

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

**June 16, 2020, 1:00 pm
Zoom Videoconference**

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by the Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged that Mission Public Schools is 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

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Superintendent reported out that personnel and property matters were discussed at the Closed Board meeting earlier today.

5.2 Report on School District function during CoVid Pandemic

The Superintendent provided an update on the school district function during the CoVid pandemic. Currently, we are in stage 3 with the re-entry of students. Our childcare sites are amalgamating to one site as the need for childcare has decreased with the re-entry of students. Other areas of

discussion focused on cleaning sites, PPE supplies, and an outlook for September. We will be waiting to hear from the Ministry on updates regarding this status in August.

5.3 Yearend Superintendent Report

Successes for this year include the adaptability of staff through the pandemic, meals provided to families and donation by MSS, continued work with the Complex Trauma Team in training our Staff, support from unions and the successful completion of bargaining, a new wellness page, and implementation of Boardmaker.

Challenges include the overall 6-year completion rate was 75%; the aboriginal rate was 70%. These rates are lower than the rates of neighbouring School Districts. Between the snow days, sewer pump issues at Albert McMahon, and the coronavirus, the School District lost a few school days. This year has had significant financial challenges. Between the initial shortfalls, uncertainty around enrolment of international students and spiraling COVID related costs. Amazing work has been done by the Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and other staff with addressing the budget.

The Superintendent acknowledged and thanked several district staff members for their efforts and support throughout the year.

The Assistant Superintendent provided a presentation on curriculum support initiatives that included highlights of Joyful literacy, Novel Approach, Jump Match, Teacher Librarians, French Immersion, studio time at Mission Senior Secondary, and remote learning.

A question was presented related to virtual learning and professional development. It is definitely a possibility to offer some remote pro-d.

5.4 2020-21 Board Meeting Schedule

MOVED and Seconded that the 2020-2021 Committee of the Whole/ Board of Education Meeting Schedules be approved.

CARRIED

5.5 BAA Courses

MOVED and Seconded that the following Board Authority Authorized courses be reviewed and considered for approval by the Board of Education:

Esthetics – Introduction to Esthetics
Esthetics – General Sciences
Esthetics – Specific Sciences
Esthetics – Advanced Treatment - Nails and Feet
Esthetics – Advanced Treatment - Skin
Esthetics – Client Services
Esthetics – World of Makeup
Esthetics – Business Skills

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Different Together Pledge

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education take the #Different Together Pledge:

Mission Public Schools is inclusive and respects people of all ethnicities, cultures and faiths and their contributions to our collective well-being.

Mission Public Schools holds diversity as a fundamental value at the heart of success, strength and resilience of our communities, workplaces, schools, public and private institutions.

We Pledge to uphold and promote these values and to commit to speaking up to oppose racism and hate in all its forms.

CARRIED

British Columbia's Lieutenant Governor, Janet Austin is encouraging leaders in BC to pledge and uphold the Canadian values of diversity and inclusion and to oppose racism and hate in all its forms. We are stronger when we are #differenttogether. The Board of Education values Working Together, Lifelong Learning, Thinking Beyond Today and Doing the Right Thing. The #differenttogether pledge is representative of these values. Taking the pledge as a Board demonstrates our commitment to being leaders in embracing diversity and acting against racism.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated May 19, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees reported on:

May 27, 2020 Blanket event, Si'Wal Si'Wes meeting, budget meetings, Pathways to Employment presentation, meeting with Chief Maureen Chapman, meetings with Leq'a:mel First Nations, Mission Community Foundation virtual art collection of an Indigenous Artist, BC Sports Association AGM, and conference calls with Board Chairs from other Schools Districts.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.1 BCPSEA Trustee Liaison

Trustee Carter will be the liaison representative for BCPSEA.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.

T. Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

C. Becker

Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on
September 22, 2020 at the Public
Board meeting.