

## Board of Education Meeting (open to the public)

# Minutes



### Board of Education Meeting September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Board of Education Office

#### Members Present:

Chair Cindy Miller	Superintendent Frank Dunham
Vice-Chair Carol Hamilton	Secretary-Treasurer Roy Daykin
Trustee Pam Alexis	Associate Superintendent, Human Resources Carrie McVeigh
Trustee Randy Cairns	Executive Assistant Paula Melvin (Recorder)
Trustee Karen Petty	

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Education of School District #75 (Mission) was called to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 by Chair Miller.

The Board acknowledged that this meeting is being held on Sto: lo Traditional Territory. Trustee Miller welcomed everyone to a new school year.

#### 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 June 22, 2010, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

#### 4. Bring Forward From Closed Meeting

No items were brought forward.

#### 5. Presentations From Committees

- Hatzic Secondary staff and students presented on their field trip to Guatemala.
- Members of the Me to We Committee presented on the work of the committee.

The Board thanked staff and students for their leadership on behalf of the school district.

#### 6. Education Committee

##### Life After High School Project Proposal

MOTION (RC/PA)

That the Board of Education approves the school district's participation in the Life After High School Project as proposed by Social Research and Demonstration Corporation (SRDC).

CARRIED

This is a great program to track students after graduation.

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## School Opening Report

Superintendent Dunham provided a report to the Board.

## Full Day Kindergarten Project Plan

Superintendent Dunham and the Board acknowledged the work of district staff.

## Middle School Project Plan

Superintendent Dunham and the Board acknowledged the work of district staff.

## Student Services Internal Review

Superintendent Dunham and the Board acknowledged the work of district staff.

## Dreams Take Flight

Dreams Take Flight is a national non-profit organization consisting of Air Canada volunteers dedicated to providing the trip-of-a-lifetime to physically, mentally or socially challenged children. Each October, Dreams Take Flight Vancouver has given over 2,000 special children an incredible adventure where their ongoing struggles are forgotten. For the fourth time, Mission Public Schools is participating in this event. Twenty students will be attending from Dewdney, Deroche and Durieu Elementary schools.

## Summer School 2010 Report

The purpose of the Summer School program held at Riverside was to increase student success rates, improve district grade to grade promotion rates, and to increase opportunities for students who may be constrained by limited timetable offerings in the next school year.

The Summer 2010 program was very successful with 95 students participating, compared to 50 students in the summer of 2009. Out of those students participating, 95% were from Mission and over 95% achieved completion.

## Services for Pregnant or Parenting Teens

Education support provides pregnant or parenting youth with the support they need to reach their education goals. Our aim is to help pregnant or parenting youth make optimistic educational choices in order to build a positive future. Finishing school is the first step to success for many young parents. The contact for referrals and/or further information is Donna Gresham, Hospital/Homebound Teacher, Mission Public Schools.

## Action Schools! BC Preliminary Report

In the 2008/09 school year, schools within our district participated in the province-wide evaluation of Action Schools! BC.

## 2010 School Community Connections – Supporting Neighbourhood Learning Centres

Mission Public Schools has received a grant of \$30,000 to support consultation and renovations for Ministry of Children and Family Development staff at Mission Central Elementary. Staff will report back on the progress of this program in March/April 2011.

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### DPAC Update

DPAC do not meet until October, therefore, there is nothing to report at this time.

### **7. Business Committee**

#### Audited Financial Statements

##### **MOTION (PA/CH)**

**That the Board of Education approves the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, as attached.**

**CARRIED**

Secretary-Treasurer Daykin gave a presentation on the audited financial statements. The Board thanked district staff for their work in preparing these statements.

#### Capital Project Bylaw No. 126195 (School Bus Purchase)

##### **MOTION (PA/CH)**

**That the Board of Education approves that the required 3 readings for the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126195 (School Bus Purchase) be carried out at one meeting of the Board.**

**CARRIED**

##### **MOTION (PA/CH)**

**That the Board of Education gives first reading of the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126195 (School Bus Purchase) as attached.**

**CARRIED**

##### **MOTION (PA/CH)**

**That the Board of Education gives second and third reading of the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126195 (School Bus Purchase) as attached.**

**CARRIED**

This bylaw is for the purchase of a new green 48-seat school bus. The funding will be provided by the Ministry as part of a \$12.5 million investment across BC. Mission school district's funding is \$114,000. The bus will transport students with special needs.

#### Revised Policy #15 School Closure

##### **MOTION (PA/RC)**

**That the Board of Education approves the revised Policy #15 School Closure. The revisions reflect calendar restrictions and current ministerial orders.**

**CARRIED**

This policy was given first reading at the regular meeting held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and circulated to the educational community for feedback. No feedback was received.

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### Cedar Street Construction

This summer, the School District gifted to the District of Mission a piece of property to support the expansion to four lanes of Cedar Street and the building of a sidewalk. The property is approximately 1 metre wide by 100 metres long.

Currently Cedar Street is closed between Cherry Avenue and Turnbridge Avenue. The closure is expected to last two to three months. During the construction period a fenced walkway down one side of the construction area has been made available for pedestrian traffic.

Cedar Street is being raised as part of road widening. This increased height has necessitated the construction of a wall on the property line. As part of the sidewalk and wall construction, an improved base needed to be built. The improved base rests on both sides of the property line. During the construction period this has resulted in the digging up of school property.

At the completion of the project, the school property that has been dug up will have been refilled and a four foot fence (same size as the previous fence) will have been built on top of the wall. The benches impacted by the project will be repositioned onto school property. A set of swings that had to be moved have been transplanted to another school with the agreement of the principals.

This work has all been done at the expense of Mission District.

### Transportation Update

The School District moved from a partial user fee system to a full user pay system for transportation students starting in September 2010.

The fees are \$200 per child per year with discounted rates for multi-children families. Provisions were also made to accommodate families who are in financial hardship through the use of payment plans or the waiving of fees.

As of September 7, 2010, there were approximately 950 students registered to use the transportation service.

The Transportation department with the assistance of the Finance department are still receiving calls and in person visits from parents upset because they did not know about the need to register their children or the implementation of fees.

The steps the School District staff took to communicate with parents and to get students registered include:

- May - Registration information and the fee schedule have been on the School District web site since May.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - A letter was sent home to the parents of students who use the transportation service notifying them of the need to register and of the fee schedule to use the transportation service.
- May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Evening registration for transportation services.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> - A second letter was sent home to parents.
- Late May to mid June - Newspaper ads were placed in local papers. The ad ran a total of nine times.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> - A letter on transportation was placed in end of June report cards.
- July 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Phone calls were made to parents of all 2009/10 bus riders who had not yet registered. We registered those students based upon parent's information that their children would be using the transportation system. The parent was told we would send invoice for the fees to their home.

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- August 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> - Phone calls were again made to parents of all 2009/10 bus riders who had not yet registered.
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> - Bus passes were mailed to the students' home. The package included the bus pass, bus stop pick-up and drop-off information plus the invoice for payment if payment had not yet been received.
- Mid August - Notification that bus routes would be published shortly and the need to register was in local papers twice.
- August 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> - Posters were posted in the prominent locations in the rural areas of the School District.
- Late August / early September - Bus routes were published along with the requirement for registration. This was published in local papers six times.
- September 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> - A grace period was provided to allow the last few parents to register their child as riders and to finalize manifests and routes.

Superintendent Dunham thanked staff for the outstanding service provided to students in resolving transportation concerns.

District staff will gather further information regarding discussions with the Transit Commission. This item will be brought forward to Business Committee in November.

### IBM Technology Review

An executive summary of the completed IBM review of technology in Mission Public Schools was provided with the agenda. This report is the framework that the technology department is using to develop their work plans for the next two years. The report includes a review of the previous five year roadmap, the state of technology today, a roadmap for the future and highlights of specific recommendations.

### **8. Committee/Trustee Reports**

Nothing to report due to school start-up.

### **9. Question Period**


No questions were asked.

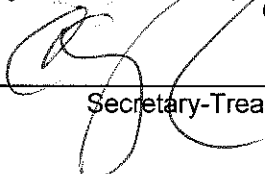
### **10. Adjournment**

#### MOTION

That the meeting adjourns at 8:20 pm.

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Chair

  
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Secretary-Treasurer