

Board of Education Meeting (Public)

Minutes



Board of Education Public Meeting

October 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Fraserview Learning Centre, 32444 7th Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present:

Vice Chair Tracy Loffler
Trustee Randy Cairns
Trustee Jim Taylor
Trustee Shelley Carter

Staff Present:

Superintendent Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent Larry Jepsen
Executive Assistant Aleksandra Zwierzchowska (Recorder)

Absent:

Trustee Rick McKamey

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by the Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged the meeting was being held on Stó:lō Territory. There are four First Nation Bands within the boundaries of the Mission School District: Leq:a'mel, Sq'èwlets, Kwantlen, and Matsqui First Nations.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Additional Item(s):

6.4 Letter to MoE re: School Act to hold By Election on Board of Education vacancies

The motion was read in its entirety by the Chair.

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Delegations/Presentations

3.1 Presentation

Kevin Watrin, Principal of Fraserview Learning Centre presented information on Fraserview's curriculum:

1. Place based social and science activities with the Aboriginal Liaison Worker including;
 - Dewdney Dyke;
 - Cedar Art;
 - Fist Hatchery;
 - Stave Lake Ruskin and Cascade Falls;
 - Bruce's Market in Albion for a salmon release;
 - Trout farm with picnic and fishing;
2. Hired a music teacher;
 - Developing a music program;
 - Working on digital music with iPad;
 - Digital photography with possibilities for students to work on school year book.

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 Possible Future Expansion of Riverside College

That the Board consider amending the motion approved at the September Board meeting as follows:

ORIGINAL MOTION

THAT a sub-committee of the Committee of the Whole be struck to make recommendations regarding the possible future expansion of Riverside College. The scope of the committee's work will include discussion and recommendations of potential new course offerings and discussion and recommendations regarding both short and long-term options for increasing shop space. The initial subcommittee meeting will be held prior to October 21, 2017.

AMENDMENT

At the October 3, 2017 Committee of the whole meeting, the committee discussed bringing the above motion back to the Board at the October 17th regular meeting, to amend the motion as follows:

- Change the motion to be a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole rather than a Sub-committee of the Whole; and
- Change the date to hold the meeting prior to November 30th, 2017 rather than October 21, 2017.

REVISED MOTION

MOVED and Seconded that a special Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled to make recommendations regarding the possible future expansion of Riverside College. The scope of the meeting will include discussion and recommendations of potential new course offerings and discussion and recommendations regarding both short and long-term options for increasing shop space. The initial meeting will be held prior to November 30, 2017.

CARRIED

4.2 Riverside College Changes

MOVED and Seconded that pending the conclusion of the Special COTW Meeting discussing future expansion of Riverside College and a final report from the Committee of the Whole, all proposals for substantive and long term structural changes to Riverside College be brought to the Board for approval.

CARRIED

Comments:

- This Board is supportive of having a technical school;
- The school has evolved;
- Staff and Board need to establish a clear vision;
- How will decisions impact the future of the School?

The Secretary Treasurer noted that there is a tentative plan to relocate facilities staff to Ferndale, freeing up space at Riverside for programing, such as the electrical program. Prior to changing the Riverside building, it would be a good to have Board input.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 International Travel Application: France and Spain, École Mission Secondary School

Presented by Jim Pearce, Principal of École Mission Secondary School

MOVED and Seconded THAT Mission Secondary School's international field trip for up to thirty-five (35) students in Grades 11 and 12 to travel to France and Spain March 16, 2018 until March 26, 2018 for a total of ten (10) days, be approved.

CARRIED

The Superintendent informed the Board that there is a comprehensive emergency plan and that the trip supervisors have previous experience with travelling internationally with students.

Q: Do any of the teachers have first aide?

R: Two teachers have first aide.

Comment: More detail on daily activities would be nice; the Board would like to know what kind of experience is to be had during this trip.

The Principal of the Mission Secondary clarified that the purpose of this trip is for students to improve their French and Spanish language. A detailed itinerary will be provided to the Trustees.

5.2 District Enrolment Summary - Form 1701

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the information outlined on the agenda that summarizes the enrolment information as of September 30, 2017.

Comments:

- The Fraserview, Riverside, and Summit enrolments are based on 10% completion rates, not # of students;
- Added two additional classrooms that we didn't anticipate;
- Classrooms occupied by Strong Start are excluded from room count;
- Montessori is counted as an empty classroom; however, they occupy a space in the basement of a school and this area is not considered a classroom.

5.3 Reporting out from Closed Board Meeting

Superintendent announced that property, personnel, and legal matters were discussed.

6. New Business

6.1 Preliminary Student Registration – Stave Falls Elementary

MOVED and Seconded that a preliminary registration for a potentially reopened Stave Falls School will take place between November 20, 2017 to December 15, 2017;

AND THAT the registration will be available for both on-line and paper submissions;

AND THAT registration will be open to all children eligible for public education in British Columbia who fall within the acceptable age ranks for kindergarten to grade 7 in the school years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21;

AND THAT registration forms will be patterned from the registration form currently used by the District but, if necessary, modified to provide information on anticipated home address and current school attended.

CARRIED

Comments noted by the Board:

- We like that this is an open and public process;
- We will all have the same insight;
- Ready to take course of action to gather registration data;
- Supportive of obtaining the data and hard numbers.

6.2 Request for Staff Report re: Potential Portable Construction at Riverside

MOVED and Seconded that Staff provide the Board with a report at the November 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting,

- 1. Advising whether the Riverside Trades programs would have the capability of constructing a school portable, for use in the School District, that would meet Ministry requirements, School District requirements and the current BC Building Code.**
- 2. Advising whether this could be accomplished for less than the cost to the School District of the current market costs to purchase a portable.**

CARRIED

It was important to bring this motion forward to identify the potential for incorporating this project into the curriculum. We can look at hiring a contractor who would oversee the work that would be completed by the students.

It was noted that a previous carpentry program at Riverside allowed students to work with a contractor to build a few houses in Mission. This program has set precedent and it would be interesting to obtain the related criteria for this program.

Q: This is not an extremely time sensitive item for the District. Why didn't the Board have a conversation about this item at a Committee of the Whole meeting? It would be ideal to get input from all our partner groups.

R: If the item waited to be presented at the November meeting, by the time the Board receives the report, it would delay the possibility to construct the portable during the current school year.

6.3 Letter to DoM re: Deterioration of Road Markings

MOVED and Seconded that School District Staff contact the District of Mission to discuss the deterioration of road markings in the Mission District and the reduced safety of routes for students to get to schools, parks and playgrounds.

CARRIED

6.4 Letter to the Ministry of Education

MAIN MOTION

MOVED and Seconded that the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Education and our two MLAs informing them of Trustee Cairns motion and rationale on changing the School Act to hold a By Election on Board of Education vacancies passed at the September 19, 2017 meeting.

AMENDMENT

Remove the words “Trustee Cairns motion” and replace it with “the Missions Public Schools Board motion”.

AMENDED MOTION

THAT the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Education and our two MLAs informing them of the Mission Public Schools motion and rationale on changing the School Act to hold a By Election on Board of Education vacancies passed at the September 19, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

Rationale

While we sent this concern to BCSTA, it has only gone to Provincial Council. It is Boards of Education and the Ministry of Education that has official designated governance relations, not the BCSTA organization. This letter would ensure government understands that this is a concern of this Board, as well as others.

Q: Is letter to be signed off as the Board?

R: All the Board members can sign the letter, it does not have to be one signature.

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOVED and Seconded that the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated September 19, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

The Board Chair referred to the information items that were attached to the agenda.

9. Correspondence

10. Liaison Reports

Trustees reported on:

- Primary student field trip at the wet lands;
- Hatzic students tree planting;
- Orange Shirt Day celebration held on September 29th, 2017. It was highlighted on CBC and the ceremony was a powerful presentation;
- Fraser Valley Branch meeting last night which highlighted discussion surrounding the legalization of Cannabis.
- Reminder to visit School website to learn about any upcoming Craft Fairs
- Lifetime Learners open house
- DPAC parent presentation with guest speaker Gabor Mate
- MTU Breakfast on World Teacher Day

11. Announcements

12. Question Period

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Q: This question is related to the preliminary Stave Falls student registration; is it true that Silverdale students will not be permitted to participate in the data gathering process?

R: No, this is not true. As we move forward, we need a resolution to assist the School District with handling Public Relation matters. There are a lot of rumors out there.

R: The motion specifically states that the registration is open to all children eligible for public education in British Columbia.

13. Adjournment

**Moved and Seconded to adjourn the meeting.
CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Vice-Chair, Board of Education

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Secretary Treasurer

November 21, 2017

Date

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