

# Board of Education Meeting (open to the public)

# Minutes



## Board of Education Meeting

April 19, 2016 6:30 pm

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

### Members Present:

Chair Rick McKamey

Vice-Chair Tracy Loffler

Trustee Randy Cairns

Trustee Shelley Carter

Trustee Jim Taylor

Assistant Superintendent Randy Huth

Director of Instruction Larry Jepsen

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Derek Welsh

Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Board Chairperson. The Chair declared on behalf of the Board, appreciation to the Matsqui First Nations for the use of traditional territory. It was also 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 territory within the School District boundaries.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION (SC/TL)**

**THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

### 3. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION (JT/RC)**

**THAT the Board of Education meeting minutes of March 8, 2016, be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

### 4. Reporting Out From In-Camera Meeting

- **Administrative Appointment - Brian Tucker 0.5 District Principal**
- **Riverside College - \$50K Startup Grant Received from MLA Simon Gibson**

### 5. Education Committee

Trustee Loffler reported on the April 5<sup>th</sup>, Education Committee meeting: BCSTA correspondence regarding School Preservation Program, Budget process update, Superintendent announcement; progress with the recruitment of the Secretary Treasurer; Syrian and Congo Refugees update, curriculum update.

**MOTION (JT/SC)**

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

**CARRIED**

Correspondence: School Preservation Program

Correspondence is attached to the Agenda. The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided a brief update on proposals submitted to the Ministry regarding funding of projects.

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## Budget Process Update

Budget conversations continue to occur. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and is open to all Trustees. A plan of action on "next steps" will be discussed.

## District Parent Advisory Council Update

Due to Spring Break, the March meeting was postponed. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Hatzic Middle School.

## **6. Business Committee**

Trustee Carter reported on the April 5<sup>th</sup>, Business Committee meeting: BCSTA correspondence regarding an audit committee guide, potential disposal of properties update, District of Mission/SD75 Ad Hoc Committee update, Busing matters, retirement dinner/years of service and French immersion enrolment update.

### **MOTION (JT/RC)**

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

**CARRIED**

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

Trustees Carter/Loffler reported on the meeting with Mayor Hawes, Councilors Plecas, Hamilton and Alexis. Discussions commenced regarding shared goals and vision. Both elected bodies will be meeting on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and will be working collaboratively on the Terms of Reference framework.

## Annual School District Retirement Dinner

The School District's annual retirement dinner will occur on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western. All retirees who have submitted notice effective up to June 30<sup>th</sup> will receive invitations.

## **7. Board Chairperson**

### Proposed Disposal of Property Update

Chair McKamey reported legal advertisements have been disseminated and the School District continues to receive expressions of interest. At the April 5<sup>th</sup> Business Committee meeting, the Board agreed to postpone the deadline for receiving expressions to June 1<sup>st</sup>. A reminder was issued stating the School District is still in early stages.

### Recruitment of Secretary Treasurer

Interviews for short-listed candidates commence April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

The Board Chair introduced the new Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson who was in attendance and joined the head table at 7:33 pm. As Superintendent, he will assist with the next steps in the recruitment of a Secretary Treasurer.

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### 8. Committee/Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on:

- MLA Simon Gibson's donation of funds for Ipads at Mission Central Elementary;
- Retirement Dinner for former Superintendent, Bill Fletcher;
- Columbia Institute - April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (workshops: greening projects, child poverty) attended by Trustees Carter/Cairns;
- Siwal Si'wes: Acting Principal, Aboriginal Education, Joe Heslip and elders - reconciliation commission - opportunity for education of real history of the residential school;
- Recruitment of Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent;
- Riverside College - Open House celebration of 15 years;
- BCSTA AGM – Passed resolutions regarding social license; engaging the public with respect to the roles of Trustees, budget practices and the impact of new curriculum on Gr. 12 students. Minister of Education, Mike Bernier, will be making a visit to Mission;
- Upcoming DPAC events: *Discipline without Damage* and *Online Safety for Kids*;
- Track and Field - May 5 and 6, 2016;
- Reading Challenge: ESR will be attending the next level of competition at Kwantlen Polytechnic to advance. Students had to read six books and answer questions as a team;
- Gr. 7 and 8 course selections; and preparing Gr. 9 students for Gr. 10;
- Mission Central Elementary School's Community Gardens;
- Community/leadership awards for District of Mission;
- Aboriginal Education and the "Canoe" Magazine;
- Harrison Hot Spring Conference - Mindfulness Initiative; deconstruction of a school in Alert Bay;
- Appointment of Trustee Carter as President of the Fraser Valley BCSTA Branch which includes Mission, Fraser Cascade, Chilliwack, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, Langley;
- Dewdney Elementary School's outdoor classroom award from Staples - \$25K;
- Hatzic Middle School - Pop musical;
- Salmon enhancement/Communities in Bloom – mill lumber used for planter boxes; Dewdney Elementary school;
- Fraserview Learning Centre's Principal, Kevin Watrin's presentation from the Legislative Assembly in Victoria where MLA Marc Dalton spoke to the successes of the Lifetime Learning program and intergenerational relationships;
- West Heights Elementary – Teachers Ms. Coulthard and Mr. Dahaliwal are recipients of the JUMP Math National Book Award and will receive teacher and student resources and SMART Board lessons for their next year classes;.
- Trustees met with Sumas, Matsqui and Kwantlen First Nations to further discussions on the direction and support for and by the School District's direction with aboriginal education.

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## 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 long service pins and certificates to which Trustees responded that the matter will be added to the next Business Committee Agenda.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOTION (SC/RC)**

**THAT the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.**

**CARRIED**

  
Chairperson

  
Secretary Treasurer