

PUBLIC MEETING

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

Date: January 14, 2020
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 7:02 p.m.

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.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Public Meeting held December 3, 2019

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held December 3, 2019.

CARRIED

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Approval of Consent Items

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson and SECONDED by Trustee Latham

THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the Consent Items as presented.

CARRIED

A) Information

5.2 2020 Trustee Representation on Committees

5.3 2020 Trustee School Liaison Program

B) For Approval

5.4 General Record of the Closed Board Meeting held December 3, 2019

5.5 General Record of the Special Extraordinary Closed Board Meeting held January 7, 2020

5.6 Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held September 24, 2019

5.7 Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held October 22, 2019

6.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 Community Partner Presentation – Abbotsford Restorative Justice (ARJAA)

Superintendent Godden welcomed Executive Director, Christine Bomhof, who shared how ARJAA and the district partner together to support restorative action in our schools and community.

Ms. Bomhof and Ms. Riddell, Restorative Action Program Coordinator, shared ARJAA's Safe Dating Safe Relationship Program recently developed and piloted in a few Abbotsford schools.

7.0 REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT/RESULTS

7.1 Elementary – Progress Report from 2018-19

Superintendent Godden welcomed Assistant Superintendent Carla Danielsson, who highlighted achievements and provided an update on special projects, early signs of success, resources, and challenges at the elementary level.

It was MOVED by Trustee Pauls and SECONDED by Trustee Anderson

THAT, with respect to the Abbotsford School District’s 2016-20 Strategic Plan Goal 1, Improve Early Learning:

- Objective 1.1: Increase Kindergarten Readiness
- Objective 1.2: Increase Grade 4 Reading Success
- Objective 1.3: Increase the number of primary children fully meeting or exceeding district expectations in reading

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

CARRIED

7.2 Middle – Progress Report from 2018-19

Superintendent Godden welcomed Assistant Superintendent, Angus MacKay, who highlighted key achievements, projects, early signs of success, and challenges related to increasing student success in middle schools. Dr. MacKay will provide a report on progress once the data has been confirmed.

7.3 Board/Authority Authorized Courses (BAAC)

It was MOVED by Trustee Wilson and SECONDED by Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the following BAA course: BAA Palo Alto Digital Applications 11.

CARRIED

Question Period

No questions were asked during this question period.

7.4 Budget 2019-2020 Update – Operating Grants

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the recalculated Operating Grant for 2019-20. Budget projections show \$800,000 less as enrolment was fewer than initial budget projections (FTE number). The amended budget will be brought forward to the February 11, 2020 public Board Meeting.

7.5 Transportation Review Meeting: Abbotsford Middle School – January 27, 2020

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk presented the feedback received from the first transportation review meeting in December 2019. This feedback and themes which are important to the community will be reviewed at the January 27, 2020 transportation review meeting.

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7.6 Policy Review: Policies 2, 3, 4, 5

Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk requested trustees to volunteer to review policies 2, 3, 4 and 5 before bringing suggestions to the next meeting. Trustees Anderson, Latham and Wilson offered to review the policies.

7.7 Policy 7 – Board Governance and Operations

A few suggested changes were presented at the last finance and Facilities Committee meeting. Prior to presenting Policy 7 for approval at a public Board meeting, Secretary-Treasurer Velestuk suggested that Trustees Anderson, Latham and Wilson also review Policy 7.

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

Due to the inclement weather, trustees did not make any announcements at this meeting.

12.0 QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were asked during this question period.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer