

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

October 15, 2019, 6:30 pm
Albert McMahon Elementary
32865 Cherry Avenue, Mission, BC

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 Zwierzchowska (Recorder)

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

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Board Chair advised that the Closed meeting did not complete and that the items will be reported out at a future meeting.

5.2 Catchment Areas, Cross Boundary, Schools of Choice, and Programs of Choice Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the Catchment Areas, Cross Boundary, Schools of Choice, and Programs of Choice Policy be approved.

CARRIED

The policy has been revised to include the French Immersion and Middle School catchment for Stave Falls Elementary School, as well as the Middle School catchment for students attending the Intensive Core French program at Windebank Elementary.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 MSP Health Fees of International Students & Budget Implications

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education send letters to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Minister of Finance, and the MLAs that outline the cost implications related to changes with the MSP health fees of international students.

CARRIED

The final paragraph should include stronger narrative requesting that the Province include School Districts in the consultation process.

The Board agreed to have Staff update the letter with the mentioned recommendations and to include the letter on the next Public agenda as an information item.

6.2 School District Hiring Practice for Women in Trades

MOVED and Seconded that Staff look at School District policies and hiring practices for gender neutral language;

and that Staff provide some recommendations on policies for hiring practices for Women in Trades within the School District.

CARRIED

Staff will review opportunities for practices and policies for hiring Women in Trades. The Superintendent advised that one starting point is to update job postings to include gender neutral language.

6.3 British Columbia School Trustee Association Membership

MOVED and Seconded that the Mission Board of Education not renew membership with the British Columbia School Trustee Association.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Chair Loffler, Trustee Carter, Trustee McKamey, and Trustee Renkema

It was mentioned that in past the Board agreed to review this item on an annual basis. The majority of the Board acknowledged that there are many benefits to the BCSTA membership and that being a part of the association gives School Districts a stronger collective voice.

6.4 British Columbia School Trustee Association, Trustee Academy

MOVED and Seconded 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.

CARRIED

The Board recognized that it is difficult for associations to coordinate dates when they need to book venues one to two years out.

It was requested that the recommendation be forwarded to the Fraser Valley Branch followed by the BCSTA AGM.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

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

CARRIED

7.2 Trades Training Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2019

MOVED and Seconded that the Trades Training Advisory Committee minutes dated September 24, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

The minutes need to be updated to include Trustee Carter as an attendee at the meeting.

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees reported on:

Cultural Days, 30 year anniversary of Mission Archives, Orange Shirt Day, Trades Training Committee Advisory, LTL Open House, planning of Women Helping Women Forum, World of Teachers' Breakfast, Tour of MSS with Minister Rob Fleming, Stave Falls PAC meeting, Mission Community Foundation Board meeting, Mission Literacy in Motion, Welcome BBQ at Dewdney, ELL Consortium, Sunrise Morning Rotary Club and presentation of the Strategic Plan, Cops for Cancer, the loss of community members, Conference call with the Deputy Minister regarding the Funding Model Review, and Federal All Candidates meeting.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about two members of the Trades Training Advisory Committee. Clarification was provided that one member works in the forestry department at the District of Mission and the other is a local business owner.

The president of the Mission Teachers' Union thanked the School District for donating door prizes to the World Teachers' Day breakfast.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary Treasurer