



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

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
Location: Langley School Board Office

Trustees Present:	Candy Ashdown	Chairperson
	Holly Dickinson	Trustee
	Joel Neufeld	Trustee
	Sarb Rai	Trustee
	Tony Ward	Trustee

Trustees Absent:	Charlie Fox	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	Director of Communications
	Judy Swanson	Executive Assistant
	Pol Babao	Technical Support Specialist 3
	Vincent Montefrio	Technical Support Specialist 3
	Mike Pue	District Principal, Aboriginal Education
	Charlene Redekop	District Principal, Instructional Services and Early Learning
	Kendra Simonetto	District Principal, Instructional Services
	Jeremy Lyndon	Principal, Walnut Grove Secondary School

Partner Groups:	Marlene Dickson	CUPE 1260 Acting Vice-President
	Jennifer Pyper	DPAC President
	Tisha Krafte	DPAC Vice President
	Cathy Gracie	LPVPA Vice-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'ó yoyes (**sckecka y-eyes**) (working together) and nácaʔmat (**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 personnel, property, legal.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

R25/01/28-01

Moved By: Trustee Neufeld

Seconded By: Trustee Dickinson

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
- 4.3 BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 4.3.1 BCSTA
 - 4.3.1.1 METRO BRANCH (Trustee Fox)
- 4.4 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 4.4.1 CITY OF LANGLEY ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL (Trustee Ward)
 - 4.4.2 TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY / SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 LIAISON (Trustee Rai)
 - 4.4.3 TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY RECREATION, CULTURE AND PARKS ADVISORY (Trustee Rai)
- 4.5 BOARD / AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED (BAA) COURSES

5. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

R25/01/28-02

Moved By: Trustee Neufeld

Seconded By: Trustee Rai

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

6.1 EARLY YEARS PROGRAMS AND CHILD CARE

R25/01/28-03

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That the Board of Education receives the report on Early Years Programs and Child Care for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 CAREERS AND TRANSITIONS - ACTIONS AND DATA

R25/01/28-04

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

That the Board of Education receives the report on Careers and Transitions – Actions and Data for information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORTS

7.1 ANNUAL REVIEW OF TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

R25/01/28-05

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That the Board of Education approves the increase of 1.8% effective January 1, 2025 based on the 12 month change in Canada Consumer Price Index (CPI) in accordance with [Board Policy 7: Board Operations](#), section 11 and to update the salaries in Policy 7: Board Operation, section 11.1 with the new salaries.

Trustee Rai and Trustee Neufeld opposed.

CARRIED

7.2 SOUTHWEST LATIMER AREA LAND PURCHASE BYLAW 2025

R25/01/28-06

Moved By: Trustee Rai

Seconded By: Trustee Dickinson

That The Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) – Southwest Latimer Area Land Purchase Bylaw 2025 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/01/28-07

Moved By: Trustee Ward

Seconded By: Trustee Dickinson

That The Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) - Southwest Latimer Area Land Purchase Bylaw 2025 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/01/28-08

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Ward

That The Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) unanimously approves having all three readings of Southwest Latimer Area Land Purchase Bylaw 2025 at tonight's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R25/01/28-09

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Rai

That The Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley) Southwest Latimer Area Land Purchase Bylaw 2025 be given third reading, passed and adopted on the 28th day of January, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. POLICY COMMITTEE

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION RETURN: POLICY 3 APPENDIX A: SERVICES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO TRUSTEES

R25/01/28-10

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Rai

That the Board of Education approves Policy 3 Appendix A: Services, Materials and Equipment Provided to Trustees as presented.

Trustee Dickinson opposed.

CARRIED

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION: POLICY 7: BOARD OPERATIONS

R25/01/28-11

Moved By: Trustee Ward

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

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 7: Board Operations at the April 29, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 NOTICE OF MOTION: POLICY 19: NAMING OF SCHOOLS

R25/01/28-12

Moved By: Trustee Rai

Seconded By: Trustee Dickinson

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 19: Naming of Schools at the April 29, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustees thanked the partner groups who attended, those who watched online, and staff.

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 Neil Turner regarding transitions data and graduate numbers.

11. ADJOURNMENT

R25/01/28-13

Moved By: Trustee Dickinson

Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE CANDY ASHDOWN

BOARD CHAIR

BRIAN ISELI, CPA, CMA

SECRETARY-TREASURER