



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (LANGLEY)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Location: Langley School Board Office

Trustees Present:	Candy Ashdown	Chairperson
	Holly Dickinson	Trustee
	Charlie Fox	Trustee
	Joel Neufeld	Trustee
	Sarb Rai	Trustee
	Tony Ward	Trustee
	Marnie Wilson	Trustee

Staff Present:	Mal Gill	Superintendent
	Brian Iseli	Secretary-Treasurer
	Woody Bradford	Deputy Superintendent
	Lisa Lainchbury	Assistant Superintendent
	Marcello Moino	Assistant Superintendent
	Shind Chand	Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
	Joanne Abshire	Communications Manager
	Judy Swanson	Executive Assistant
	Dale Vo	IT Manager, Infrastructure and Security
	Pol Babao	Technical Support Specialist 3
Vincent Montefrio	Technical Support Specialist 2	

Partner Groups:	Taylor Holoboff	CUPE 1260 President
	Carey Schafer	CUPE 1851 Vice-President
	Tanya Kerr	LTA President
	Ellen Bornowsky	LTA Vice-President
	Kim Anderson	LPVPA President
	Alicia Rempel	DPAC President
	Brian Martens	DPAC Vice President
	Jessie Cowger	CUPE 1260 VP

Guests:	Mike Pue	District Principal, Aboriginal Education
	Emma Morris	Student at Peter Ewart Middle School

**Chief Marilyn Gabrial
Kevin Kelly
Other Honoured Guests**

**Kwantlen First Nation
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1. AUDIO VISUAL RECORDING (LIVESTREAMING) OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Those in attendance were informed that as per Policy No. 7 - Regular and Special Meetings of the Board may be streamed live, archived and accessed online. The Board reserves, at its sole discretion, via motion at any meeting, the right to not stream live or archive a meeting or a portion of a meeting. Further, the Board reserves the right to edit any recorded portion of a meeting.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and began the meeting with the introduction stating: "I would like to acknowledge that the Langley School District is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations. We gather here tonight in an understanding of the importance of ya:yəstəl' (**y-eye yes tel**) /sq'eq'o yoyes (**sckecka y-eyes**) (working together) and nə́cəʔmat (**not sa mot**) /lets'emó:t (**let sa mot**) (**uniting** ourselves with one mind, one heart) to ensure that we support and inspire all learners to reach their full potential."

Chairperson welcomed everyone and introduced attendees.

2.1 ANNOUNCEMENT: NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH & NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

The month of June is recognized in Canada as National Indigenous History Month. During this month, we take time to listen to, learn about and honour the stories and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples across Canada.

June 21st is recognized in Canada as National Indigenous Peoples Day, chosen to align with the summer solstice due to its importance and connection to many Indigenous Peoples and communities.

National Indigenous Peoples Day is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate the rich history, unique culture and diverse contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

On behalf of the Board, we hope that you will take the opportunity to learn more through story by reading Indigenous literature or watching Indigenous films, by exploring and engaging in virtual events or just having conversations with others.

Please join the Board as we learn more together about the history, culture and perspectives of Indigenous communities across Canada.

2.2 ANNOUNCEMENT: PRIDE MONTH - ANTI-RACISM

The Board is sharing that the District is celebrating Pride Month during the month of June. This month is an opportunity where we celebrate the freedom to be ourselves and show off our colours.

Throughout this month and throughout the District, staff and students are celebrating by having Pride parades in their communities, displays in their schools and classrooms, bake sales to raise money for different 2SLGBTQ+ charities, and having school-led activities such as Pride Month celebratory sessions on various 2SLGBTQ+ presentations.

Pride festivals, parades and events are celebrations of the progress the 2SLGBTQ+ community has made but also a time to recognize how far we still have to go to achieve true equality and inclusion.

2.3 ANNOUNCEMENT: NATIONAL ACCESSIBILITY

National AccessAbility was recognized the week of May 28th to June 3rd. The week celebrated the valuable contributions and leadership of people with disabilities in Canada, the work of allies, organizations and communities that are removing barriers and ongoing efforts to become a more accessible and inclusive Canada. This year's theme was "Disability Inclusion: From Possibilities to Practice.

To celebrate National AccessAbility Week, District Learning Support Services Staff hosted Access in Action at the school board office, which was an opportunity to demonstrate how staff use tools, equipment and technology to make learning more accessible for students.

September 2023 marks the date that all School District's in BC are required to have an accessibility committee, plan and feedback mechanism. The District is currently forming the committee that will provide guidance for the development of Langley's accessibility plan.

3. REPORT FROM "IN CAMERA"

The Vice-Chair reported that the items discussed in the 'In Camera' meeting pertained to personnel.

The items discussed in the Special In Camera Meeting on June 6, 2023 pertained to personnel.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

R23/06/20-01

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education adopts the consent agenda items as provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.2.1 EDUCATION/STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

4.2.2 FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

4.3 BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.3.1 BCSTA

4.3.1.1 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL (Trustee Dickinson)

4.3.2 DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (Trustee Neufeld)

4.4 SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.4.1 ABORIGINAL / ya:yəstəl' (Assistant Superintendent Moino)

4.4.2 2SLGBTQ+ (Assistant Superintendent Lainchbury)

4.4.3 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Assistant Superintendent Moino)

4.5 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.5.1 CITY OF LANGLEY ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL (Trustee Ward)

4.5.2 TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY RECREATION, CULTURE AND PARKS ADVISORY (Trustee Dickinson)

4.6 CORRESPONDENCE

5. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

R23/06/20-02

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

6.1 ANNUAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION UPDATE

Chief Marilyn Gabriel and Kevin Kelly, along with other honoured guests from Kwantlen First Nation introduced Emma Morris, student at Peter Ewart Middle School. Emma Morris spoke prior to Mike Pue giving a presentation on Annual Truth and Reconciliation.

R23/06/20-03

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Rai

That the Board of Education receives the update on Truth and Reconciliation for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2026: YEAR IN REVIEW

Board Chair called a 5 minute recess beginning at 7:52pm.

R23/06/20-04

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Dickinson

That the Board of Education receives the report on the Strategic Plan 2019-2022 Year in Review for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2026: COMMUNITY OF PARTNERS

R23/06/20-05

Moved By: Trustee Rai

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That the Board of Education receives the Strategic Plan – Community of Partners report, for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORTS

7.1 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW (Third and Final Reading)

R23/06/20-06

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Dickinson

That the Board of Education directs staff to appropriate the following Restricted surplus amounts to balance the 2023/24 Annual Budget.

Internally restricted for student capacity needs	\$1,500,000
Internally restricted for infrastructure replacement	\$107,804
Internally restricted for projector replacement	\$150,000
Internally restricted to balance future budgets	\$507,868
Restricted for future District capital contributions	\$300,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R23/06/20-07

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That the School District No. 35 (Langley) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 in the amount of \$355,297,252 be given third reading, passed and adopted on this 20th day of June 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 THREE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

R23/06/20-08

Moved By: Trustee Ward

Seconded By: Trustee Fox

That the Board of Education approves the Three-Year Year Financial Plan, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN 2024/2025

R23/06/20-09

Moved By: Trustee Rai

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

In accordance with provisions under Section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Capital Programs) for 2024/2025, as provided on the attached Major Five-Year Capital Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R23/06/20-10

Moved By: Trustee Neufeld

Seconded By: Trustee Fox

In accordance with provisions under Section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) hereby approves the proposed addition to the Five-Year Capital Plan (Minor Capital Programs) for 2023/2024, as provided on the attached Minor Five-Year Capital Plan addition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. POLICY COMMITTEE

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION RETURN - POLICY 17: ACCUMULATED OPERATING SURPLUS

R23/06/20-11

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education approves Policy 17: Accumulated Operating Surplus, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustees shared their appreciation for Tanya Kerr, LTA President and Alicia Rempel, DPAC President for their work and wished them well. Thank you to Emma Morris for speaking tonight, to all the partner groups, senior staff, fellow trustees, Kwantlen First Nation, staff at schools, students and all those who came out tonight. Take some time to rest and relax and have a great summer. Congratulations to the 2023 graduates.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period is provided at Board Meetings. The purpose is to ensure that those present in the audience have an opportunity to obtain clarification concerning business conducted during that meeting. Priority will be given to responding to one question per person before considering further questions from any individual.

The following will help the public develop questions for Question Period at a Board Meeting that is keeping with the goal of a respectful and focused meeting.

Questions:

1. Need to be directed to the Chair and not to staff;
2. Need to be related directly to the topic on the agenda;
3. Need to be succinct, focused and not be a statement;
4. May not be asked that are related to personnel or directed at an individual trustee;
5. May not be asked that are related to contract negotiations; and
6. The questioner shall provide their name so that it can be reflected in the minutes.

All of the above are directions provided for in Board Policy No. 7 - Board Operations. The Chair may answer, may defer to staff or indicate a question may not be in keeping with the above guidelines.

The Board appreciates the public's interest and wants to ensure a professional meeting is conducted, with Question Period focused on providing guests with the clarification they seek.

Trustees also welcome questions from members of the public apart from Question Period. Their contact information is available on the School District website.

The Chair called for questions from the public.

Questions were received from Tina Patterson, Neil Turner and Evan regarding inclusion, the budget, enrolment projections, CEF, Policy 17, and growth in Willoughby and the impact on schools.

11. ADJOURNMENT

R23/06/20-12

Moved By: Trustee Wilson

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:19pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE CANDY ASHDOWN

BOARD CHAIR

BRIAN ISELI, CPA, CMA

SECRETARY-TREASURER