

**School District #75 (Mission)
Public Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes**

April 7, 2020, 3:30 pm

Meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom

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
Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Derek Welsh
District Principal of International Education, Collen Hannah
Acting District Principal of Indigenous Education, Vivian Searwar
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo (Recorder)

Others Present: School Principal/ PVPA Representative – Linda Ziefflie, School
Principal/ PVPA Representative – Lynn Cummings, MTU
President – Janise Nikolic, MTU VP – Ryan McCarty, DPAC
Representatives Dionne Hairsine, and Cheryl Blondin.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 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

4. CURRICULUM

4.1 Curriculum Update - Continuity of Learning

The Assistant Superintendent provided an overview on the framework for continuity of learning and how educators are finding new ways to support students and families. Guiding principles are incorporated in the

framework to ensure learning opportunities are safe, equitable, and inclusive for ALL students.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Boundary Review

Due to the current situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, staff have requested to defer preparing the summary report with the survey feedback until later this year. The hope is that the information will be reviewed and summarized for September 2020.

A request was presented for Staff to look at the Steelhead catchment to consider changing the boundary for September 2020. Staff noted that they are able summarize the information and bring it back to the Board prior to the end of the school year.

5.2 École Mission Senior Secondary – Seismic Report

The consultant is waiting for the formal cost projections for the project options. The very rough estimates indicate that actual project costs with escalation would be between \$25 and \$30 million for seismic upgrades or a partial replacement with seismic upgrades, while the full replacement cost would be between \$70 and \$80 million.

The Ministry has also changed how it is approaching Capital Projects. The Secretary Treasurer recommended to schedule a meeting with the consultant and the Board regarding the best approach on next steps. Another update will be provided at the Public meeting on April 21, 2020.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Budget

The Secretary Treasurer recommended to defer the conversation on the 2020/2021 budget meeting until the Special Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for April 14, 2020.

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided an update on the 2019-2020 amended budget. At this time, there are no significant impacts to report as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Overall, the budget does not seem to be progressing in a negative way. There are a few increases and some savings which is presenting neutral results.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Municipal and School District Coordination

The School District has been involved with the District of Mission in two significant ways since the beginning of the COVID19 Pandemic: COVID 19 Task Group and Childcare services.

7.2 Deferring of Non-essential Items

MOVED and Seconded that the following resolution be forwarded to the Public meeting on April 21, 2020:

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.

CARRIED

A question was asked who and what determines non-essential issues.

The focus for the School District during this time is budget, students, and personnel. If something is presented to the Board for consideration, the idea would be for the Board to consider the item and defer the issue if possible.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

8.1 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated February 4, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Special Committee of the Whole minutes dated February 4, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

The minutes from February 4, 2020 were reviewed and modified to provide clarification about the sequence of events related to item 4.1.

8.2 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated March 3, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Committee of the Whole minutes dated March 3, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A reminder was provided that a Special Committee of the Whole is scheduled for April 14, 2020.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Original signed by T. Loffler

Original signed by C. Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary Treasurer

The minutes were approved on May 5, 2020 at the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting.