

Board of Education Meeting - Public
April 17, 2018 at 6:30pm
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
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.

Guests:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 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

Ms. Gerwal, Principal of Albert McMahon introduced Chelsea Reist, Nathan Reist, Lisa Taylor, and Paul Nguyen who are teachers at the school. The presentation focused on the school's literacy initiatives that include creative games and workbooks to engage students in acquiring their reading and writing skills.

4. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business presented.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Capital Bylaw 18/19-CP-SD75-01

That the following resolutions be approved:

MOVED and Seconded that the required three (3) readings for Capital Bylaw No. 18/19-CP-SD75-01 be carried out at one meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED and Seconded that the first reading of Capital Bylaw No. 18/19-CP-SD75-01, a bylaw for the 2018/2019 Capital Plan, be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED and Seconded that the second reading of Capital Bylaw No. 18/19-CP-SD75-01 be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED and Seconded that the third and final reading of Capital Bylaw 18/19-CP-SD75-01 be approved.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer reported that capital bylaw includes the list of five capital projects approved by the Ministry of Education. This includes the funding for a replacement bus that was written-off in a motor vehicle accident and was not included in the original submission.

The Superintendent noted that there are calculation errors with the Expansion Projects grand total as well as the School Replacement Projects grand total found on page 7 of the agenda.

5.2 Reserve Funds Policy - Draft

MOVED and Seconded that the Draft Reserve Funds Policy be approved in principle; and

THAT the Reserve Funds Policy be circulated for public comment and returned with any comments received to the May Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.

CARRIED

BCSTA has been working with the Province on recommendations for Financial Governance and Accountability Framework for School Districts. This policy provides guidance on the review of any annual operating surplus funds and recommendations for the placement of the surplus funds into reserves.

The draft policy was presented to the Committee of the Whole on April 10, 2018 and it was renamed as the Reserve Funds Policy.

5.3 District of Mission/ SD 75 for Clarke Theatre and Community Gym Funding Agreement

MOVED and Seconded that the Clarke Theatre and Community Gym Funding Agreement for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years be approved; and

THAT the Secretary Treasurer be authorized to sign the agreement for the School District.

CARRIED

The funding agreement will provide Mission Public Schools financial support with the operating costs of the Clarke Theatre and the Community Gym at Heritage Park for the next two years. The District of Mission and Mission Public Schools started the process of reviewing the Operating Agreement and staff is hoping to bring it back for review in the next year for further discussion.

5.4 SD #75 (Mission) Quarterly Financial Report- March 31, 2018

The financial summary report is provided as information. Everything is tracking on schedule. At this point, it appears there will be some form of a surplus. In May staff will be bringing forward the draft 2018/19 budget and it will include a rough estimate for the surplus. The Financial Summary Report

attachment is generated from the financial statement system and it provides a high level overview of the district's financial standings year-to-date.

5.5 Reporting out from April 17, 2018 Closed meeting

The Superintendent reported that personnel matters were discussed during the Closed Board meeting.

6. New Business

6.1 Silverdale Elementary – School Programming

The public has expressed concerns that Silverdale is to become a School of Choice. The Superintendent provided clarification that there have been discussions about the potential for a unique program offering which is not to be confused with a School of Choice.

Two terms require clarification are:

School of Choice means an elementary school other than the neighbourhood school that parents choose to have their child(ren) attend.

Program of Choice means a School District initiated program approved by the Board and designated to run in one or more school sites.

There is exploration by the Principal of Silverdale to offer a science, technology, engineering and art or applied mathematics (STEAM) focused program.

It was recommended this topic be forwarded to the next CoTW meeting.

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated March 13, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

The information items outlined below are provided as information.

8.1 BCPSEA NewsLink Express re: Board Chair Confirmed

8.2 SD #75 (Mission) March News Release

9. Correspondence

The correspondence items outlined below are provided as information. The Board Chair referred to page 35 of the agenda noting that it provides a meeting schedule for the public to meet with Mission's Mayor and Council to discuss neighbourhood parks.

9.1 BCSTA Letter to Minister re: *New Strategic Plan for Aboriginal Education*

9.2 SD 69 (Qualicum) Letter to Minister re: *Payroll Tax*

9.3 SD 69 (Qualicum) Letter re: *Got Privilege Campaign*

9.4 District of Mission Memorandum re: *Neighbourhood Park Meetings*

10. Committee Minutes/ Liaison Reports

No committee minutes presented. Trustees reported on the following:

Minutes



- Trustee McKamey spoke at Deroche Elementary regarding environmental matters. The students will be releasing Chum into the stream near the school this Friday April 20, 2018 at 10:15am.
- Trustee Carter completed a conference call with Elections Engagements committee. More information to be presented at the upcoming BCSTA AGM.
- Trustee Taylor completed some budget reading to prepare for upcoming budget meetings, environmental work and meetings with First Nation bands.
- Trustee Cairns attended the Siwal Si'wes meeting, a funeral at Chehalis for a former graduate, and visited Dewdney Elementary School to check out the Solar panels.
- Trustee Loffler attended the regional Skills Competition at UFV in Chilliwack, the Regional Funding Model review meeting, the Siwal Si'wes meeting and the open house at Riverside College.

11. Announcements

12. Question Period

Q. Is there a timeline for the program of choice at Silverdale?

R: There have been some exploratory conversations at the school's staff meetings to determine what the focus will be. There is discussion to have the program available as an offering in September 2019.

13. Adjournment

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer