

Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 1, 2018

District Education Office, 33046 – 4th Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Superintendent Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent Larry Jepsen
District Principal Information & Technology Colleen Hannah
Executive Assistant Aleksandra Zwierzchowska (Recorder)

Partner Groups Present:

District Parent Advisory Committee, Principal Vice-Principal Association, Mission Teachers' Union, and Stave Falls Community Association.

Guests:

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Delegations/Presentations

3.1 Summit Learning Centre, Distance Learning Program

Principal Lynn Cummings introduced Summit Learning Centre staff: Sandra Norum, Julie Baker, Becky Nelson, and Christine Beeby who presented information about the distributed learning program offered by the school.

Summit Learning Centre offers home learning and on-line courses for students in grades K – 12, an adult diploma program, and cross enrolment options for students in grades 10 – 12.

3.2 École Mission Secondary School, International Field Trip to France and Spain

Principal Jim Pearce introduced Sarah a student from MSS who presented information about her learning experiences while on the international field trip. The trip allowed students to engage in an authentic language experience and to learn about the culture and history of France and Spain.

4. Curriculum Update – Standing Item

4.1 Monthly Curriculum Update

The Assistant Superintendent of Schools reported on the following items:

- 1) The Joyful Literacy initiative will complete in May.
- 2) Peter Liljedahl, a Professor from Simon Fraser University completed an engaging math workshop with 50 teachers; another session will be offered in May.

- 3) An email went out to teachers to complete a survey regarding feedback for planning future professional development days.
- 4) The province has recognized greatspirithand.com as a very successful Aboriginal Education resource website.
- 5) Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre recognized the video regarding St. Mary's residential school and requested that MPSD facilitate tours.
- 6) Students from Christine Morrison Elementary participated in the Reading Link challenge and were awarded a bronze medal. The students will be competing at the provincial level.
- 7) District staff have logged over 10,000 student logins for myBlueprint since September, half of which are for K – 6 students. The district is surpassing neighbouring school districts some of which are in their third year of the programs integration.

The Superintendent reported that Mission students placed 1st in the multi-district Halq'emeylem Translation competition last week at Seabird Island.

4.2 Board/ Authority Authorized Courses

MOVED and Seconded that the following Board / Authority Authorized courses be reviewed and forwarded to the June Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration:

Basketball Training Competing and Officiating 10
Community Recreation 10
English Language for Learners – Level 1
Football 10
Hockey Skills 10 – 12
Lacrosse Academy 10
Leadership 10
Rugby 10
Self-Efficacy 10
Volleyball Intelligence and Officiating 10

CARRIED

Every district has BAA courses that must be approved by the Boards of Education. The courses address the redesigned curriculum and provide choice and flexibility to students.

Trustee Loffler referred to page 27 of the agenda for details about Football 10 course and noted that volleyball should be replaced with football.

Trustee Loffler recommended adding sportsmanship as a core competency for all the BAA courses as it relates to personal awareness and responsibility under the new curriculum.

Principal Jim Pearce reported that all courses are four (4) credits and are offered in a linear timetable.

The Board requested to follow-up on the Self Efficacy course at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

5. Unfinished Business

5.1 Summer School Update

The Superintendent of Schools announced that summer school courses will be offered in July at École Mission Secondary School. Students will undertake a 40-hour course to support their academic transition to the next grade. The course offering includes English 9, Math 9, English 10, Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 10, Social Studies 10, and Science 10. Courses are free, but there is a \$50 deposit required that will be refunded at the successful completion of the course.

The Ministry does provide some funding for summer school courses but administrative support is not included. The estimated cost to run the summer school program is approximately \$12,000.

Riverside College will offer a trades summer camp for grades 10-12 from July 3 – July 20 2018. Students will be learning carpentry, plumbing, and electrical wiring and will receive four credits towards graduation. A fee of \$150 will be charged to cover consumables and other associated costs. Registration is available through Riverside College. In addition, a girl's middle school camp will be offered and more information will be available in the future.

5.2 MSS Replacement

Trustee Loffler referred to the draft letter addressed to the Minister of Education Rob Fleming and recommended to share the letter with the District of Mission Mayor and Council, local MLAs, Dan Davies, Student Leadership groups, Indigenous partners and district partner groups.

The letter will be updated with the committees' suggestions and mailed out by the end of the week.

5.3 Draft Reserve Funds Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the Draft Reserve Funds Policy be reviewed and forwarded to the May Board Meeting for approval.

The draft Reserve Funds Policy was presented to the Committee on April 10, 2018 and forwarded to the April 17, 2018 Board meeting where it was approved in principle. The draft policy was uploaded to the district website and emailed to partner groups to solicit comments. No feedback was received.

BCSTA is recommending that accumulated surplus remain in the title of the policy. It is not a legislative requirement and therefore the school district will proceed with calling the policy a reserve funds policy.

6. **Staff Reports**

6.1 Draft Work Plan- Stave Falls Elementary School Reopening

The Secretary Treasurer advised the committee that staff prepared a work plan to begin the preparation for the reopening of Stave Falls School for September 2019. The listed items are not an exhaustive list but a high-level overview of the planned work.

It was noted that there is a date error for hiring the school's principal. Staff plan to hire the principal much sooner than September 2019.

A recommendation was made by the Missions Teachers' Union President to consider installing telephones in classrooms at Stave Falls. Currently, there is no way for administrators to communicate with teachers in classrooms at many school sites.

The preliminary planned work includes:

Roof

Damage to the roof is more extensive than anticipated. Once an assessment is complete, staff will issue a tender for the work and design. The project is expected to be completed during the summer/ fall of 2018.

Building Exterior

Upper exterior walls will be prepped and painted during the roofing project this will include the soffit and fascia repairs. Wood timbers to be clean and sealed summer 2018. Window coverings to be removed, walls, window and door casings repaired/ painted spring 2019. Exterior building lighting summer 2018 and parking lot lighting spring 2019.

Site:

Site repairs and preparation for playground equipment summer 2018. Paving repairs June 2019. Septic field repairs in spring/ summer 2019.

Electrical/ Mechanical

HVAC controls summer/ fall 2018, heating valves late 2018, interior lighting and replacement of controls system, IT wiring, NGN connection and WiFi access points fall 2018. The internet/ phones/ PA and Bell systems to be installed spring 2019. Staff will apply for capital funding in 2019/2020 for the boiler replacement.

Interior

Once all the wiring is complete, ceiling tiles will be installed December 2018. Cleaning, repairs, and flooring spring 2019.

Resources will be purchased spring 2019. The building will be furnished with technology onsite summer 2019.

7. New Business

8. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOVED and Seconded that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated April 10, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

9. Information Items

9.1 District Parent Advisory Council (Standing Item)

DPAC meeting minutes are provided as information.

9.2 Fraser Health Letter re: Support for health benefits of Ministries SOGI 123 initiative

The letter is provided as information.

The Superintendent made an announcement regarding an upcoming information session for Raising Digitally Responsible Youth. The session will be offered to parents of school-aged children on May 22, 2018 at Heritage Park Middle School. For more information, contact the Superintendent.

Minutes



10. Adjournment

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Secretary Treasurer

June 5, 2018

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