

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

January 10, 2019, 1:00 pm
District Education Office, 33046 4th Avenue, Mission, BC

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

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

Others Present: Principal Linda Ziefflie, Principal Lisa Clarke, CUPE
President Faye Howell, District Principal of Innovation
Colleen Hannah, MTU President Janise Nikolic, DPAC Co-
Chair Chantel Morvay-Adams.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 School Capacities and Enrolment Projections

The Secretary Treasurer referred to the report that provides information about the capacity of schools and the projected enrolment for the next 15

years. The Ministry of Education is reviewing the enrolment capacity of all schools in the province. Once the Ministry completes their review, the official capacities will be updated.

The West Heights area is being watched closely as the development referrals from the District of Mission show that there are some development proposals for the area.

Q: Is the proposed nominal capacity calculated because of the change in class size and composition?

A: This figure is based on operational capacity.

Q: What is the cost of a portable versus adding an addition?

A: All portables have been purchased with district operational funds with the exception of a few which the Ministry funded. The approximate cost for a portable is \$160,000 and all portables must have sprinklers installed.

The Secretary Treasurer advised that there is a name error on page one (1) of the agenda. The chart titles should read "operating" not nominal.

Q: Does the room calculation for each school site include all rooms in the building?

A: Libraries and multi-purpose rooms are excluded from the calculation.

The Secretary Treasurer referred to page five (5) of the agenda for summary of subdivision referrals from the District of Mission. The subdivision trend projections need to be monitored by the School District.

A: Are most of the subdivisions detached or attached units?

A: They are a mix. The Secretary Treasurer tracks the type of unit and communicates any capacity pressures with the District of Mission.

The Capacities and Projected Enrolments is extracted from Barragar. The red figures are 20% above capacity and the blue figures are 20% below capacity. The black numbers are ministry accepted/ approved capacity numbers.

Q: Is the classroom count for Hatzic Middle accurate? Some site footprints have changed. For example, a room might have been split into two offices.

A: The Secretary Treasurer will complete a deeper site analysis to ensure all rooms are accounted for.

Q: Does HPMS include the capacity with the annex?

A: Yes

6.2 Boundary Review

MOVED and Seconded that the following information be reviewed and discussed, including preliminary direction on the development of options and the development of a public participation and engagement process for further review and discussion at a future Committee meeting.

CARRIED

The Superintendent advised that Schools of Choice are not part of the School District catchment area. The Schools Capacity and Enrolment report recommends reviewing the boundaries of Albert McMahon, Hatzic Elementary, West Heights, and Windebank.

A request was made to include the Ministry approved capacities in hard numbers versus percentages.

Q: Can the Out of Catchment numbers for Hatzic Elementary be broken out by areas?

A: Yes, this information can be viewed in Barragar.

The Secretary Treasurer provided a live presentation of the Barragar software displaying the catchment areas for Albert McMahon, Cherry Hill, Hatzic Elementary, West Heights, and Windebank. Discussions continued about exploring the different options for revising the current boundaries.

Q: When would the new boundaries be introduced? Would this affect sibling enrolment?

A: When the Board decides on the catchments, they may look at grand-fathering enrolment for siblings.

Q: How many classrooms are used for other services and organizations at Mission Central?

A: Approximately five (5).

Q: What is the enrolment expectation for Silverdale with opening the daycare.

A: This is still unknown. Registration begins next week.

Q: Does the Secretary Treasurer watch the subdivision developments for the Fraser Valley Regional District?

A: Yes, and there is nothing on the School District's radar.

The Committee discussed restricting cross boundary students and possibly realigning some catchments. The following information was requested as additional information:

1. Information on capping schools of choice.
2. What would be the impact of implementing hard restrictions of cross boundaries?
3. The impact of more modified restrictions of cross boundaries (possible options for grandfathering).
4. If you have these restrictions, what is the impact on enrolment at other schools? What schools are students returning to?
5. Analysis on Steelehead to Stave Falls.
6. Incorporating Steelhead and Ferndale in the Stave Falls catchment.
7. Realigning on one side of cedar and the impact of Cherry Hill and Albert McMahon.
8. Recommendation of where to realign the boundary for Mission Central and West Heights.
9. Impact on Durieu if students went to Dewdeny.
10. One consideration is to move the Intensive Core French program out of Windebank. What would be the impact of this?
11. Explore moving Hillside Elementary to another site like Fraserview and making Hillside a catchment school.

The Committee discussed implementing a small shift like capping schools of choice and limiting cross boundaries. The Secretary Treasurer recommends implementing all changes at once. This will provide more opportunity for public participation. In addition, the Board has approximately three (3) years until the School District experiences real capacity pressures. There is time to make informed decisions.

The Committee decided to schedule another boundary review meeting for Thursday March 14, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

February 19, 2019

Date

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Secretary Treasurer

February 19, 2019

Date