

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Mission Central Elementary School

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
School District No. 75 (Mission)
2003 03 11

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. J. Faulkner, Chair
Mrs. D. Kruger, Vice-Chair
Mrs. P. Betterton, Trustee
Ms S. Clarkson, Trustee
Mr. D. Doerksen, Trustee

Ms N. Wells, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. G. Bonnefoy, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. F. Dunham, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. L. Pante, Director of Human Resources
Mr. D. Milne, Director of Facilities
Mrs. B. Babuik, Administrative Assistant

MEDIA

Jason Roessle, Mission City Record
Lisa Jorgensen, Mission Times

1. CALL TO ORDER
7:14 pm by Chair Faulkner.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CLARKSON / DOERKSEN

That the Agenda be approved with the addition of the following item:

Revenue Generation Committee
CARRIED

3. BRING FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA MEETING

The Board of School Trustees did not meet In Camera.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

BETTERTON / KRUGER

That the Regular Meeting Minutes of 2003 02 11 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

5. BUSINESS COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Field Trip Application

KRUGER / CLARKSON

That the Board of School Trustees approve the attached field trip application for 85 grades 8-12 students from Heritage Park Secondary to travel to Alberta in accordance with the attached.
CARRIED

- 5.2 Policy Approval

KRUGER / DOERKSEN

That the Board of School Trustees approve the new policy Animals in Schools in accordance with the attached.
CARRIED

5.3 Boundary Review – French Immersion Program

KRUGER / BETTERON

That the Board of School Trustees approve East/West boundaries for the elementary French Immersion program as follows:

- West Boundary – Albert McMahon, Cherry Hill, Christine Morrison, Fraserview, West Heights, Silverdale, Stave Falls, and the Southwest corner of the current Edwin S. Richards catchment area.
- East Boundary – Edwin S. Richards (minus the Southwest corner of the current boundary), Ferndale, Hatzic Elementary, Hillside, Mission Central, Deroche, Dewdney, Durieu, Windebank.

CARRIED

KRUGER / DOERKSEN

That the Board of School Trustees approve that Christine Morrison Elementary School is designated the second site for the elementary French Immersion Program effective September 2003;

And

That the Board of School Trustees approve that the elementary school boundaries for Albert McMahon, Fraserview, Mission Central and West Heights be adjusted as recommended by the Catchment Area Review Committee effective September 2003.

CARRIED

Trustee Clarkson opposed the motion.

Trustees made the following comments regarding the above recommendations:

- Concern that moving the French Immersion program to Christine Morrison would be too disruptive to the school.
- Belief that Fraserview was a better alternative.
- Intent that as few students as possible at Christine Morrison are to be disrupted in moving the French Immersion program to that school.
- English and French program enrolment balance may need to be deferred for a few years to allow for the bulge of senior elementary students to move through to secondary schools.
- Belief that Christine Morrison is the better facility to build a healthier program in years to come.
- French Immersion program an asset to any school it is placed in.
- Concern that if it had been moved to Fraserview, there would not be room to expand.
- Need to comply with the School Act, which provides that students have the right to attend their neighborhood school.
- Need to make best use of facilities while at the same time providing the best education possible.
- Belief that the recommendations are in the best interest of the school district and the French Immersion program.

5.4 Balanced School Calendar

KRUGER / DOERKSEN

That the Board of School Trustees approve the implementation of a Dual-Calendar Model at Albert McMahon Elementary School effective September 2003.

CARRIED

Chair Faulkner opposed the motion.

5.5 Revenue Generation Committee

A News Release announcing the Bestway Student Driver Training Partnership was presented as information. Secondary students will be able to earn 2 credits towards their academic program and at the same time access a high quality, low cost driver training program that will generate extra revenue for the school district.

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

6.1 DPAC Report

DPAC is planning its fall conference and would like suggestions for topics and presenters. It is hosting a workshop March 31 for School Planning Councils on “Understanding Student Assessment”. “Consensus Building” session is scheduled for the fall.

DPAC is very interested in partnering with the district on early literacy initiatives and invites suggestions on how it could participate.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were asked related to the elementary French Immersion program and changes to Albert McMahon calendar.

8. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting adjourn - Time 8:45 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer