



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

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 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
	Pol Babao	Technical Support Specialist 3
	Vincent Montefrio	Technical Support Specialist 3
	Nick Greenizan	Communications Specialist
	Debbie Jones	Executive Assistant

Partner Groups:	Jessie Cowger	CUPE 1260 Vice-President
	Brian Martens	DPAC Vice President
	Kim Anderson	LPVPA President
	Nancy Petersen	LTA Vice-President

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 7:00 pm, 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'ə yoyes (**sckeeka y-eyes**) (working together) and náçəʔmat (**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.

3. REPORT FROM "IN CAMERA"

The Vice-Chair reported that the items discussed in the 'In Camera' meeting pertained to
Legal, Property & Personnel

4. CONSENT AGENDA

R23/11/21-01

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

4.2.3 POLICY COMMITTEE

4.2.4 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

4.3 BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.3.1 DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (Trustee Neufeld)

4.4 SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.4.1 INCLUSIVE EDUCATION (Assistant Superintendent Lainchbury)

4.4.2 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Assistant Superintendent Moino)

4.5 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.5.1 CITY OF LANGLEY / SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 LIAISON (Trustee Ward)

5. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

R23/11/21-02

Moved By: Trustee Fox

Seconded By: Trustee Rai

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

6.1 AP 356 - RETURN TO SCHOOL

R23/11/21-03

Moved By: Trustee Neufeld

Seconded By: Trustee Rai

That the Board of Education receives Administrative Procedure No. 356 (Return to School) for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 2023-2026

R23/11/21-04

Moved By: Trustee Neufeld

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That the Board of Education approves the Communications Plan for 2023-2026, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION RETURN - POLICY 20: PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE

R23/11/21-05

Moved By: Trustee Rai

Seconded By: Trustee Fox

That the Board of Education approves Policy 20: Public Interest Disclosure, as presented and add the annual report to Policy 2 Appendix A – Board Annual Work Plan for the month of September.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - POLICY 4: TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT

R23/11/21-06

Moved By: Trustee Rai

Seconded By: Trustee Fox

That the Board of Education serves Notice of Motion to the District's education community and its education partner groups that it intends to adopt the revisions to Policy No. 4: Trustee Code of Conduct at the January 30, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 ADVOCACY SECTION ON DISTRICT WEBSITE

R23/11/21-07

Moved By: Trustee Rai

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education requests staff to create a Board Advocacy section on the district website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 PARTNER FEEDBACK ON STRATEGIC PLAN

R23/11/21-08

Moved By: Trustee Wilson

Seconded By: Trustee Fox

That the Board of Education meet annually with each partner group individually to provide feedback on the Strategic Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustees thanked everyone for coming and encouraged those that are unable to attend in person to tune in online.

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 the public regarding:

Evan asked about the board advocacy section and if there would be a history compiled.

Evan asked if exempt staff were included in the communication and how we engage with them.

11. ADJOURNMENT

R23/11/21-09

Moved By: Trustee Ward

Seconded By: Trustee Fox

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE CANDY ASHDOWN

BOARD CHAIR

BRIAN ISELI, CPA, CMA

SECRETARY-TREASURER