

# Minutes



## Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 10, 2017 3:30 pm

District Education Office, 33046 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mission, BC

### Members Present:

Chair Rick McKamey  
Vice-Chair Tracy Loffler  
Trustee Randy Cairns  
Trustee Shelley Carter

### Staff Present:

Superintendent Angus Wilson  
Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker  
Assistant Superintendent Larry Jepsen  
Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)

### Participants:

Director of Student Services - Carolynn Schmor  
District Principal, Ab. Education - Joe Heslip  
DPAC - Destiny Cunningham  
President, CUPE - George Forsythe,  
President, MTU - Amber Chung  
MTU – Jodie Amaya

**Absent:** Trustee Jim Taylor

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm by the Board Chairperson.

### Adoption of Agenda

**MOVED and seconded to adopt the Agenda as presented.**

**CARRIED**

#### 1. 2017 Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments

The Board Chair provided a summary. Questions were asked regarding committee representation and Auditor General requirements. Financial reporting will be brought to the Board on a regular basis which will be open and transparent.

Discussion ensued regarding the University of the Fraser Valley.

It was agreed to switch the BCPSEA representation: Trustee Carter, first representative; Trustee McKamey, alternate.

Agreement reached to move forward the item to the January 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting.

#### 2. Catchment Areas, Cross-Boundary, Schools of Choice, and Programs of Choice Policy

The Secretary Treasurer will email the revised policy together with administrative procedures prior to the issuance of the January 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting Agenda.

Questions were asked and clarification was provided regarding the COTW and administrative procedures: As governing body, the Board approves policy; staff administers administrative procedures.

If the Board is dissatisfied with an administrative procedure at a public Board meeting, then it can and will be brought back to a COTW meeting for further discussion. Discussion ensued on the policy approval / administrative procedures processes including partner group input.

3. Physical Restraint and Seclusion Policy – Status / Update

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the status to date. Both the policy and administrative procedure will be brought to the January 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting.

4. Solar Arrays Correspondence: MLA Simon Gibson

If the Board wishes to move ahead, the School District will have to move to an RFP process. At the January 31<sup>st</sup> COTW meeting, there is intent to bring the amended budget for review. If the Board believes this is high on the priority list, they will proceed. Discussion ensued on options and better insulating facilities. Discussion ensued on sustainability and staff ability.

A question was asked for staff's recommendation. The Secretary Treasurer will bring back information to the January 31<sup>st</sup> COTW for budget discussion.

5. District of Mission Development Application

The Secretary Treasurer has reviewed a subdivision application that may impact the School District. Due to bus requirements, there must be reassurances of adequate walking ability; municipality needs to provide safe routes to get to schools. The Secretary Treasurer wishes to ensure that development is consistent with what the OCP indicates. A recent OCP amendment included a residential development just east of City Hall. Students would have to walk 3.8 kms to Albert McMahon Elementary. Development activity is going to add pressure on enrolment. Changes resulting from the recent Supreme Court decision means added pressures already.

Discussion ensued around boundary reviews and facility use at Ferndale.

6. Ministry Community Meeting: January 17

Superintendent reported on the Ministry's visit to Abbotsford to talk about reporting and assessment.

7. Board/Authority Authorized Course: Self-Efficacy 10, 11, 12

Principal Kevin Watrin, and Educators, James Martyn and Sandra Norum provided handouts on the course that is in the development stages; provided an overview of the program to date:

- Self-regulate / Self-manage
- Encompasses psychology for students to build self-confidence
- Connecting with students
- Would like to offer the course in early Spring.

Questions were asked and comments were made regarding enrolment, participation and benefits to students. MSS building a social emotional classroom; development of the district resource team.

Psychology/social work pieces are already in place as it is the nature of the job; the Pro-D trip to North Vancouver was helpful and provided additional confidence in carrying out the course.

G. Forsythe and D. Cunningham exited the meeting at 5:36 pm.

8. Curriculum Update

Assistant Superintendent introduced his curriculum team and referred to the Joyful Literacy Summit handout.

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District Principal, Aboriginal Education, Joe Heslip, acknowledged the meeting was being held on unceded ancestral territory and provided information on upcoming curriculum connections events. Dates are yet to be confirmed. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for further submissions (art, articles, etc.) for the next Canoe issue.

Discussion ensued regarding not only vulnerable learners, but also those students at the top of the class and future plans to enrich learning for those students. Honours math at middle school? The transition between middle / high school is a struggle for many students. Carolynn Schmor would like to sit in on those conversations as well. In the 'bigger' picture, student do well in high school but struggle in university.

**MOVED and seconded to extend the meeting at 6:00 pm**

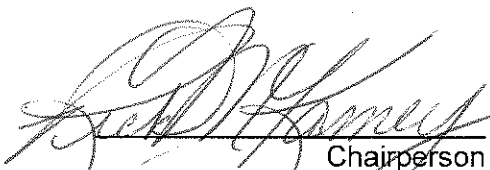
9. District Parent Advisory Council


A Report was attached to the Agenda.

10. **Adjournment**

**MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:06 pm.**

**CARRIED**

  
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Chairperson

  
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Secretary Treasurer