

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

November 26, 2019, 3:30 pm
District Education Office, 33046 4th Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Trustee Shelley Carter
Vice Chair Randy Cairns
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)

Others Present: MTU President - Janise Nikolic, MTU VP - Ryan McCarty,
CUPE President - Faye Howell, DPAC – Dionne Hairsine,
PVPA Representative- Principal Robert Clarke

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

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Boundary Review Process

MOVED and Seconded that the School District initiate a formal review of school catchment boundaries as follows:

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- b. Dec – Jan 30, 2020 Conduct survey regarding school catchment boundaries.
- c. February Consultation meetings: Students, Educational Community, General Public
- d. Feb – Mar Draft formal options for boundary changes considering all feedback.
- e. April Provide communication on options to all parents / educational community.

Consultation Meetings - Present formal options and gather feedback.

- f. May 5 CotW Mtg Discuss options and feedback and select preferred options.
- g. May 19 Board Mtg Approve in principle the preferred options and initiate final consultation, including communication to all parents.
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AMENDMENT

Add "review" to the bullet b.

AMENDED RESOLUTION

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CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the purpose of today's meeting is to provide a high-level review of the school catchment areas and capacity information within the Baragar software. The live demonstration also included reviewing enrolment data for the 2018-2019 school year. The data for 2019-2020 is being updated.

A discussion ensued regarding the consultation process for boundary review criteria and considerations. The Board would like to engage the public by issuing a survey.

The survey should include questions on the following themes and be as simple as possible (concern regarding length):

- What is currently working for your catchment or what is not working
- Balancing for planning for growth and projecting enrolment
- Accessibility, inclusion and class size
- What is the optimal capacity at middle schools?
- Busing
- What is the optimal capacity for educational value?
- Walk Limits
- Level of Grandfathering (Board consideration only)
- Kindergarten Registration
- Survey families in the Steelhead area regarding attendance at Stave Falls
- Prepare separate targeted surveys for the following catchments areas of concern:
 - Albert McMahan / Cherry Hill;
 - Durieu / Dewdney / Hatzic; and
 - Windebank / Mission Central.
- Preference for boundaries change implementation: September 2020 or September 2021

It was recommended that the survey be shared during parent-teacher interviews during completion of satisfaction surveys which happens during January 15 - April 3, 2020.

The draft survey is to be reviewed at the January 7, 2020 committee meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary Treasurer