

Special Committee of the Whole – Public Meeting

Minutes



Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 8, 2019 at 3:30pm
District Education Office, 33046 – 4th Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Superintendent Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker (Recorder)
Assistant Superintendent Larry Jepsen
Assistant Secretary Treasurer Derek Welsh
District Principal Aboriginal Education, Joseph Heslip
Director, Student Services, Carolyn Schmor

Partner Groups Present:

District Parent Advisory Committee, Mission Teachers' Union, Canadian Union of Public Employees 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. Staff Reports

3.1 Student Recommendations: 2018-2019 Budget

The Superintendent provided an overview of the feedback received from students regarding the budget priorities. The information will be shared with the principals, as much of the feedback is related to purchasing supplies and materials within the school budgets.

Question: In reviewing the comments regarding safety in schools, how often is the RCMP Liaison officer in the schools?

Response: Every two or three days.

Comment: The Board considered the comment regarding the ventilation in the metal shop, and noted that the recent capital program included funding for the ventilation system in the shops.

3.2 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the budget information presented. She noted that the draft budget was prepared based on the student enrolment projections provided to the Ministry in February, which included an increase in enrolment of approximately 140 students. At the time the budget information was prepared, the student enrolment projections have not demonstrated this level of growth. As such, the budget needs to be flexible so that expenses can be reduced if the students do not show up in September.

Trustee Taylor arrived at 4:18 pm.

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The draft budget had \$413,069 yet to be allocated. Staff put together a recommended list from the discretionary items. The board wanted to see the funding for the DP ABED to come from operations as opposed to targeted funding.

Question: Does the budget include revenue from daycare operation at Silverdale? Response: No, as it is not certain at this point. We can always add it with the amended budget.

MOVED and Seconded that the following items be included in the budget,

ABED DP to operating (.6 FTE)	\$90,000
Speech Language Pathologist (.1 FTE increase)	12,569
Youth Care Worker	40,000
Counsellor (.4 FTE additional middle schools)	40,000
HMS Admin Time (.4 FTE additional)	73,000
Windebank Admin time (.1 FTE additional)	9,500
ABED Curriculum teacher to operating (.5 FTE)	47,500
ABED Program Area Leaders (3)	8,000
Stave Falls Principal	<u>72,500</u>
	<u>\$413,069</u>

AND THAT the draft budget bylaw be returned to the special Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for May 29, 2018.

CARRIED

Staff indicated that they are hopeful that more information on enrolment and staffing will be summarized for the meeting on May 29th as well.

The Committee requested that staff provide a report to the next regular Committee of the Whole meeting that includes information from the partner groups regarding the impacts of the pace of innovation and change on the organization due to the new curriculum and technology upgrades.

4. Adjournment

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

June 5, 2018

Date

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Secretary Treasurer

June 5, 2018

Date