

Board of Education Public Meeting
May 15, 2018 at 6:30pm
Riverside College, 33919 Dewdney Trunk Road, Mission

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
Executive Assistant Aleksandra Zwierzchowska (Recorder)

Partner Groups Present:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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

The Principal presented 10 statistics about Riverside College:

- 1) Registered 170 students and claimed 212 courses continuing education courses
- 2) Of the 242 students, 44 self-identified themselves as Aboriginal
- 3) Signed Memorandum of Understanding with UFV to enroll students in programs tuition free
- 4) Re-opening professional cooks training and business program in 2018/ 2019
- 5) Partnering with Mission Communities to offer Fiber Optic Tech program
- 6) Developing new programs such as Hair Stylist Level 2
- 7) Increased enrolment by 103.75 FTE
- 8) School of choice for graduated adults
- 9) Entering into a training agreement with Leq:a'mel First Nations Band
- 10) Students have volunteered 29,300 hours through work experience and community events

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 Draft Reserve Funds Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the Draft Reserve Funds Policy be approved.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the Province issued the Financial Governance and Accountability framework for school districts. Following direction from the Province and BCSTA, the school district developed a policy that outlines guidelines regarding the use of reserve funds. The policy provides clarity to the government and the public about the processes that staff apply when reviewing the operating surplus and the placement of funds into reserves.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Budget Update

The Secretary Treasurer reported that Province has approved funding for the school bus that was involved in a motor vehicle incident. In addition, the school district will be receiving \$90,000 for a new playground at Deroche Elementary.

The capital improvements agreement for 2018/2019 will be amended to include these two changes.

5.2 Worksafe BC Pace Review

Worksafe BC provided staff with a twelve (12) page document detailing health and safety violations. The school district has entered into a compliance agreement with Worksafe and must provide them with a report by June 15, 2018 outlining the district's plan to become compliant. In addition, the district is required to check in with Worksafe every two weeks to provide a progress report.

The District Health and Safety Committee is noncompliant with legislation. There is no structure available that allows for an oversight committee. Each joint committee has the power and control over their site based health and safety program. The only way for the district committee to continue is if Worksafe issued a variance.

6. New Business

No new business was presented.

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated April 17, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

8.1 Raising Digitally Responsible Youth Info Session, May 22, 2018.

The start time was changed to 7:00pm.

9. Correspondence

9.1 SD75 Ltr to Minister Rob Fleming re: Capital Funding to Build New Schools

The Board prepared a letter to the Minister of Education regarding capital funding for new schools.

9.2 SD 67 Ltr to Minister Rob Fleming re: Employer Health Tax

This letter regarding the Employer Health Tax is provided as information.

10. Committee Minutes/ Liaison Reports

Trustees reported on the following items:

- First Salmon Ceremony for Kwantlen First Nations
- Stave West Planning Meeting
- British Columbia Schools Trustee Association AGM
- Siwal Si'Wes Council Meeting
- SOGI Blanket Initiative
- Rotary Lunch
- Flood planning and emergency preparedness
- Aboriginal Student Recognition Dinner at MSS
- Mission Community Foundation Scholarship awards
- Elementary District Track Meet
- Presentation to Grade 6 class at ESR about the role of School Trustee
- Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding 2018-19 Budget
- Agenda Prep Meeting
- MSS Prom at Heritage Park

11. Announcements

The Board Chair announce that Trustees were presented with the BCSTA Service Award:

- Trustee McKamey received a three (3) term award,
- Trustee Loffler received a one (1) term award,
- Trustee Cairns received a four (4) term award,
- Trustee Taylor and Trustee Carter both received an award for serving two (2) terms.

12. Question Period

Question: Is it the intention of the school district to create District Health and Safety Committee for September 2018?

Response: At this point the school district is not in a position to make this decision.

Minutes



13. Adjournment

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer