

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

**January 21, 2020, 6:30 pm
Windebank Elementary
33570 11th Avenue, Mission, BC**

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

Members Absent: Trustee, Shelley Carter

Staff Present: Superintendent of Schools Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker
Executive Assistant Aleksandra Zwierzchowska (Recorder)

Staff Absent: Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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

Two items were added:

1. Item 6.4 - Motion for BCSTA AGM re: FNEESC Annual Indigenous Education Conference.
2. Item 11.3 - Motion to suspend Trustee Conferences and/ or Professional Development outside of BCSTA.

Presentation Item 3.2 – \$10 a Day Child Care was moved to after question period.
MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Windebank Elementary Intensive Core French (ICF) Program

A presentation was provided about the school's Intensive Core French (ICF) Program and the model behind learning and teaching ICF.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Learning Resource Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the amended Learning Resources Policy be approved.

CARRIED

The Learning Resources Policy was approved in principle and submitted to the Educational Community for comments. The revised policy and procedure, with the comments from the Educational Community was reviewed at the Committee of the Whole on January 14, 2020 and is presented for final approval.

4.2 Policy Development and Review Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the Policy Development and Review Policy be amended to include:

THAT any individual Trustee has the right to initiate a policy for consideration and bring to the Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

It was requested that the amendment be included under the planning section of the policy guidelines.

4.3 School District Representatives to External Organizations Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the School District Representatives to External Organizations Policy be approved.

CARRIED

The policy was referred to the Educational Community for feedback. No comments were received.

4.4 Trustee Remuneration Policy Recommendations

MOVED and Seconded that the Trustee Remuneration Policy recommendations be considered:

That a policy be developed that includes:

- a. Trustee remuneration with an annual inflationary adjustment equal to the BC CPI adjustment from the prior year.
- b. An external review of the trustee remuneration to be conducted every five years.

CARRIED

Clarification was provided that the Board is voting on the recommendations that are to be included in the policy. The Secretary Treasurer explained that options outlined in the report require some adjusting as this information is based on expense allowance. Once the policy is drafted, it will be brought back for review and consideration.

It was requested that the options presented include information without increasing the net pay and the adjustment for next year based on CPI increases.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Superintendent reported that property and personnel matter were discussed at the Closed meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Borrowing Resolution

MOVED and Seconded that the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer be authorized to borrow on behalf of Mission Public School District (School District #75) from the Scotia Bank for the 2019 / 2020 operating year:

- a. \$1,500,000 for an Operating Line of Credit
- b. \$750,000 for a revolving term / Scotia leasing

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the resolution is standard procedure and is reviewed annually by the Board.

6.2 Indigenous Language Education Policy

MOVED and Seconded that Staff develop an Indigenous Language Education Policy and bring back to the Board for consideration.

CARRIED

The School District is already taking steps with teaching Indigenous language in our schools, drafting a policy will fulfill any shortcomings.

It was requested that the policy include formal direction with the Halq'emelem language.

6.3 Coaches

MOVED and Seconded that the Board send an acknowledgement of thanks to all staff coaches and extra-curricular leaders at the end of each school year.

AMENDMENT

To include, "that the Board direct staff."

AMENDED MOTION

MOVED and Seconded that the Board direct staff to send an acknowledgement of thanks to all staff coaches and extra-curricular leaders at the end of each school year.

CARRIED

The Board requested that Staff decide on the best format for acknowledging coaches/ extra-curricular leaders and issue a note of acknowledgement on behalf of the Board.

6.4 Motion for BCSTA AGM re: FNEESC Annual Indigenous Education Conference

MOVED and Seconded that the following motion approved at the October 15, 2019 Board meeting be rescinded:

That the Board of Education recommend that BCSTA in the future move the dates of the BCSTA Academy Conference in November, so it does not conflict with the FNEESC Conference dates; and

MOVED and Seconded that the following motion be approved:

Whereas the work of BCSTA and FNEESC require the participation and attendance of School District Trustees;

AND WHEREAS the BCSTA AGM and the FNEESC Annual Indigenous Education Conference have been scheduled for the same weekends in the past;

Therefore, be it resolved that BCSTA work in conjunction with FNEESC to minimize or eliminate the overlapping of events that require Trustees to choose between the two events.

Opposed by: Trustee Cairns, Trustee McKamey, and Trustee Renkema.

FAILED

A conversation ensued not supporting the motion as written and reverting back to the original motion.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2019

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated December 17, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees reported on:

The Solar Panels at Dewdney Elementary, Women Helping Women Forum - Career Fair, Meetings over the phone, BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee meeting, BCSTA Working Group, and Budget meetings.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Boundary Review survey is being reviewed and will be available soon.
2. A Special CotW is scheduled for January 28, 2020.
3. The Board passed a motion postponing Trustee conferences and professional development outside of BCSTA that have financial impact until the end of the current budget year.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about the line of credit and if the amount was increased this year. A follow-up question was provided to learn if the line of credit will it be used to bring the SD into a surplus position for the 2020/ 2021 budget?

The amount has not increased and is to be used as cash flow only.

A question was asked about suspending Trustee professional development and if this cut-back will offset an increase to Trustee remuneration? Clarification was provided that Trustees are not approving any increases/ changes to Trustee Remuneration. At this time only a framework has been approved.

11. Presentation on \$10aDay.ca Child Care | Sharon Gregson

The presentation highlighted barriers to childcare and the objectives behind the \$10 a Day Plan.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Secretary Treasurer