

Board of Education Meeting April 20th, 2010 Dewdney Elementary

Members Present:

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| Chair Cindy Miller | Superintendent Frank Dunham |
| Vice-Chair Carol Hamilton | Secretary-Treasurer Roy Daykin |
| Trustee Pam Alexis | Deputy Superintendent Brenda Lightburn |
| Trustee Karen Petty | Associate Superintendent, Human Resources Carrie McVeigh |
| Trustee Randy Cairns | Executive Assistant Jane Boutilier |

Presentations:

Dewdney Elementary School Band

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Education of School District #75 (Mission) was called to order at 6:50 pm on Tuesday, April 20th, 2010 by Chair Miller.

The Board acknowledged that this meeting is being held on Sto:lo Traditional Territory.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION

That the Board of Education Meeting minutes of March 23rd, 2010, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Bring Forward From Closed Meeting

No items were brought forward.

5. Presentations From Committees

Education Committee

HPSS staff Jivan Dhaliwal and Wade Peary gave a presentation on the recent senior boys' rugby tour of the United Kingdom. The Board thanked staff for their commitment to the athletes and the program.

6. Education Committee

Field Trip Applications

MOTION (PA/KP)

That the Board of Education approve in principle, the following field trip application in accordance with the attached:

- **Hatzic Secondary School's application for 18 students in grades 10 to 12, to travel to France and Spain during Spring Break in March 2011, to participate in a cultural tour.**

CARRIED

Vision 2020 Update

Superintendent Dunham discussed progress on the middle school (grades 7 to 9) within a school model. Work has begun to reduce the number of teacher contacts for grade 8 students for the 2010/11 school year. Grade 7 students will be fully incorporated into the new model for the 2011/12 school year.

With a view to multi-campus program delivery, a common daily schedule for the three secondary schools has been developed. The schedule will include a fixed block after lunch to allow for virtual course delivery to all three secondary schools, a trial-run took place on April 19th.

The Student Services review process will be finalized in late May or early June.

The school district continues to examine alternatives to the standard calendar that reflect our community context.

Coquitlam/Mission Early Learning Working Group

Deputy Superintendent Lightburn provided details of the ongoing early learning work in support of children and families in the two school districts. The group is comprised of ECE Community members, Kindergarten Teachers, Principals and Support Teachers from each district. Mission and Coquitlam will be co-hosting the Summer Institute July 5 & 6 in Coquitlam, 350 people from 24 districts have registered.

The Board acknowledge staff for their enthusiasm and initiative in regard to early learning.

Mission Community Schools

The Superintendent will seek clarification from the District of Mission in regard to its Community Schools Committee. There has been no request for participation by the school district from the District of Mission. There may be some confusion between community use of schools and what the Ministry of Education now refers to as Neighbourhood Learning Centres, West Heights Elementary would be a good example of a Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

Pan-Canadian Assessment Program

In 2003, the provincial and territorial ministers of education, through the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), agreed to undertake the development of the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) to replace the School Achievement Indicators Program (SAIP). This program assesses the knowledge and skills of students across Canada in the core subjects of reading, mathematics and science.

Mission, Heritage Park and Hatzic Secondary Schools are among 150 English-language schools in British Columbia participating. In order to ensure confidentiality, CMEC does not publish reports on the results by school district, by school, or by student. The results will be published only on a pan-Canadian and provincial/territorial level.

Teachers of Home Economics Specialist Announcement

Heritage Park Secondary Home Economics teacher Susan Armstrong has been elected to the position of Membership Chairperson on the Provincial Executive of Teachers of the Home Economics Specialist Association (THESA).

DPAC Update

DPAC provided an update on their activities.

7. Business Committee

Audit Tender

MOTION (PA/CH)

That the Board of Education approve the appointment of KPMG LLP as Mission Public Schools' auditor for fiscal years 2009/10 and 2010/11 with the option for a subsequent renewal of three years.

CARRIED

Transportation Transition Plan

MOTION (PA/CH)

That the Board of Education approve the Transportation Transition Plan as presented.

CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer Daykin reviewed details of the transportation plan for 2010/11 and 2011/12 in light of school boundary changes. The district will accommodate as many students as is possible within the budgeted capacity of the District's transportation fleet.

Revised Policy #18 Transportation Services

MOTION (PA/CH)

That the Board of Education give first reading of the revised Policy #18 Transportation Services, as presented.

CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer Daykin reviewed the revisions pointing out that there were essentially two types of changes one was substantive in that it clarifies that providing transportation is not a requirement but an option. The other revisions were housekeeping in relation to change of language referring to secondary, middle and elementary school.

Transportation User Fees

Secretary-Treasurer Daykin reviewed the current fee structure that was implemented for the 2009/10 school year and answered the Board's questions in regard to issues that have arisen since the implementation. The implementation of the new fee has improved and those paying are, for the most part, accepting of the change, even if they are unhappy with the change.

The issue regarding the fairness of charging some students who use transportation to get to school and not charging others still exists. During the public consultation process this topic came up a number of times during one-on-one conversations.

Superintendent Dunham raised the question of disparity between Metro districts with broad access to public transportation and other districts whose students do not have access to that level of service and the ability of those districts to put additional monies toward programming and instruction rather than transportation.

MOTION (PA/CH)

That the Board of Education approve a user fee for all students who use the school district's transportation service to travel to and from school.

CARRIED

MOTION (PA/CH)

Minutes



That the Board of Education approve the following bus pass rate for all riders beginning in September 2010 with all students paying \$200 per year.
CARRIED

MOTION (PA/CH)

That the Board of Education approve the following multi-student family fee structure

100% of fees for the first student

60% of fees for the second student

40% of fees for the third student

0% of fees for all other students

CARRIED

8. Trustee Reports From Committee

Trustees each reported on activities they have participated in on behalf of the Committees they participate in for the Board of Education and School District.

9. Question Period

Four questions were asked regarding: the relocation of the Bus Garage, the ability of the Board to move an item from Discussion to Action at a meeting, a question regarding daycare (Club Kids) and a one regarding whether school transportation fees were a deductible tax expense.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

That the meeting adjourns at 8:48 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer