

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

November 19, 2019, 6:30 pm

Deroche Elementary School

Deroche Elementary School, 10340 N Deroche Road, Deroche BC

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

Members Absent: Trustee Rick McKamey

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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

Mr. Abercrombie, the Principal of Deroche Elementary, shared videos of students presenting information about tree species in the outdoor learning environment.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Strategic Plan

MOVED and Seconded that the Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 be approved.

CARRIED

The draft Strategic Plan was reviewed at the September Committee of the Whole meeting which followed with a public consultation process. The plan was also emailed to all district staff, partner and community groups including Si'wal Si'wes, and shared with student leadership groups. One final review took place at the November Committee of the Whole meeting.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Superintendent reported that property, personnel, and student matters were discussed at the Closed meeting on October 15, 2019.

The Chair advised that the Board has not completed the Closed meeting. Matters will be reported out at a subsequent meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Policy Review Prioritization

MOVED and Seconded that the policies for development and review be prioritized for action for the 2019/2020 school year as follows:

1. Board Roles: Trustees, Board Chair, and Vice-Chair (review / combine multiple policies)
2. Policy Development and Review (review)
3. School District Representatives (review)
4. Trustee Professional Development (review)
5. Trustee Remuneration (new)
6. Communications (new)
7. Employee Long Service Recognition (new)
8. Budget Monitoring and Reporting (new)
9. Menstrual Products (new)
10. Gender neutral hiring practices (new)
11. Hiring Practices for Women in Trades (new)
12. Use of Technology (new)
13. Digital Citizenship (new)
14. Sexual Minority, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Anti-homophobic (review)
15. Substance or Drug / Alcohol Use / Abuse (review – add medical cannabis use)
16. Animal in Schools, including Medical Service and Therapy Dogs (Review two policies)

CARRIED

The Board reviewed and revised the policy list at the November Committee of the Whole meeting. The updated list is presented for consideration. Clarification was provided that policy revisions and new policies will be presented for discussion at future Committee of the Whole meetings.

6.2 Policy Development and Review Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the Policy Development and Review Policy be approved in principle;

AND THAT the Policy Development and Review Policy be referred to the educational community for comments;

AND THAT the Policy Development and Review Policy, along with comments from the educational community consultation be returned to the December Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.

CARRIED

The policy regarding policy development was reformatted and updated for the Board's consideration.

6.3 Board Roles Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the Board Roles Policy: Trustees, Board Chair, and Vice Chair be approved;

AND THAT Policy 4 - Role of the Trustee, Policy 6 – Role of the Board Chair, and Policy 7 – Role of the Vice-Chair be rescinded.

CARRIED

The review of the various policies of the School District identified the need to simplify and coordinate various policies. The three current policies are similar in nature, with some overlap. As such, the three policies were combined. While some of the language was simplified when possible, most of the new policy is consistent with the three previously approved policies.

6.4 School District Representatives

MOVED and Seconded THAT the School District Representatives to External Organizations Policy be approved in principle;

AND THAT the School District Representatives to External Organizations Policy be referred to the educational community for comments;

AND THAT the School District Representatives to External Organizations Policy, along with comments from the educational community consultation

be returned to the December Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.

CARRIED

The policy provides clarity for School District representation to boards and committees external to the School District.

6.5 Policies to be Rescinded

MOVED and Seconded that the following policies be rescinded:

Policy 1 – Direction

Policy 3 – School Board Powers and Duties

Policy 19 – District Code of Conduct

Policy 25 – Respectful Schools and Anti-Bullying Policy

CARRIED

The listed policies are to be rescinded as new or revised policies have been approved in their place.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2019

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated October 15, 2019, be approved.

CARRIED

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees reported on:

Joint Meeting with the District of Mission, Sp. Committee of the Whole, Remembrance Day Assemblies, BCSTA Learning Committee, BCSTA Branch meeting in Chilliwack, the Power of Mentorship - Women Helping Women forum, Halloween events, book fair and bake sale at Hillside, Environmental Sustainability fundraiser for Stave Falls which involved collecting trash, DPAC AGM, Equity Scan presentation, laying of wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the local Legion, SOGI 123 Learning Session led by Sharon Widdows and Darren Forest, BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting, Joint Partner Liaison Meeting, Siwal Siwes Council meeting, planning meetings for Women helping Women forum, video conference regarding trustee working conditions and harassment, and drafting letters regarding School Site Acquisitions and FMR Working Group Reports.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that the School District is launching a Facebook Page.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about the policies that are being rescinded. Clarification was provided that new or revised replacement policies have already been approved. The rescinding of these policies should have happened back when the policies were approved.

It was noted that the district website is the best resource for an updated list of all policies.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Secretary Treasurer