Board of Education Meeting (open to the public)

Minutes



Four young ladies called, "The Fantastic Four" performed song and dance routines.

Board of Education Meeting October 20, 2015, 6:30 pm Albert McMahon Elementary, 32865 Cherry Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present:

Chair Rick McKamey Vice-Chair Tracy Loffler Trustee Randy Cairns Superintendent Bill Fletcher
Director of Instruction Larry Jepsen
Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)

Trustee Shelley Carter Trustee Jim Taylor

Absent:

Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson Assistant Superintendent Randy Huth

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by the Board Chairperson. The Chair thanked Matsqui First Nations for the use of their traditional territory for the meeting and recognized that we are on Sto:lo Traditional Territory. The Chair further acknowledged that Kwantlen, Leq'a:mel and Scowlitz 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 (RC/JT)

THAT the Board of Education meeting minutes of September 15, 2015, be approved as presented. CARRIED

4. Reporting Out From In-Camera Meeting

Superintendent of Schools has tendered his resignation effective March 31, 2016.

5. Education Committee

Trustee Loffler reported on the October 6, 2015, Education Committee meeting: presentations Donna Archibald (Summer Learning Camp), Field Trip (New York) Application; Hardeep Grewal – FlexBooker computer program, Policies: 36, 37 and 38, Curriculum Update, and a report was provided by the District Parent Advisory Council.

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MOTION (RC/JT)

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

CARRIED

Board Policy Development Committee - Policy #36 - Guide Dogs and Service Dogs Approved Use

MOTION (SC/RC)

THAT the Board of Education receive proposed draft policy #36, Guide Dogs and Service Dogs Approved Use, for information and approval to begin the next step of forwarding it to the stakeholders District Parent Advisory Council ("DPAC"), Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association ("PVPA"), Canadian Union of Public Employees ("CUPE"), Mission Teachers' Union ("MTU"), and the school district website for review and input.

CARRIED

Board Policy Development Committee - Policy #37 - Medical Therapy Dogs

MOTION (RC/TL)

THAT the Board of Education receive proposed draft policy #37, Medical Therapy Dogs, for information and approval to begin the next step of forwarding it to the stakeholders District Parent Advisory Council ("DPAC"), Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association ("PVPA"), Canadian Union of Public Employees ("CUPE"), Mission Teachers' Union ("MTU"), and the school district website for review and input.

CARRIED

Board Policy Development Committee - Policy #38 - Substance or Drug/Alcohol Use/Abuse

MOTION (RC/SC)

THAT the Board of Education receive proposed draft policy #38, Substance or Drug/Alcohol Use/Abuse, for information and approval to begin the next step of forwarding it to the stakeholders District Parent Advisory Council ("DPAC"), Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association ("PVPA"), Canadian Union of Public Employees ("CUPE"), Mission Teachers' Union ("MTU"), and the school district website for review and input.

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Update

A report was provided with the Agenda.

6. Business Committee

Trustee Carter reported on the October 6, 2015 Business Committee meeting: School Meetings in December with staff; addition of a Vice-Principal at Hatzic Elementary (Julie Brown).

MOTION (RC/JT)

THAT the Board of Education receive Trustee Carter's Business Committee report for information. CARRIED

7. Secretary Treasurer

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Derek Welsh was present to answer questions.

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MOTION (RC/TL)

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Five Year Capital Plan as presented for submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

8. Committee/Trustee Reports

The Chair and Trustees reported: DPAC meeting, staff BBQ, Heritage Park and Dr. Mohammad's presentation, Dewdney Elementary tree planting event, Hatzic Middle School's garden, Mission community Sharps Disposal meeting (harm reduction), ongoing french immersion discussions with staff, Mission Youth House ("My House") opening, school tours, Mission Medium Security - met inmates who made the picnic tables for Hatzic Middle School, Neighbourhood School Champions follow-up meeting to the August 29th community clean-up.

9. 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 enforcement of dogs on school grounds and fire lanes.

A question was asked if the Board would accept a petition signed by 500 community members regarding French Immersion.

10. Adjournment

MOTION (SC/JT)
THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:22 pm.
CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer