the upcoming ATSS Seismic Project, student fees and academy fees were asked and responded to.

7.7 Eligible School Site Proposal

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk introduced Kelly Plastow, Manager, Capital Planning who presented the proposal for approval. The Eligible School Site Proposal is prepared and approved by the Board and is part of the Capital Plan process. The district has consulted with city planners on the projection of Eligible Development Units (EDUs).

It was MOVED by Trustee Rai and SECONDED by Trustee Pauls

THAT based on consultation with the City of Abbotsford and Fraser Valley Regional District on the Eligible School Sites Proposal (ESSP), the Board of Education estimates there will be 8,850 eligible development units constructed in the School District over the next 10 years (Table 1); and

THAT these 8,850 new development units will be home to an estimated 2,439 school age children (Table 1); and

THAT the School Board expects one (1) new school site and one (1) expansion over the ten-year period will be required as the result of this growth in the school district and the site acquisitions will be located as presented in Table 2; and

THAT according to Ministry of Education site standards, these sites will require in total 4.56 hectares. These sites should be purchased within ten years and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$14,084,700; and

FURTHER THAT the Eligible School Sites Proposal be incorporated in the 2020-21 Capital Plan.

CARRIED

7.8 Review of Preliminary Budget and Strategic Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reviewed the updated budget estimates, considerations and adjustments for the 2019-20 Budget. The information in the Strategic Plan is still under review including reviewing resources added in 2018-19 and additional resources requests for 2019-20.

7.9 Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School Update

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk reported that staff are awaiting finalized information from consultants. Trustees inquired about how the cost of portables was determined, enrolment projections, and what other options are being explored. A fulsome report is expected to be available for the May 28, 2019 Public Board Meeting.

7.10 Update on Student Delegation: Student Project Abbotsford Middle School

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk provided an update regarding Abby Middle students' "Project Intersection" presentation made at the April 9, 2019 Public Board Meeting. The Transportation Manager and City of Abbotsford representatives met with the students and reviewed their presentation. Trustee Anderson advised that the students are scheduled to present to the Transportation Advisory Committee at the end of May.

7.11 Local Education Agreement: Matsqui First Nations

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the Local Education Agreement with Matsqui First Nations for approval. The agreement will be in effect until January 2022.

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Wilson

THAT the Board of Education approve the Local Education Agreement with Matsqui First Nations as presented.

CARRIED

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

9.0 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Trustees provided an overview from the BCSTA AGM held April 25-28, 2019.

Trustee Anderson provided a brief report from the Transportation Advisory Committee regarding school zone signage.

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 community and upcoming events they will be attending.

12.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Questions related to the upcoming ATSS Seismic Project were asked and responded to.

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13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Board Chair

Certified Correct, Secretary-Treasurer