

Committee of the Whole Meeting
February 14, 2017 3:30 pm
District Education Office, 33046 – 4th Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Superintendent Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker
Assistant Secretary Treasurer Derek Welsh
Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)

Participants:

CUPE: George Forsythe
DPAC: Laura Wilson
MTU: Amber Chung, Anna Heavenor

Absent: Assistant Superintendent Larry Jepsen

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by the Committee Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged the meeting was being held on un-ceded territory of Stó:lō Nation People. There are four First Nation Bands within the boundaries of the Mission School District namely, Leq:a'mel First Nation, Sq'èwlets First Nation, Kwantlen First Nation, and Matsqui First Nation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Delegations/Presentations

N/A

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 2016/2017 Amended Budget

The Secretary Treasurer continued reviewing the amended budget from the January 31st meeting:

Occupational Health & Safety

- Compliance with WorkSafe BC;
- Consensus reached funds be set aside to assist with resources;
- Option proposed: 2 - 3 people could share responsibilities;
- Consensus reached to change wording from “Coordinator” to “funding”.

Solar Energy

Comments were made regarding infrastructure and long-range planning.

- Currently no long-term plan to proceed with solar energy;
- Currently conducting a long-range facility plan;
- Dewdney/Deroche are not on natural gas;
- Facility analysis will be brought back to the Board;
- Recommendation is to leave \$10K in the amended budget for planning;

- Consensus reached to move forward with \$10K however, not specifically targeting Dewdney and/or Deroche.

Facilities Equipment.

- Secretary Treasurer referred to page 2 (d)(i)(4) of the Agenda;
- Recognize the need to replace equipment sooner than later;
- Managed by Facilities Department.

Confirmed: Move forward.

Grounds Equipment

Discussion ensued regarding demands/needs for expansion of crews and mechanical abilities.

Confirmed: Move forward.

School Improvements (Security, Safety)

- Work order backlogs (approx. 1300);
- Seeking additional funds to help with backlogs and school enhancements;
- Without a budget, unable to seek resources to aid backlog;
- Goal is to get them down to a rotating or manageable number of work orders.

Confirmed: Move forward.

Portables

- Anticipated capacity pressures;
- Minimally six portables required and would like to commence the process of ordering (three in amended; three in preliminary budget);
- Average cost is \$100k each;
- Tendering is required.

Confirmed: Move forward.

Future further philosophical discussion of the Board: Schools of Choice and capacity.

Ferndale Phase 3/3A

- Questions regarding moving costs to Ferndale;
- To reopen Ferndale, where would facilities be placed?
- Costs to refurbish the facility for educational use vs. use for Facilities Dept.;
- Joining the workers together under one roof; morale issues.

Confirmed to move forward.

Technology improvements

- I.T. infrastructure requires resources;
- I.T. improvement plan will be brought to the Board;
- Priority: Organizational backbone.

Confirmed to move forward.

The Secretary Treasurer requested a summary of consensus:

Item 1: Counselor – Move forward;

Item 2: Labourer – Move forward;

Item 3: District Principal, Ab. Ed. – Deferred to a future COTW meeting; will form 2017/2018 preliminary budget deliberations;

Item 4: I.T. Manager - Move forward: Hire in May.

It was further agreed the District Principal, Aboriginal Education funding (\$35K) will be moved down to I.T. improvements.

The Secretary Treasurer reminded the committee of the amended budget process. The committee Chair proposed to bring the Bylaw forward as three readings.

4.2 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget

The format has been left somewhat unstructured in order to have more discussions and to determine the Board priorities. May wish to align more with the Strategic Plan?

It was proposed:

- Add formal student input;
- Solar Arrays (Scope how funding will be allocated after we get the report back);
- Hungry children: Deroche / Chehalis;
- Meetings with gay/straight alliances;
- Budget lines for teacher recruitment/qualifications assistance/building capacity to fill voids; attraction/retention; and
- Communication with staff and public regarding the pending technology improvements plan.

4.3 Amendments to the BC School Act

Consensus was reached to move the following resolution to the February 21st Regular Board meeting:

THAT the following resolution be submitted to the BC School Trustees' Association ("BCSTA"):

THAT the Provincial Government revise the British Columbia School Act to reflect that in the event a Board of Education or individual is removed or fired, that a By-Election will be held within six (6) months of the removal or termination.

5. **Staff Reports**

2017/2018 School Calendar

The Superintendent introduced the calendar. Three proposed revisions were received to which it was agreed will be made prior to the February 21st Regular Board meeting:

- Add *Stat in Lieu of Good Friday*;
- Re-align the order of calendar dates; and
- Add "Friday" to one of the calendar dates.

Minutes



Confirmed: Move forward and also bring the Distributed Learning calendar.

6. New Business

N/A

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Discussion ensued regarding the approval of minutes and placement of order on the Agenda.

Anna Heavenor exited the meeting at 5:48 pm.

Consensus was reached that partners may not have a voting right at the meetings however do have a voice on topics, errors and/or omissions.

MOVED and seconded that the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated January 10, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded that the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated January 31, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

Curriculum Update

MTU President reported on the work of core competency discussions: Teachers are submitting names for discussions however they have not formally scheduled date(s).

District Parent Advisory Council

The minutes of the January 23, 2017, meeting were attached at to the Agenda.

December Enrolment Chart

The enrolment chart was attached to the Agenda.

9. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer