

**School District #75 (Mission)
Public Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes**

**April 21, 2020, 6:30 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Vice-Chair, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Shelley Carter
Trustee, Rick McKamey
Trustee, Julia Renkema

Staff Present: Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer, Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo (Recorder)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged Mission Public Schools is located 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

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Board recessed the Closed meeting and will report out items at the Public meeting in May.

5.2 Report on School District function during Pandemic

The Superintendent provided an update on School District operations during the last month. Areas of discussion included communication with families and staff, childcare, continuity of learning and on-line learning, graduation, redeployment, the work being completed by facilities staff, cleaning supplies, liaison with the DoM and other partners, and communication with the Ministry.

A question was asked about the messaging that is being shared with the general public about how learning is being delivered in our district. The Superintendent commented that we can push out more information via our website.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Deferring of Non-essential Items

MOVED and Seconded that all policy reviews, the boundary review, strategic planning meetings, and non-essential issues, be deferred until the September CotW, or until the COVID-19 pandemic period is resolved.

AMENDMENT #1

MOVED AND Seconded that the motion be amended as follows:

Remove non-essential issues and replace with non-emergent issues.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT #2

MOVED to include, "with the exception with changes to the Steelhead Boundary."

FAILED

AMENDED MOTION

MOVED and Seconded that all policy reviews, the boundary review, strategic planning meetings, and non-emergent issues, be deferred until the September CotW, or until the COVID-19 pandemic period is resolved.

CARRIED

6.2 Boundary Catchment - Steelhead Survey Results

The survey revealed that there is support for considering the boundary change for the Steelhead area to the Stave Falls Elementary School. The Board could consider additional public engagement to change the boundary for September 2020. Staff still require information on busing and other critical items.

A question was asked about the benefit of having additional public input? Staff recommend additional consultation to ensure that the School District receives input from the families directly affected by the change. Staff would need to extract the total number of families impacted by the boundary change.

The Board discussed options for changing the boundary for September 2020 and decided that the item can be deferred until the following year or when the Board revisits boundary catchments.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated March 10, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

10. LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees reported on:

Board and Committee meetings via conference call and Zoom, phone meetings with parents and teachers, BCSTA meetings regarding upcoming elections, Board Chair meeting, and provincial council. Meeting with Superintendent to discuss COVID-19, discussion on seismic report, correspondence with Mission Community Foundation and email correspondence with members of the public. Before spring break, several Trustees were able to attend the Riverside College Open House.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was presented about deferring the changes to the Steelhead boundary and best efforts by the Board to minimize class size and composition issues. Staffing meetings are underway. As soon as this information becomes available, it will be reviewed and considered.

What considerations were made to identify vulnerable students? The focus area was for Student Services to identify students who require additional supports. There is no specific definition. A vulnerable student is any student at risk for a variety of reasons.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary Treasurer

The minutes were approved on May 19, 2020 at the Public Board meeting.