

Board of Education Meeting (open to the public)

Minutes



Board of Education Meeting
November 17, 2015, 6:43 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)

Guest:

Brian Tucker, Principal, Heritage Park Middle School

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 (RC/SC)

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (RC/SC)

THAT the Board of Education meeting minutes of October 20, 2015, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Reporting Out From In-Camera Meeting

- Resignation of Secretary Treasurer
- Retirement of Assistant Superintendent of Schools

5. Education Committee

Trustee Loffler reported on the November 3, 2015 Education Committee meeting: Mission Community Sharps Disposal, Communities in Bloom Award, Quebec Field Trip, My Education BC update, French Immersion update, curriculum update, EA coverages/shortages, administrative procedures, and a report was provided by the District Parent Advisory Council.

MOTION (SC/RC)

THAT the Board of Education received the Education Committee Report for information.

CARRIED

Field Trip: Quebec City – Brian Tucker, Principal, Heritage Park Middle School

Principal, Brian Tucker presented the field trip to the Board.

MOTION (SC/RC)

THAT the Board of Education approve the following field trip application:

- Heritage Park Middle School's application for up to thirty-five (35) students in Grades 9 to travel to Quebec City for the period of June 26 – July 1, 2016.

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Update

A report was provided with the Agenda. Co-Chair, Nikki Hawes provided an update on the movie licenses.

6. Business Committee

Trustee Carter reported on the November 3, 2015 Business Committee meeting: A Human Resources update was provided and the process of hiring a new Superintendent is in progress.

MOTION (RC/TJT)

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

CARRIED

7. Superintendent of Schools

French Immersion

MOTION (RC/JT)

THAT the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to continue to offer the French Immersion Program within the elementary schools as dual-track programs after consideration of the feedback received from an intensive and broad public consultation process conducted by the Trustees and Staff over the past ten (10) months.

AMENDMENT (RC/JT) #1

THAT the words, "Ecole Christine Morrison and Ecole Mission Central" be added before the words, "elementary schools..."

CARRIED

AMENDMENT (JT/SC) #2

THAT the words, "after consideration of the feedback received from an intensive and broad public consultation process conducted by the Trustees and Staff over the past ten (10) months", be deleted, and that they be re-designated as rationale to the motion.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT (SC/JT) #3

THAT the words, "and that the Board of Education put in place a plan to put in both schools capping two kindergarten classes if necessary to ensure a balance in the future", be added after the words, "dual-track programs".

MOTION FAILED (In Favour: Trustees Carter and Loffler)

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AMENDMENT (TL/JT) #4

THAT the words, "Staff will initiate fixed catchment boundaries for each school and that the boundaries be redrawn and that those boundaries be enforced retroactively if needed for the 2016/17 school year taking into account future growth projections to ensure a balance in the dual track program at each school. Staff will also employ capping criteria if necessary to ensure a balance in the future", be added after the words, "dual-track programs".

CARRIED

The meeting recessed: 8:02 pm

The meeting resumed: 8:23 pm

AMENDED MOTION (RC/JT)

THAT the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education to continue to offer the French Immersion program within the Ecole Christine Morrison and Ecole Mission Central Elementary Schools as dual-track programs.

Staff will initiate fixed catchment boundaries for each school and that the boundaries be redrawn and that those boundaries be enforced retroactively if needed for the 2016/17 school year taking into account future growth projections to ensure a balance in the dual track program at each school. Staff will also employ capping criteria if necessary to ensure a balance in the future.

CARRIED

8. Secretary Treasurer

Disposal of Surplus School Site Properties Update

MOTION (TL/RC)

THAT the Board receives the Secretary Treasurer's update report on the disposal of surplus school site properties.

AMENDMENT (JT/SC) #1

THAT the words, "and provide direction that contracting of all real estate services be put out for competitive bidding" be added after the words, "site properties".

CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION (JT/SC)

THAT the Board receives the Secretary Treasurer's update report on the disposal of surplus school site properties and provide direction that contracting of all real estate services be put out for competitive bidding.

CARRIED

9. Committee/Trustee Reports

The Chair and Trustees reported on the BCPSEA Symposium, BCSTA Provincial Council, Hatzic Middle School tour, Riverside Advisory Committee, BCSTA Branch Meeting, Remembrance Day ceremonies, meetings with English and French teachers, strategic planning with Jacquie Taylor, Foodbank and Christmas Bureau reminders.

10. Question Period

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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 new catchment/boundary motion and implications on the registration process.

A question was asked regarding the hiring of a new Superintendent of Schools.


A question was asked regarding the dissemination of the French Immersion decision.

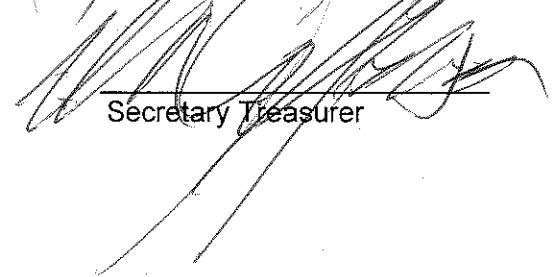
11. Adjournment

MOTION (SC/TL)

THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:37 pm.

CARRIED


Chairperson


Secretary Treasurer