

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Edwin S.Richards Elementary School**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**School District No. 75 (Mission)**  
**2003 12 09**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

Mr. F. Dunham, Acting Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. G. Bonnefoy, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mr. L. Pante, Director of Human Resources  
Mrs. B. Babuik, Administrative Assistant

**MEDIA**

Jason Roessle, Mission City Record  
Ken Henry, Mission Times

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

7:20 pm by Chair Faulkner.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. **BRING FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA MEETING**

Two personnel issues.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOTION

That the Regular Meeting Minutes of 2003 09 09 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

*First sentence under 5.2 should read "A large group of Mission parents, teachers, school and district leaders and trustees..."*

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

5.1 **HPSS Field Trip Application**

MOTION

That the Board of School Trustees approve Heritage Park Secondary School's field trip application for 37 students to travel to San Francisco, California to participate in the National Music Festival, March 17 to March 23, 2004.

CARRIED

The board expressed its appreciation for the comprehensive and detailed application form.

5.2 **Canadian Parents for French**

MOTION

That the Board of School Trustees indicates its formal support for the recommendations proposed by Canadian Parents for French in accordance with the Funding of French Second Language Education in BC document dated October 17, 2003 by sending letters of support to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Minister of Education.

CARRIED

CPF proposed seven recommendations as follows:

- 1) Maintain the current funding formula with two amendments: The creation of a new category for districts with multiple French Immersion community locations; and the learning assistance grant of \$10,500 be provided to school districts with multiple communities who have less than 250FTE students in one or more of those communities.
- 2) Dion Plan French Second language monies be distributed primarily to School Districts in order to enhance access and support for French Immersion and Core French Programs.
- 3) As a condition of receiving Federal funding, School Districts must establish a local French Advisory Committee to review semi-annually the expenditure of French dollars.
- 4) A portion of the Canada-BC French Funding be assigned to address the growing teacher shortage in language education.
- 5) The development of new distance learning models for French Immersion and Core French students in the French language, particularly at the grade 10, 11 and 12 levels.
- 6) Support French language and bilingual post-secondary programs in BC.
- 7) Set aside Dion Plan monies to support extracurricular opportunities for French Immersion, Francophone and Core French, and in particular, activities that bring together French First language and FSL communities.

### 5.3 December Board Elections and Appointments

#### MOTION

That the Board of School Trustees approve that a Special public meeting of the Board be held on December 18 for the purpose of Chair/Vice Chair Elections and Committee Appointments.

#### CARRIED

At this meeting, the board intends to approve the appointment of a new Superintendent of Schools for the Mission district. Chair Faulkner announced that he does not intend to run for the position of Board Chair. This meeting will be held at 4:00 pm at the district administration office.

Committee and board meetings will also be held in January – committee meetings on January 13<sup>th</sup> and the Board meeting on January 15 in order that the board can formally consider Board Authorized Courses prior to schools developing their course planning booklets.

### 5.4 Secondary Boundaries / Catchment Area Policy

It was announced that the school district will conduct a comprehensive secondary schools program review, with the final report being presented to the board in February 2005. Following that review, the board will determine if secondary school boundaries need to be adjusted.

The *Catchment Areas, Cross Boundary Applications and Programs of Choice* policy #3003 will be presented for formal consideration at the February 2004 meeting.

### 5.5 Field Trip Policy

A revised draft *Instruction & Student Activity Field Trips* policy #2007 was presented for first reading. This policy will be circulated to the educational community for review and comment. The intent is to bring back to the board in February for formal approval.

### 5.6 Correspondence

The district will receive an additional \$658,921 in operating funds; however it anticipated and budgeted for an additional \$450,000 in the 2003/04 budget. The budget committee will consider the extra \$208,821 monies in the new year.

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

6.1 DPAC Report

DPAC had 52 participants at its November 15 conference, with a 50/50 split of parents and students. Four parents attended the BCCPAC Conference in Cranbrook in November.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were asked related to the Capital Plan and Class Size averages.

8. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting adjourn - Time 8:30 pm.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer