

Board of Education Meeting February 16th, 2010 Heritage Park Secondary

Members Present:

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:

Presentation from staff – Intensive Core French

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Education of School District #75 (Mission) was called to order at 6:43 pm on Tuesday, February 16th, 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 January 19th, 2010, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Bring Forward From Closed Meeting

One item was brought forward from the Closed Meeting, added as Item 7.5 BCSTA Motion (Action).

5. Presentations From Committees

The presentation was made prior to the start of the meeting (see above).

6. Education Committee

Field Trip Application

MOTION

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

- Hatzic Secondary School's application for 12 students in grades 10 to 12, to travel to Rabinal, Guatemala, May 16th to May 24th, 2010, to participate in the Habitat for Humanity Global Village.

CARRIED (RC/PA)

Student Services Review

MOTION

That the Board of Education approve a review of the current model of inclusion for the delivery of service to students with unique needs.

CARRIED (RC/CH)

Superintendent Dunham advised that the process would be similar to the Secondary Program Review including, sets of questions for focus groups, collation of the feedback from focus groups, loop back through focus groups to ensure that the information heard is the intended information. Findings arising from the review would be presented to the Board at its December meeting and could then become part of the budget deliberations for the 2011/12 school year.

Vision 2020 Update

Superintendent Dunham and Secretary-Treasurer Daykin gave an overview of School Configuration, Community Survey Results, School Boundaries, School Calendar and the upcoming Public Consultation meetings. There were three motions arising from the Board discussions:

MOTION

That the Board of Education approve the following list of objectives to be used during consideration of future school configuration options:

- Increase access to quality programs that encourage career exploration and prepare students for post-secondary success.
- Increase opportunities for early learning.
- Minimize the use of government funding for new construction/renovations of existing facilities.
- Maximize success/completion rates for our vulnerable students
- Increasing learning opportunities for students, staff and community
- Increase the opportunities for the further integration of services that support child and family development in schools and neighborhoods.
- Maximize the use of government funding to support student learning.
- Increase the use of flexible open learning spaces.

CARRIED (RC/PA)

MOTION

That the Board of Education approve the following list of objectives to be used during consideration of changes to existing school boundaries or catchment areas:

- Maximize the use of geographic and major transportation arteries in determining boundaries.
- Provide space for future student population growth and changing population patterns in growth areas.
- Increase opportunities for early learning including the September 2010 and September 2011 implementation of full-day kindergarten and potential implementation of pre-kindergarten in 2015.
- Minimize impact on students during the transition from elementary to secondary.
- Minimize the use of government funding for new construction/renovations of existing facilities.
- Minimize the use of buses to transport students to school. (Maximize the use of government funding to support student learning.)
- Minimize the use of portables at schools.
- Establish boundaries that provide potential space for cross catchment enrolment for students.
- Provide space to provide the opportunity to integrate school/community programs/services.

CARRIED (RC/KP)

MOTION

That the Board of Education approve the following list of objectives to be used during consideration of changes to the annual school calendar:

- Minimize summer learning loss for vulnerable students.
- Increase continuity of student support services
- Minimize transition time for school start up and shutdown.
- Maximize opportunities to integrate school/community programs/services.
- Increase opportunities for secondary/post secondary/work articulation and participation
- Minimize conflict with provincial exams.
- Minimize conflict with extracurricular activities.

CARRIED (RC/CH)

Ministry of Education Special Education News Release

On December 9th, 2009 the Ministry of Education issued a news release regarding a study from the Centre for Education Research and Policy at Simon Fraser University. Researchers compared the achievement of successive cohorts of students within every public elementary school (as measured by the change in individual Foundation Skills Assessment scores between grades 4 and 7) for cohorts entering grade 7 between 2002 and 2004.

CERP's researchers then measured the effect of having more or fewer classmates with disabilities. The results show that increasing the proportion of students with special educational needs has only extremely small and statistically insignificant effects on the achievement of other students. A briefing document describing the study is attached for information and can be found online at: www.sfu.ca/ceerp/research/peers2.pdf

DPAC Update

DPAC provided an update on their activities.

7. Business Committee

2009/10 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

MOTION

- (1) That the Board of Education approve that the required 3 readings for the 2009/2010 Amended annual Budget Bylaw be carried out at one meeting of the Board.**

AND

- (2) That the Board of Education give first reading of the 2009/2010 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw as attached.**

AND

- (3) That the Board of Education give second and third reading of the 2009/2010 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw as attached.**

CARRIED (PA/KP)

The preliminary budget was presented in June 2009 based on projected enrolments. The 2009/10 amended annual budget bylaw is based on actual enrolments.

2010/11 Budget Forecast

Secretary-Treasurer Daykin highlighted a number of budget challenges for 2010/11 including an 8% increase in teacher pension cost, increased WorkSafe BC premiums and the costs associated with the implementation of full day kindergarten.

Revised Rental Fee Schedule

Secretary-Treasurer Daykin reviewed details of a revised fee schedule with staged implementation

RCMP School Identifier Project

In an effort to identify the victims in exploitive images or videos, the National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre is requesting assistance from Canadian elementary and secondary schools to provide information on school uniform colours, school crests/logos, and sport team colours. The information will be stored in a repository housed at the NCECC to assist investigators with victim identification efforts.

BCSTA Motion

MOTION

That the Board of Education approve and submit to the BC School Trustees Association, for its April 2010 Annual General Meeting, the attached motion regarding Disciplinary Reporting of Non-Teaching School District Employees.

CARRIED (RC/PA)

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

No questions were asked.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

That the meeting adjourns at 9:17 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer