

School District #75 (Mission)

Public Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes

April 9, 2019, 3:30 pm

District Education Office, 33046 4th Avenue, 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
Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Derek Welsh
District Principal of Aboriginal Education, Joseph Heslip
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Zwierzchowska (Recorder)

Others Present: MTU President - Janise Nikolic, MTU VP - Ryan McCarty,
CUPE President Faye Howell, DPAC Co-Chair - Chantel
Morvay-Adams, Principal Jim Pearce, Principal Linda
Ziefflie, Principal Kevin Watrin, Principal Lynn Cummings,
Teacher Anna Heavnor, Teacher Julie Baker, Laura Wilson,
and members of the Public.

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Youth Dialogues on Opioids

Heritage Park Middle School (HPMS) hosted a two-day youth forum that focused on the dangers of substance use. A student from HPMS presented on her experience with participating in the forum. Additional information was provided by two event facilitators.

4. CURRICULUM

4.1 BAA Courses

MOVED and Seconded the following Board / Authority Authorized courses be reviewed and forwarded to the May Board meeting for consideration, as amended:

Basketball 11 and 12 – Training, Competing and Officiating
Business Law
Criminology 12
CSW 12A, CSW 12B, 12C
ELL Level 2 Course and ELL Level 3 Course
Football 11 and 12
Hockey 11 and 12
HS 2B, 2C
HS 12A
Lacrosse 11 and 12
Leadership 11
Peer Tutoring 11 and 12
Post-Secondary Preparation
Psychology 11 and 12
Rugby 11 and 12
Self-Efficacy 11 and 12
Volleyball Intelligence and Officiating 11
Warehousing 12A
Yearbook 11 and 12

CARRIED

The Board requested to amend the following courses:

- Psychology 11 - the words "teratogen" and "tarragons" need to be corrected under the learning standards content for Developmental Psychology.
- Several of Riverside's courses are missing course credits.
- Leadership 11 and Post-Secondary Prep 11/12 are missing instructional hours.
- Basketball 11 and 12 and Lacrosse 11 and 12 are missing sportsmanship in the core competencies.
- Leadership 12 is missing from the BAA course package.

A request was made to have the Aboriginal Mentor Teacher review the Aboriginal World Views and Perspectives for all courses to provide input. An email was sent by the District Principal of Aboriginal Education during the meeting to begin the process for sharing meaningful conversations.

A request was made to include indigenous athletes as guest speakers in the Recommended Instructional Components for sports courses.

A question was asked to confirm that the BAA courses are meeting competency requirements. The Assistant Superintendent advised that

Board/Authority Authorized Courses are prepared in accordance with requirements set by the Ministry of Education.

The Board thanked Staff for all their efforts with preparing the BAA courses.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Financial Summary Report

MOVED and Seconded that the February 28, 2019 Financial Summary Report be reviewed and forwarded to the Regular Meeting on April 16, 2019 for information.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the financial summary report dated February 28, 2019 provides details on all operating expenses year-to-date. An overview was provided on the three charts: Annual Facility Grant, Local Capital Summary, and the Bylaw Capital Summary.

A question was asked about the West Heights Roof Project listed under the Bylaw Capital. Clarification was provided that this project was not originally displayed on the bylaw. The Ministry notified the School District that as the Capital Bylaw projects are under budget, the excess funds may be used for the West Heights roof project.

6.2 Bus Driver Training

The Secretary Treasurer provided a summary on the plan for bus driver training in the School District. The goal is for a Transportation Driver Training Manual to be approved and in place for September 2019.

A question was asked about the Defensive Driving or Winter Driving course. Staff are unsure about the implementation and advised that the costs need to be worked in the budget.

Clarification was provided that the bus driver training would not have a significant impact on the budget.

6.3 Stave Falls Update

The Superintendent provided an update on the enrollment numbers and opening ceremony.

A question was asked regarding the grade configuration. The Principal has been communicating with the parents that there will be multi-split classes.

The Secretary Treasurer advised that a Daycare Operator has been selected. Staff are discussing the requested lease hold improvements with the Operator. Once the lease is finalized, the School District will make a formal announcement.

6.4 Advisory Committee Update

The posting for volunteers closes on Thursday April 11, 2019. As noted on the report, we have received 4 applicants. Over the weekend additional applications were received. No interested parties have submitted applications for the Trustee Remuneration Task Force (TRTF). The Secretary Treasurer has a list of contacts from the Chamber that will be contacted about the TRTF.

6.5 Summit Learning Centre - Elementary Program

MOVED and Seconded to defer any recommendation or resolution on Summit Learning Centre by Staff to October 2019.

CARRIED

The Board would like to take more time with this matter and ensure that any decisions follow the philosophy of the Strategic Plan.

On the discussion, the Superintendent advised that enrollment in the elementary program at Summit is on the decline.

A question was asked regarding the number of students enrolled in the elementary program 5 years ago? In 2013, there was approximately 75-95 students enrolled.

Additional commentary was provided that the School District (SD) could lose students permanently to surrounding districts.

A request was made for additional data on the breakdown of the elementary program. The Board would like to consider all possible options for program.

The Board requested to hear from the members at the table.

Comments were provided regarding the convenience, accessibility, and opportunities that the Summit provides to all students enrolled in the elementary program. The ArtsSmarts program provides an added incentive for the students and decreasing funding would change the program.

It was noted that the figures provided in the report are a snapshot in time and there is a concern that the numbers are not accurate.

The Secretary Treasurer advised that Staff can complete a thorough analysis and present the findings at a future meeting. Staff will apply two comparative dates to extract the data to complete a deeper analysis.

A question was asked how much funding is received per student enrolled at Summit. The approximate amount is \$6,100 not including funding for students with designations.

A request was made that when the Board reviews the data, that they review what Summit is contributing to the School District and the loss that will be experienced if the elementary program was cancelled.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Request for Morning Daycare in the Schools

MOVED and Seconded that the Board consider the following resolution:

That the Board direct staff to conduct a survey of parents regarding the need for morning childcare in Mission and to return the results to the June Committee of the Whole meeting.

DEFEATED

A discussion ensued regarding funding and logistics for providing morning daycare and that such efforts should be mandated by the Ministry.

7.2 Menstrual Products in Schools

MOVED and Seconded that MPSD provide free feminine hygiene products in the district, removing pay for dispensaries.

AMENDMENT

Amend the motion to say, "in all schools in the district".

AMENDED MOTION

MOVED and Seconded that MPSD provide free feminine hygiene products in all schools in the district, removing pay for dispensaries.

CARRIED

The Superintendent provided an overview about the Provinces mandate that all school districts provide menstrual products in schools. The Province would like this initiative implemented by the end of the school year.

A comment was provided regarding transgender students and consideration on how to offer gender-neutral solutions during implementation.

7.3 Inclusion Walkway

MOVED and Seconded that Mission Public Schools paint the entrance area in front of the Administration Building as an 'Inclusion Walkway' (rainbow colours) similar to many crosswalks and sidewalks in other communities.

CARRIED

Painting a rainbow themed entrance leading into the School District office would further reinforce the Board's support of providing a safe-inclusive environment and SOGI 123.

A request was put forward that the entrances of all school sites be painted. One consideration is to separate the project into a few school sites per budget year.

Another recommendation was presented to share the idea with the District of Mission of painting crosswalks near school sites as a cost sharing measure.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

8.2 Committee of the Whole, March 5, 2019

MOVED and Seconded that the Committee of the Whole minutes dated March 5, 2019 be amended.

Update item 7.2 - Early Years Grant Proposal amount to approximately \$240,000.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary Treasurer