

School District #75 (Mission)
Public Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes

March 12, 2019, 6:30 pm
Silverdale Elementary
29715 Donatelli Avenue, RR #2, Mission, BC

Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Trustee, Shelley Carter
Vice Chair, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Julia Renkema

Members Absent: Trustee, Rick McKamey

Staff Present: Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer, Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent, Larry Jepsen
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Zwierzchowska (Recorder)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A video played and highlighted all the different activities taking place at Silverdale Elementary.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Trades Training Advisory Committee

MOVED and Seconded that the Trades Training Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

Amendment:

MOVED and Seconded to amend item ten (10) in the terms of reference to state that the draft minutes be supplied to the Board 30 days following the meeting.

CARRIED

The draft terms of reference was reviewed at the Committee of the Whole (CotW) on March 5, 2019. The revised terms of reference include the changes discussed at the CotW meeting.

Clarification was provided that the Trades & Training Committee meetings will be public just like the Committee of the Whole.

4.2 **Trustee Remuneration Task Force**

MOVED and Seconded that the Trustee Remuneration Task Force Terms of Reference be approved.

CARRIED

The draft task force terms of reference were reviewed at the Committee of the Whole on March 5, 2019. There was one change that clarifies the positions are voluntary without pay.

A comment was presented for consideration to include students on the task force even as observers.

4.3 **Feedback on Recommendations for the Funding Model Review**

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education submit the following feedback to the Ministry of Education regarding the Funding Model (FMR) recommendations:

- 1. List the recommendations in order of importance to your organization. Some recommendations have multiple components. Please identify which aspects of the recommendation are most significant and list them in order of importance.***

In emphasizing a shift to modern educational practice, some recommendations have more significant impacts than others. Other recommendations may be helpful in streamlining bureaucracy and 'red tape'. Mission's Board of Education prioritizes recommendations that will improve student educational outcomes. Recommendation numbers 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 and 19 are of significant importance to our district.

2. Specify the recommendations that your organization may want to see implemented earlier, to best support student achievement. If there are multiple components of this recommendation, list them in the order of importance.

Mission's Board of Education prioritizes recommendation numbers 6 and 8, although we recognize that these two recommendations may be the most complex recommendations to implement. Nevertheless, we believe them to be two of the most important recommendations in the report. Other recommendations are easy to implement and are broadly helpful. Recommendations 1, 2, 5, 9, and 15 are solid recommendations that can be implemented relatively swiftly.

3. Identify the recommendations that your association feels are the most challenging to implement and identify specific implications and concerns associated with these recommendations. Where possible, please provide meaningful supporting evidence.

Of most concern is that the new modeling accurately reflects the needs and nature of a school district. As indicated above, Recommendations 6 and 8 may be the most impactful for school districts, but present significant challenges for implementation. Rebuilding the structure for special education is daunting and eliminating the CEF will require a delicate balance between flexibility in classrooms and working conditions for staff.

CARRIED

The Board of Education has reviewed the recommendations with education partner groups and stakeholders at a previous Committee of the Whole meeting. The feedback regarding the recommendations will be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Superintendent reported that property and personnel was discussed at the Closed Board meeting on March 12, 2019.

5.2 2019-2020 District Calendar

MOVED and Seconded that 2019-2020 School Calendar be approved.

CARRIED

The draft calendar was reviewed at a Committee of the Whole meeting. The final calendar must be submitted to the Ministry on or before March 31, 2019.

5.3 Appointing Financial Auditor

MOVED and Seconded that KPMG LLP be appointed as the external auditor for the School District's Financial Statement Audit for the year ending June 30, 2019.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer advised that in 2018 an RFP was issued to confirm a financial auditor. KPMG was awarded a contract for one year, with the option to extend the appointment for up to three years, in one-year increments.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.2 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2019

MOVED and Seconded that the Special Public Board minutes dated February 26, 2019 be approved.

Amendment:

MOVED and Seconded that the minutes be amended to include "staff present" on the roll call.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees report on the following:

- Meeting with Superintendent, Director of Facilities, representatives from ICBC and Transportation Authority regarding road safety at Dewdney Elementary;
- appointed a committee member of the Mission Community Foundation for the Fraser Valley;
- BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch meeting and Trustee Carter was appointed the President of the association;

- meeting with Mayor and Council;
- DPAC SOGI event;
- MSS Youth Transition Fair;
- visiting several schools
- attended Grease at Clarke Theatre;
- SW'SW meeting;
- attended local fundraiser event;
- MTU Staff Representative meeting;
- BCSTA Board Chair meeting;
- BCSTA Joint Partners Liaison meeting;
- Special CotW regarding budget discussion;
- Special Public Board meeting to approve the amended budget bylaw; and
- Enhancement Agreement meeting.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board Chair advised that the Special CotW meeting on March 14, 2019 is canceled.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about the feedback on the Funding Model Review recommendations and if they were listed in order of importance to the School District?

A: It was problematic to include value statements for each recommendation. It is less complex to leave the recommendations in numerical order.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Original Signed by Corien Becker
