

School District #75 (Mission)

Public Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes

March 5, 2019, 3:30 pm

District Education Office, 33046 4th Avenue, Mission, BC

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

Members Absent: Trustee, Shelley Carter
Trustee, Rick McKamey

Staff Present: Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer, Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent, Larry Jepsen
K-12 District Virtual Teacher Librarian, Jennifer Lane
Director of Student Services, Carolyn Schmor
District Principal of Aboriginal Education, Joseph Heslip
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Zwierzchowska (Recorder)

Others Present: Indigenous Mentor Teacher - Peggy Janicki, Counsellor -
Dan Theissen, Laura Wilson, MTU President - Janise
Nikolic, MTU VP - Ryan McCarty, CUPE President Faye
Howell, Principal Wade Peary, DPAC Co-Chair - Chantel
Morvay-Adams, and Principal Susan McLeod.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 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

A request was made to re-order item 7.2 and move it up to item 4.2. The Director of Student Services distributed additional handouts related to the update on the Mental Health Symposium.

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. CURRICULUM

4.1 Monthly Curriculum Update

The District Principal of Aboriginal Education introduced Peggy Janicki, Indigenous Mentor Teacher who provided a presentation on her involvement with Aboriginal Education initiatives in the School District.

The Director of Student Services and the Assistant Superintendent provided information on the Level B assessment for French Immersion students, MSS Competency, Career Education Plans for grades 7-12, Art Workshop for Elementary Teachers, and the Transition Fair.

Item 4.2 - Mental Health Symposium Update

The Director of Students Services provided an overview on the Mental Health Symposium which focused on mental health initiatives in schools.

Q: How will Staff involve students' feedback regarding the mental health curriculum?

A: A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (March 6, 2019) to begin the planning stages.

A comment was made that Child and Youth Mental Health Day is happening on May 7, 2019.

DPAC made a request to be included on any updates regarding mental health initiatives in the School District.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Feedback on FMR recommendations

The Board Chair referred to the handout that was distributed at the start of the meeting.

For question one, the Board commented on recommendations 1,2,5,6,8,19 and 20 as important items to the School District.

The Board emphasized that recommendations 6 and 8 are a priority for the School District. Other recommendations that the School District would like implemented sooner are 1,2,5,9 and 15.

The Board agreed that recommendations 6 and 8 are the most complex to implement.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 2019-2020 District Calendar - Draft

MOVED and Seconded that 2019-2020 School Calendar be forwarded to the Public Board Meeting on March 12, 2019.

CARRIED

The Superintendent advised that District staff have met to discuss the calendar and established preliminary dates. Clarification was provided that all instructional hours are included.

6.2 Stave Falls Elementary Update

Principal Sue McLeod provided an update on advertisement efforts and advised that there is approximately 40 students registered to attend the school.

6.3 Riverside College

Principal Wade Peary provided an update on the curriculum initiatives happening at Riverside College.

A question was asked regarding the trade sampler. Clarification was provided that the trades sampler is a semester long program and that the school needs more registrations to proceed.

A comment was provided that Riverside College and Summit Learning Centre are the only two options in the School District for Continuing Education.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 BC Tripartite Education Agreement

The Superintendent provided an overview of the Tripartite Education Agreement and advised that Leq;a'mel is interested in a Local Education Agreement (LEA). Once the draft LEA is available, the agreement will be shared with the SD.

What is our responsibility to provide access to sports, arts, and other extra curriculum activities?

The School District needs to plan busing around the sports schedule to provide adequate access.

Clarification was provided that the Student Transportation Application deadline has been extended to March 31, 2019.

Will this agreement factor in Education Assistants that provide transportation to students?

All transportation options are being discussed.

7.2 Early Years Grant Proposal

The Assistant Superintendent advised the Committee that the School District will receive approximately \$240,000 in grant monies to support children and families in Mission.

7.3 Trades Training Advisory Committee

MOVED and Seconded that the terms of reference for a Trades Training Advisory Committee be reviewed and forwarded to the March Board meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

A question was asked why teachers are not included as potential Committee members?

The terms of reference is presented as a draft and nothing has been finalized. Clarification was provided that MTU would have to agree that the Board would be selecting the teacher for the Committee.

What are the parameters for selecting the three members at large?

There would be a call for proposals for people to apply for these positions.

A question was asked why there is only one Board member on the Committee?

The Board meeting procedures specifies one Board member minimum. All Trustees can attend the meeting. Lastly, all the Committee's recommendations are brought to the Board for consideration.

A recommendation was brought forward to change the number meetings per year. The Board agreed that the Committee shall meet once every three (3) months. In addition, the Board agreed on a two-year term for the Committee and that the Committee shall report to the Board no later than June each year. A draft copy of the minutes is to be submitted to the Board 30 days following the meeting. Approved minutes are to be submitted to the Board office 30 days following approval.

7.4 Trustee Remuneration Task Force

MOVED and Seconded that the terms of reference for the Trustee Remuneration Task Force be reviewed and submitted to the March Board meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

In September, the Board requested staff to determine a review process for Trustee remuneration and obtain input from outside the organization. The draft terms of reference is presented for review and consideration.

The Board requested that the terms of reference be updated to provide clarification that the positions are voluntary without pay.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Secretary Treasurer