

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

**March 3, 2020, 3:30 pm
District Education Office, 33046 4th Avenue, Mission, BC**

**Members Present: Vice Chair, Randy Cairns (Meeting Chair)
Trustee, Rick McKamey
Trustee, Julia Renkema**

**Members Absent: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Trustee, Shelley Carter**

**Staff Present: Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer, Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez
Director of Student Services,Carolynn Schmor
Acting District Principal of Indigenous Education, Vivian Searwar
District Principal, International Education, Collen Hannah
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo (Recorder)**

**Others Present: Mentor Teacher – Frank Chan, School Principal/
PVPA Representative – Linda Ziefflie, School Principal
PVPA Representative – Lynn Cummings, MTU President – Janise
Nikolic, MTU VP – Ryan McCarty, and DPAC – Dionne Hairsine.**

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

Vice-Chair Cairns noted that item 7.3 is a discussion item, not an action item.

4. CURRICULUM

4.1 Monthly Curriculum Update

Mentor Teacher, Frank Chan provided a presentation on Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST) and the work that is being done in the district to support the learning environments for students in K-12.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Equity Scan Monthly Update

The next Equity Scan meeting is taking place Thursday March 5, 2020 between 1-3 pm. The meeting will include a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a discussion period and a breakout session.

6.2 Aboriginal Report - How Are We Doing?

Vivian Searwar, Acting District Principal of Indigenous Education shared the meaning behind acknowledging the shared territories at the start of a meeting or event. A presentation was provided on staffing, learning opportunities, school events, and initiatives offered by Siwal Si'wes. Lastly, an update was provided on the findings of the 2018-2019 Ministry Report "How Are We Doing."

6.3 2020-21 District Calendar Draft

MOVED and Seconded that the draft 2020-2021 District Calendar be considered for review.

CARRIED

The Superintendent advised that school is not in session on January 4, 2021 due to the winter holiday. School resumes on Tuesday January 5th, 2021.

The Superintendent noted that it is a shorter year which requires an extension of one minute a day at the secondary level and two minutes a day at the middle school.

A question was asked if Parent Teacher conference dates are set in stone for individual schools or can conferences be moved around? The Superintendent advised that changes would complicate things. Consideration needs to be made with items like busing.

6.4 Boundary Survey Update

The School District received inquiries about allowing responders to submit more than one survey response. The Secretary Treasurer explained that the survey is designed with many open-ended questions to allow the public to provide their opinion without limitations. The survey is an information gathering process. If the survey indicates that a deeper dive is required, the Board will make that consideration once the responses are reviewed.

6.5 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Staff are updating the website as we receive information from the Health Minister. The Superintendent is monitoring travel bans. If necessary, consideration will be made about cancelling certain international field trips.

A question was asked about closing schools. If there is an influx of people who become infected there will be consultation with health officials and closures may be site specific.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Cost Cutting Ideas

This item is presented to consider and discuss the way the School District conducts business every day. No cost cutting ideas were shared by the committee members.

7.2 Meetings with local First Nations Bands

MOVED and Seconded that the following motion be discussed and forwarded to the Public meeting on March 10, 2020:

THAT the Board of Education Mission Public Schools endeavor to meet with local First Nations Bands on an annual basis.

CARRIED

A discussion ensued regarding the Board's commitment to reconciliation and fulfilling obligations on governance and education with indigenous partners.

A request was presented that the Committee consider adding Sumas First Nations to be part of future dialogues once that land becomes inhabited.

7.3 2020/2021 BCSTA Draft Budget

The Chair noted this item is presented for discussion. Comments were provided about:

- encouraging Canadian guest speakers;
- cancelling pre-conference for AGM;
- limiting Board Chair meetings as meetings should be conducted with School Districts;
- how will BCSTA budget increases impact the School District budget?;
- concerns about how BCSTA is arriving at increased figures;
- what are the costs of certain committees to meet?; and
- how often and how many days are members in town for meetings?

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

The minutes were not approved. A conversation ensued about the statements provided under item 4.1 detailed on page 37 of the agenda. It was requested that Staff review item 4.1 to ensure proper sequence of order is taking place with minutes.

8.2 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2020

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

CARRIED

8.3 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2020

Moved and Seconded that the Special Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated February 11, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Original signed by T. Loffler

Original signed by C. Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary Treasurer

The minutes were approved on April 7, 2020 at the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting.