

School District #75 (Mission)
Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2019, 12:30 pm
District Education Office, 33046 4th Avenue, Mission, BC

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

Members Absent: Trustee Shelley Carter

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

Others Present: Janise Nikolic - MTU President,
Linda Ziefflie - Principal, MPVPA,
Colleen Hannah - Principal of Innovation, and
George Forsythe - CUPE.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 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. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Amended Budget 2018-19

MOVED and Seconded that the following resolutions be forwarded to the Public Board meeting on February 26, 2019:

THAT the required three (3) readings and adoption of School District No. 75 (Mission) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019 be carried out in one meeting.

THAT School District No. 75 (Mission) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019 be approved as read a first time.

THAT School District No. 75 (Mission) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019 be approved as read a second time.

THAT School District No. 75 (Mission) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the report attachments and advised that the 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget begins on page nine of the agenda. Clarification was provided that the statement of Revenue and Expense found on page 12 has a negative balance because it includes amortization.

Clarification was provided regarding the surplus amount of approximately \$145,808 that was reported on the agenda for February 12, 2019. This figure will remain in the surplus account rather than being drawn from the account.

Q: What items fall under the Classroom Enhance Fund (CEF) overhead?

A: This line includes items such as: Building Service Workers, H/R Clerical, and Substitute Teachers.

Q: Who makes the decision on how the CEF is divided and spent?

A: Direction comes from the collective agreement. Management allocate resources to best address the collective agreement.

Q: What document is submitted to the Ministry?

A: Page 9-24 are submitted to the Ministry.

A request was made that the report prepared for the Public Board meeting include details for the total budget set aside for re-opening Stave Falls Elementary and a breakdown of the funding source.

Clarification was provided that the School District will hear from the Ministry in the next few weeks regarding approval on capital projects that were submitted last year.

Q: Will the School District renew the lease for the electrical program at Riverside?

A: We are looking at relocating the electrical program to Riverside. The Riverside Campus is in need of renovations to accommodate the program.

Q: Are there any non-essential positions that are vacant?

A: An example was provided of grounds person position.

Q: What is the latest on the sale of Nicomen Island and Cade Barr properties?

A: The School District is still waiting on approval from the Ministry. Our hope is that the SD will be able to retain the funds. The Ministry may have direction on what we spend the capital on.

Q: If the School District reduces TTOC contract positions, what is the plan to replace the positions that they are filling?

A: Staff are exploring all options on this item. Nothing has been finalized. The idea is to get more teachers in regular teaching positions to reduce the number of contract TTOC positions.

Clarification was provided regarding Professional Development. All salary costs are reported in the salary line. Pro D is a separate cost and unrelated to the salaries of the people who attended any Pro D events.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Feedback on FMR recommendations

The Ministry of Education is soliciting feedback from partner groups and stakeholders on the recommendations listed in the funding model report. The submission deadline has been extended until the end of March. It was requested that partner groups prepare feedback and send an email to the Board Chair.

A suggestion was brought forward that the Board connect with First Nations partner groups to inquire about renewing LEAs.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Secretary Treasurer