

School District #75 (Mission)

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

April 23, 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, Rick McKamey
Trustee, Julia Renkema
- Staff Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Assistant Superintendent, Larry Jepsen
Secretary Treasurer, Corien Becker
Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Derek Welsh
Director of Student Services, Carolyn Schmor
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Zwierzchowska (Recorder)
- Others Present:** MTU President - Janise Nikolic, MTU VP - Ryan McCarty,
DPAC Co-Chair - Chantel Morvay-Adams, and Principal
Linda Ziefflie (PVPA).

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

4. STAFF REPORTS

4.1 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget: Funding/ Revenue

MOVED and Seconded that the draft preliminary budget information for the 2019/2020 school year be discussed and returned to the April 30, 2019 Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

CARRIED

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided an overview on Enrolment Trends, Ministry Funding Rates, and the Operating Revenue Summary.

Clarification was provided by the Director of Student Services regarding the difference between Level 1 and 2 designations. Most of the School District's student designations are level 2.

A question was asked about Aboriginal Education funding and how it is determined per region. The funding is determined by the Ministry and it is targeted funding.

Page five (5) of the agenda summarizes the changes in Ministry Funding Rates.

An overview was provided line by line for the Operating Revenue Summary. There is a change of \$1,500,000 with the Operating Grant from the Ministry of Education. The Board requested that Staff provide a detailed breakdown of this change at the next meeting.

The School District will receive one-time funding of approximately \$250,000 for a grad transition course that will be offered through Summit. The grant is not reflected in the Operating Revenue at this moment.

A question was asked about the Mental Health Grant, regarding its use.

4.2 Next Steps

The Board requested additional information on the following:

- A timeline for completion on items set out in the 5-year IT plan.
- A breakdown of the Aboriginal Education and Special Education funding.

A question was asked regarding the Annual Facilities Grant and how it relates to the budget reporting. The AFG expenses include regular operations expenditures, maintenance activities, local capital, and any major capital replacement projects. The Director of Facilities is responsible for developing a plan for maintaining or improving the condition of facilities. The AFG amount is calculated by the Ministry.

The Secretary Treasurer advised that once the bylaw is adopted, Staff hope to include a detailed breakdown of AFG projects in the annual report.

A question was asked regarding the Ministry's plan to provide more funding for playgrounds. The funding is limited across the province and the Ministry

selects the projects. A request was made to the Ministry to consider outdoor areas/ playgrounds for Middle Schools.

The Secretary Treasurer requested that any specific questions on breakdowns for additional information be made in advance to allow staff to prepare the information.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary Treasurer