

Board of Education Meeting (open to the public)

Agenda



School Presentations: Tone Chime Choir and Heather MacDonald: Arts Based Curriculum Update

Board of Education Meeting

April 19, 2016, 6:30 pm

Edwin S. Richards Elementary, 33419 Cherry Avenue, Mission, BC

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair will acknowledge that this meeting is being held on Traditional Territory.

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Questions asked must be related to items discussed on the Agenda. Personnel, land and legal issues will not be discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board of Education Meeting

March 8, 2016 6:30 pm

Fraserview Learning Centre, 32444 Seventh Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present:

Chair Rick McKamey

Superintendent Bill Fletcher

Vice-Chair Tracy Loffler

Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson

Trustee Randy Cairns

Assistant Superintendent Randy Huth

Trustee Shelley Carter

Director of Instruction Larry Jepsen

Trustee Jim Taylor

Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by the Board Chairperson. The Chair declared on behalf of the Sto:lo First Nations thanks for the use of their traditional territory for the meeting and recognized the meeting is also being held on Sto:lo Traditional Territory. The Chair further acknowledged that Kwantlen, Leq'a:mel, Scowlitz and Matsqui First Nations also hold traditional territory within the School District boundaries.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION (JT/SC)

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (TL/JT)

THAT the Board of Education meeting minutes of February 16, 2016, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Reporting Out From In-Camera Meeting

- Mike Abercrombie, Principal, Deroche Elementary
- Sale of Surplus Sites Update: Public consultation stage; bylaw; seek Ministry approval; Bid BC.

5. Education Committee

Trustee Loffler reported on the March 1, 2016, Education Committee meeting: Jim Pearce MSS reporting on Common Mid-Term exams, special education update; Kindergarten orientation last week; CUPE partners working on the EA shortages, curriculum update, NID Day - February 22, Joint Education Advisory Committee continues to meet; Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer recruitment process and confirming all partner groups will be involved with the process, and a report was provided by the District Parent Advisory Council.

MOTION (SC/RC)

THAT the Board of Education receive Trustee Loffler's Education Committee Report for information.

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Update

A report was provided with the Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 25th at Hatzic Middle School.

MOTION (SC/RC)

THAT the Board of Education receive the Education Committee report for information.

CARRIED

6. Business Committee

Trustee Carter reported on the March 1, 2016, Business Committee meeting: Action items will be dealt with tonight and a BCSTA Provincial Council update will also be provided.

MOTION (JT/RC)

THAT the Board of Education receive the Business Committee report for information.

CARRIED

Exempt/Principals' and Vice-Principals' Staff Compensation Advisory Committee Mandate

MOTION (RC/SC)

THAT the Board of Education approve the Exempt/Principals' and Vice-Principals' Staff Compensation Advisory Committee Mandate as amended as presented for implementation.

CARRIED

District of Mission and School District No. 75 (Mission) Ad Hoc Committee

MOTION (TL/SC)

THAT the Board of Education approve the attached draft Joint Committee, *District of Mission and School District No. 75 (Mission) Ad Hoc Committee* Terms of Reference.

MOTION (RC/JT)

THAT the Board of Education refer the original motion to the April Regular Board meeting.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Loffler and McKamey)

District of Mission and School District No. 75 (Mission) Ad Hoc Committee

MOTION (JT/RC)

THAT the Board of Education appoint Trustee Carter as alternate to serve on the Committee.

CARRIED

BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Update

Trustee Carter provided an update on the February 29, 2016 Provincial Council meeting.

MOTION (TL/JT)

THAT the Board of Education receive the Business Committee report for information.

CARRIED

Busing to Dewdney Elementary

Trustee Taylor introduced the matter. Discussion ensued regarding district boundaries and it was agreed further discussion is required with more information. Discussion also ensued regarding the tabling vs. referring motions.

MOTION (JT/SC)

THAT the Board of Education approve for a one year trial period, the 2016-2017 school year busing routes be altered, as required, to allow elementary students living in the former Durieu catchment area the option of catching a bus to attend Dewdney Elementary. That in the second half of the trial period, the Board initiates a public consultation process to assess public support for a gradual change in catchment areas that would lead to a reduction in overcrowding at Hatzic Elementary School and increased enrolment in the underutilized schools at Dewdney and Deroche.

MOTION (SC/TL)

THAT the Board of Education refer the original motion to come back to the April Business Committee.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Cairns and Taylor)

Relocation of Grounds Department

Trustee Taylor introduced the matter. Concerns for public and student safety were expressed. Discussion ensued regarding process and requested further information from staff at a later date in addition to reviewing options.

MOTION (JT/SC)

THAT the Board of Education approve that any decision to relocate the MPSD Grounds Department be postponed for a minimum of eleven months to allow the new senior management team sufficient time to present the Board with the full cost implications of demolition of the current grounds building and reconstruction of a new building. In addition the Board will be provided with cost and safety implications arising from the operation of this department from a remote rural setting, a description of an open and transparent bidding process for any major renovation work, and a plan to ensure input from all partner groups.

This motion does not restrict the current management team from examining, and if feasible, implementing other more immediate, less costly solutions for dealing with parking shortage and traffic congestion problems connected with increased enrollment at Mission Secondary School.

AMENDMENT (SC/RC)

THAT the Board of Education amend the original motion by striking the words, "... for a minimum of 11 months..."

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Loffler and McKamey)

AMENDED MOTION (JT/SC)

THAT the Board of Education approve that any decision to relocate the MPSD Grounds Department be postponed to allow the new senior management team sufficient time to present the Board with the full cost implications of demolition of the current grounds building and reconstruction of a new building. In addition the Board will be provided with cost and safety implications arising from the operation of this department from a remote rural setting, a description of an open and transparent bidding process for any major renovation work, and a plan to ensure input from all partner groups.

This motion does not restrict the current management team from examining, and if feasible, implementing other more immediate, less costly solutions for dealing with parking shortage and traffic congestion problems connected with increased enrollment at Mission Secondary School.

CARRIED (opposed: Trustee Loffler)

Points of Order were expressed by Trustees Taylor and Loffler on personal attacks and Robert's Rules of Order.

Facility Bookings – School District Staff

Trustee Cairns introduced the motion and read a statement. Concerns included costs, preliminary conversations, adding to the budget vs. in-house.

Chair McKamey expressed the desire to see a business plan to ensure this would not take away from the K-12 kids.

MOTION (RC/JT)

THAT the Board of Education direct staff to initiate process to bring back all booking and use of School District facilities agreements under Mission Public Schools' District Staff and process. Staff will plan implementation and process to start September 2016 for the 2016/2017 school year. No new agreements or renewal of expired use and funding agreements on the use or operation of School District facilities will be initiated.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Loffler and McKamey)

MOTION (SC/TL)

THAT the Board of Education refer the original motion to April's Business Committee.

FAILED (In Favour: Trustees Carter and Loffler)

7. Committee/Trustee Reports

The Chair and Trustees reported on the recent Wab Kinew experience, DPAC meeting on February 29th, Matsqui Longhouse, Pro-d day literacy event, International Women's Day, student/community safety, Hogweed season, Emma's Acres–Mission Food Access for children, and succession planning with the Sr. team.

Acknowledgements were made to the outgoing Superintendent Bill Fletcher and Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson.

8. Question Period

Questions asked must be related to items discussed on the Agenda and related to the Agenda. Personnel, land and legal issues will not be discussed.

A question was asked regarding the amended budget and allotment of resources of \$425K for a pending facilities move. Answer: funds were set aside to affect portables and rectify parking for MSS.

A question was asked regarding the tear down of grounds facility by June 2016. Answer: Staff is looking at the needs of students and options to affect the needs. It is one consideration of many.

A question was asked regarding Dewdney busing and research involved prior to the April Business committee meeting. Answer: It is critical to review boundaries district-wide and deal with policies on busing issues. Decisions cannot be made at the Business committee.

Minutes



A question was asked regarding bus routes. Answer: Busing staff have reviewed routes and to affect current routes surrounding that rural area, would cost the district one more bus and the passenger trip would be in excess of 1 hour and 15 minutes.

A staff member from grounds department expressed concerns of a move and the cost implications of same including travel time from a non-centralized location and requested an opportunity for a consultation process.

A question was asked regarding the School District's requirement to provide student parking. Answer: No.

A question was asked regarding the 'raises' for Principals and Vice-Principals and Sr. Staff. Answer: Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Supt. wages have been frozen. Clarification was made that the term is 'adjustment' not 'raises'.

A question was asked how many Trustees sit on the Budget committee. Answer: there have always been a minimum of two.

A question was asked regarding the sale of properties and process. Answer: the District is in a preliminary stage of seeking expressions of interest. The Board will then formulate an approval process for the Ministry. The Board ultimately decides.

A comment was made regarding Dewdney busing and costs associated on individual basis of mileage allowances at .55 / km. Staff will review.

9. Adjournment

MOTION (RC/SC)

THAT the meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer

ITEM 5.1 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Education Committee
SUBJECT: Report – Trustee Loffler

Recommendation

THAT the Board of Education receive Trustee Loffler’s verbal Education Committee report for information.

ITEM 5.2 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Education Committee
SUBJECT: Correspondence: School Preservation Program

Correspondence has been received from Heather McKenzie-Beck of BCSTA regarding the School Preservation Program. A copy is attached to the Agenda.

Tracy Orobko

Subject: School Preservation Program

From: Heather McKenzie-Beck [mailto:HM McKenzieBeck@BCSTA.ORG] **On Behalf Of** Teresa Rezanoff

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 2:25 PM

To: Trustees

Cc: Superintendents; Secretary Treasurers; EA - All

Subject: School Preservation Program

Today the Ministry of Education announced an investment of \$40 million in the School Preservation Program, which will help school districts repair, upgrade and improve their facilities.

The BCSTA board of directors and I are happy to see the Ministry building upon what was a very successful program last year. Trustees and boards of education have advocated for increased capital funding to address immediate needs within school districts, and this investment will help meet those needs. We welcome new dollars into the public education system, and are pleased to see this announcement today.

We appreciate the work that you and your district staff has done, and will continue to do, to ensure that you meet the timelines for this program.

Additionally, as a reminder to trustees, please be advised that the Ministry will be releasing the operating grants for districts tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Teresa Rezanoff

President

The BC School Trustees Association

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<IMAGE001.JPG>

British Columbia News

\$40-million fix-it fund will help revamp and refresh British Columbia schools

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/10493>

Monday, March 14, 2016 12:45 PM

Victoria - Government is helping extend the life of B.C. schools with today's investment of \$40 million in the School Enhancement Program to help school districts repair, upgrade and improve their facilities.

Over the next week school districts throughout B.C. will be notified about how they can apply for funding under this program. Projects will be chosen based on need, priority and supporting student learning and must cost more than \$100,000. All projects must be mostly completed by March 31, 2017.

The types of projects eligible for the funding include:

- Heating and ventilation upgrades;
- Roof repairs or replacement,
- Windows, lighting and electrical system upgrades, and
- Mechanical upgrades - including plumbing and boiler replacements,
- Safety enhancements - including fire protection.

This year's \$40-million School Enhancement Program builds on last year's \$35-million Routine Capital Program investment, which supported 109 school improvement projects throughout the province.

As a result of B.C.'s fiscal discipline and its balanced budget, the government is able to support key investments like the School Enhancement Program. Budget 2016 provides \$1.7 billion in capital funding over three years to replace aging facilities, build more student spaces in growing communities and improve seismic safety.

Quotes:

Mike Bernier, Minister of Education –

“This fix-it-fund for schools will give school districts across the province the help they need to extend the life of schools – actions like fixing roofs, installing new heating equipment, and replacing windows. Not only will this help make schools more comfortable for students and staff, it's also going to make sure we are protecting and enhancing infrastructure worth millions of dollars.”

Shawn Wilson, Surrey School Board chair –

“Keeping our schools modern and up-to-date benefits both staff and students. Here in Surrey previous funding from the Government of B.C. under this program made it possible for us to upgrade boilers, portables, roofs and other exterior upgrades to local schools.”

Teresa Rezansoff, president, the BC School Trustees Association –

“We are happy to see the ministry building upon what was a very successful program last year. Districts across the province welcome the capital dollars that will help us address needs within schools and other district buildings. We appreciate the work that school district staff has done, and will continue to do, to ensure that they meet the timelines and criteria for this program.”

Quick Facts:

- Districts have until Friday, April 15, 2016, to submit their proposed projects to the ministry. Successful applicants will be notified by May 31, 2016.
- Budget 2016 provides \$1.7 billion over three years to replace aging facilities, build more student spaces in growing communities, and improve seismic safety.
- Since 2001, the Province has committed more than \$4.2 billion in new and improved schools, including \$2.2 billion in seismic upgrades.
- Since 2001, the Province has built 48 new schools, replaced 70 aging schools, added space at 186 schools and seismically upgraded 149 schools.

Learn More:

Last year's projects: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2015EDUC0075-001895>

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ITEM 5.3 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Education Committee
SUBJECT: Budget Process Update

Staff continues to do the work on behalf of the School District regarding the 2016-2017 Budget.

The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the School Board Office with the assistance of the Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Derek Welsh.

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ITEM 5.4 **Information**

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Education Committee
SUBJECT: District Parent Advisory Council Update

Due to Spring Break, the March meeting was postponed to April.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 25, 2016 at Hatzic Middle school. The Acting District Aboriginal Education Principal, Joe Heslip, will be providing a presentation on Aboriginal programming.

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ITEM 6.1 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Business Committee
SUBJECT: Report – Trustee Carter

Recommendation

THAT the Board of Education receive Trustee Carter’s verbal Education Committee report for information.

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ITEM 6.2 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Business Committee
SUBJECT: District of Mission and School District No. 75 (Mission) Ad Hoc Committee

The two groups met on April 8, 2016.

Chair McKamey, Vice-Chair Loffler and Trustee Carter represented the School District as appointed committee members.

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

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ITEM 6.3 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Business Committee
SUBJECT: Annual School District Retirement Dinner

The Annual Retirement Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2016 at the Best Western.

Invitations will be mailed out over the coming weeks.

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ITEM 7.1 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Board Chairperson
SUBJECT: Disposal of Property Update

Legal advertisements posted in the Abbotsford, Mission, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows newspapers in addition to the Vancouver Sun and Province newspapers, garnered many expressions of interest. Information has also been posted to the School District website: www.mpsd.ca

The School District is following Government disposal guidelines.

Tours of the four sites were provided on March 30th as part of the first stage.

The School District continues to work in a public consultation phase in the absence of a Secretary Treasurer.

All expressions of interest will be gathered and brought to the Board of Education for a meeting in June at which time, the Board will vote on whether or not it wishes to proceed with the disposal of the properties. If it is the wish of the Board to dispose of property(ies), a further 'next stage' public consultation will occur including tours. All parties who have expressed explicit interest will be contacted provided they have given the School District their contact information.

At the April 5th Business Committee meeting, it was agreed to extend the time for receiving expressions of interest until June 1st.

The results of the consultation will be gathered at the end of May and a report will be brought to the June 7th Business Committee. At that time, staff will be seeking direction from the Board as whether or not it wishes to proceed with the disposal of property(ies).

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ITEM 7.2 **Information**

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Board Chairperson
SUBJECT: Recruitment of Secretary Treasurer

Short list interviews for the position of Secretary Treasurer will be occurring on April 20 and 22, 2016.

Partner groups have been notified of their meeting schedules to meet each candidate, and will be provided with feedback forms. The forms will be gathered and provided to the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools for review to assist with deliberations of selecting a new Secretary Treasurer.

ITEM 7.3 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Board Chairperson
SUBJECT: Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

After lengthy interviews, broad consultation with partner groups, Board deliberations and a unanimous vote, the Board of Education is pleased and excited to announce the appointment of our new Superintendent of Schools, **ANGUS WILSON**.

Angus grew up in Vancouver and completed university degrees at both UBC and Sussex before becoming a teacher through the rural based West Kootenay Teacher Education Program. His experience includes teaching at all grade levels in SD 52 (Prince Rupert) and 50 (Haida Gwaii), then worked as a Vice-Principal and Principal at the elementary and secondary levels and has served as the Superintendent of Schools for SD50 for almost 8 years. During this tenure, he also held the position of Secretary Treasurer for three years.

As a passionate educator, he advocated for pedagogical shifts in Indigenous, Place Based, and Culturally Responsive education, and is a strong supporter of both early education and real world applied skills. He has worked with numerous provincial committees and associations over his career to improve student success, particularly in rural school districts. One of his career highlights has been supporting SD50 staff to massively increase school completion rates and post-secondary success over the past decade.

An avid reader, amateur historian, and movie buff, Angus is the proud father to three kids, aged 11-18, and stepdad to a 13 year old maltipoo. He spends his off time visiting his children, painting very small bits of plastic, exercising, or on practising his sous chef skills.

Angus will be available to us on a part-time basis assisting with the role of selecting the Secretary Treasurer with an anticipated full-time commitment to commence early June.

Please join us in welcoming Angus to the School District upon his arrival ~ we will work diligently to introduce you to him over the coming weeks!