

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

April 20, 2021, 6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair will acknowledge that this meeting is being held on Traditional Territory.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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8.1. BC STA Advocacy: Moving Forwards after COVID-19

Information

[Report sent to Minister Whiteside by BC STA](#)

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions asked must be related to items discussed on the Agenda. Labour, Land, and Legal issues will not be discussed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

ITEM 5.2 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: A. Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Covid19 Update, April 2021

1. **Summary:** Staff will share an update on COVID19 situation throughout SD75 and new resources by BC CDC and BC Children's Hospital: Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre.
2. **Background:**
3. **Options:**
4. **Analysis and Impact:**
 - a. Strategic Plan Alignment
 - b. Enhancement Agreement
 - c. Funding Guidelines, Costing, & Budget Impact
 - d. Policy, Legislation, Regulation
 - e. Organizational Capacity
 - f. Risks
 - i. Organizational
 - ii. Reputational
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 - g. Benefits
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 - iii. Strategic
5. **Public Participation:**
6. **Implementation:**
7. **Attachments:**
 - a. [Mission Public Schools COVID News & Announcements](#)
 - b. [MPSD: Healthy Schools COVID-19 Guidelines](#)
 - c. [April 14, 2021 School Sector Update](#)
 - d. [BCCDC K-12 Schools and COVID](#)
 - e. [Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)
 - f. [Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre](#)
 - g. <http://keltymentalhealth.ca/ask-kelty>

COVID 19 School Sector Update



Please forward this update to staff and families. It is also available at: bccdc.ca/schools/news-resources

April 14, 2021



BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority

Welcome

Dear school partners,

COVID-19 vaccines protect you and your community from COVID-19. As more people are immunized against COVID-19, it is harder for the virus to spread.

Every day more people across BC get vaccinated. However, the recent rise in cases means it's more important than ever to follow [school health and safety plans](#).

It's also important to follow province-wide restrictions. This means:

- Do not host or attend **indoor** social gatherings.
- Only attend **outdoor** social gatherings with up to 10 people from outside your household. These should be the same ten people, not different people each time.
- Only travel outside of your community for essential reasons like work or health appointments.

The best way to prevent COVID-19 exposures in schools is to keep the number of cases in our communities low. Find out more about province-wide restrictions [from the BC Government](#). Find [preventive actions](#) you can take from the BCCDC.

On behalf of our team at BCCDC, and regional public health teams across the province, thank you for your continued partnership.

Updates

BC Centre for Disease Control

Fill in the second province-wide COVID-19 survey

Public health experts are again asking British Columbians over 18 to share their experience with the COVID-19 pandemic. This will help public health professionals better respond to the challenges facing British Columbians. The survey includes questions on the experiences of families with school-aged children and is available in 10 languages.

Find out more at bccdc.ca/covid19survey.

COVID 19 School Sector Update



Province of British Columbia

COVID-19 immunizations: Vaccine registration

COVID-19 vaccine appointments can now be booked online. Check in regularly to know when it's your turn: gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated

To keep the system running, please wait until your age cohort is called to register. Check the gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated page often to find out when it is your turn. The following groups can register to book their vaccine anytime:

- Indigenous peoples 18 and older, and
- Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

When it is your turn, register gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated. Vaccine appointments can also be booked by telephone (1-833-838-2323) or in-person at the nearest Service BC location.

BC COVID-19 Immunization Plan: Front-Line Priority Workers

BC is temporarily pausing the use of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine for people under age 55. This is based on guidance from Health Canada and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization.

Front-line workers who were to receive the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine remain a priority. The program is expected to resume as more vaccines become available.

Find frequently updated information on BC's COVID-19 Immunization Plan at gov.bc.ca/covidvaccine.

Learning about COVID-19 & Schools

Impact of vaccinations on school safety

By fall 2021, most adults in BC, including school staff, should have received their first vaccination. Many will have received their second vaccination as well.

As more people get vaccinated, we expect fewer cases of COVID-19 in communities. This means fewer exposures in schools.

People who are vaccinated are much less likely to experience severe illness and death from COVID-19. Even with most adults being vaccinated, some health and safety measures will be in place in schools and the community until there is significantly less community spread of COVID-19.

Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines at bccdc.ca/covid19vaccine

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COVID-19 vaccines and children

Vaccines are tested in adults before being tested in children. The vaccines available in BC at this time have been tested in adults and approved for use in adults.

The vaccines are not yet recommended for most children. Clinical trials with children under the age of 18 are underway to learn more. This will help us learn more about how the vaccines might work in children.

A summary of information about COVID-19 vaccinations is available at bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccination-at-a-glance.

Celebrating Safely

Graduation is an important event for students, staff and families. It is a time of excitement and change, and marks a significant accomplishment.

Graduation celebrations will still need to look different this year.

- Events like convocation and the granting of diplomas can happen in line with school health and safety plans.
 - Consider live streaming events, so parents, caregivers, families, and friends can participate.
- Events like dinners and dances can only occur in line with the Provincial Health Officer's [Order on Gatherings and Events](#).
 - People can have small gatherings of up to 10 people in parks, public areas or yards.

The Order on Gatherings and Events is updated as needed, based on the level of COVID-19 community spread. The types of events allowed may be different than what is listed here. Find out what is currently allowed, and how safer celebrations and ceremonies can be held at bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/social-interactions/safer-celebrations-and-ceremonies.

COVID 19 School Sector Update



Public Health Profile

Public health includes a diverse group of professions that have unique training, skills and experiences. They include doctors, nurses, epidemiologists and health promotion specialists. Across the province, public health professionals work together to support schools impacted by COVID-19.

Fraser Health Schools Hub



Fraser Health's Public Health team has a dedicated schools hub. They coordinate COVID-19 support to schools from Burnaby to Boston Bar.

The team is composed of a group of health professionals. This includes medical health officers, public health nurses, contact tracers, environmental health officers, and healthy schools public health nurse leads.

The Fraser Health schools hub team works seven days a week and provides many supports to schools, such as:

- School-specific contact tracing,
- Providing notifications such as letters and phone calls, and
- Assisting schools with their COVID-19 safety plans.

They also support our regional Rapid Response Team. The team supports schools and school districts when there are significant COVID-19 exposures.

Translations

[Read in American Sign Language](#)

[Lire en français](#) (read in French)

[阅读简体中文版](#) (read in Simplified Chinese)

[ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਿਚ ਪੜ੍ਹ](#) (read in Punjabi)

ITEM 5.3 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: A. Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Student Safety Follow-Up

1. Summary:

Staff will share updates on safety in Mission Schools. This includes recent work with SST, the development of Student Working Groups, and various presentations for staff and students. A recent presentation developed by Safer Schools Together was a Mental Health Session presented by Dr. Bill MacEwan on Tuesday, April 13th on Mental Wellness, Substance Use and Addiction in our Youth. The event was filled up almost instantly, and 14 members of SD75 staff were able to attend.

2. Background:

3. Options:

4. Analysis and Impact:

- a. Strategic Plan Alignment
- b. Enhancement Agreement
- c. Funding Guidelines, Costing, & Budget Impact
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5. Public Participation:

6. Implementation:

7. Attachments:

School District #75 (Mission)

Public Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes

March 9, 2021, 6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

- Members Present:** Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Vice Chair, Shelley Carter
School Trustee, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Rick McKamey
Trustee, Julia Renkema
- Staff Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez
Executive Assistant, Ilona Schmidt (Recorder)
- Others Present:** MTU President – Ryan McCarty, MTU Vice-President –
Janise Nikolic, CUPE President – Faye Howell, DPAC Chair
– Cheryl Blondin, Principal – Hardeep Grewal, Teacher –
Angela Bout, MSS PAC – Dionne Hairsine

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged that Mission Public Schools is 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 amended.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT:

Add item 4.2 Motion to BC STA AGM

Change Item 8.2 into Item 6.5, New business: Development on 10th Avenue/Public Hearing

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Letter to Minister Whiteside RE Trades

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education sends the letter to Minister of Education Whiteside advocating for the reinstatement of funding by the Ministry of Education to support Trades Training.

CARRIED

Board is ready to send the letter to the Minister and CC to the MLAs. Trustee Renkema would like to thank the TTAC for taking the initiative.

4.2 BC STA Motion

MOVED and Seconded that the following motion be forwarded to the BCSTA 2021 AGM:

That BCSTA, work to ensure that the BCSTA Academy dates do not conflict with the FNEESC Conference dates.

RATIONALE:

The BCSTA Trustee Academy hosted in November has on previous occasions conflicted with the First Nations Education Steering Committee Conference (FNEESC). When these dates overlap, Boards and/or individual trustees must decide which conference to attend. The work of FNEESC is important in supporting our collective efforts to embrace Truth and Reconciliation, and improving education outcomes for Indigenous students. The BCSTA should make every effort to ensure their calendar and work schedule aligns with FNEESC; such a commitment is consistent with the recommendations of the BCSTA's Events Timing Committee report from 2020.

CARRIED.

The Board noted that this is very important to bring forward. Next few conferences till 2025 will not be in conflict.

The Board thanked the Board Chair for reaching out. Strengthening relationship with FNEESC is very important.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

No report, as the closed meeting has not adjourned yet.

5.2 COVID Update

Staff provided a brief update on the COVID situation throughout School District 75. Noticing a longer lag in notices being sent by Fraser Health again. No report of variants in Mission yet. Vaccinations: request was received to transfer over activities to some of SD75 sites to make processing possible.

5.3 School Safety Update

Staff shared an update on the progress of safety in Mission Public Schools following the recent School Safety Forum. The Forum went well. Lots of information has been shared on the SD75 website. An email was sent to all principals inquiring about their interest to empower students in forums within schools. Will follow up after spring break.

Recommendations at District level: Safer Schools Together are coming out to meet Elementary, Middle, and Secondary. SD75 is reviewing policies and procedures.

VTRA training, workshops for students and parents (will connect with DPAC)

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Holding seats for September

MOVED and Seconded that until June 30, 2021, only, School District No. 75 will continue to hold spaces that were held for students that normally enroll in catchment or choice elementary and middle schools, but were instead enrolled in the Summit Distance Learning school for the 2020/2021 school year; and

that for the 2021 / 2022 school year, School District No. 75 will not hold spaces in catchment or choice elementary and middle schools for students that are enrolled in the Summit Distance Learning school.

CARRIED

As the school district plans and prepares for the 2021/2022 school year the Board has reviewed Summit Learning Centre enrolment numbers and has concluded that holding seats for students at their home schools has come at a significant cost to the district. As such, seats at home schools will be held until June 30, 2021. Should a student remain enrolled at Summit Learning Centre for the 2021/2022 school year, their seat will not be held at their home school. Notice to Parents will follow.

6.2 Flag Issue

Some community members expressed concerns around the use of non-federal (eg pride) or provincial flags on school properties. The Board may wish to consider a response that may include an addition to current policy

or direction to staff on procedures on flag use. The Board will need to consider if there are limits on the use of flags based on political messaging, community standards, Indigenous title, or a variety of other variables.

The Board may:

- a. add wording to a policy such as 2.3 (Sexual Minority) to encourage the use of particular flags such as the Pride flag;
- b. direct staff to create procedural guidelines for non-federal or provincial flags;
- c. create a new policy on flag use in the district; or
- d. leave as is.

The board reached out to other districts. They fly flags on specific days for support. Many will raise flags, but no specific policies are in place. SD75 needs to make sure each group is represented in a respectful way.

The Board directed staff to develop a broad procedural guideline. Board as a whole supports flying any human rights supporting flags.

6.3 School District Calendar

MOVED and Seconded that the 2021/2022, 2022/2023, and 2023/2024 School Calendar be approved.

CARRIED

Submitting calendar is having enough instructional hours. Individual calendars can be adjusted, an amendment can be made. Which community do we align with? Abbotsford/Maple Ridge?

The Board discussed adopting the new calendar for 2021/2022, 2022/2023, and 2023/2024

The more lead-in time we have the better.

6.4 Dress Code

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education reviews individual school dress codes and directs Staff to draft a district-wide, gender-neutral new dress code, written from a Student's perspective.

CARRIED

Any dress code should not be punitive towards girls. The word "distracting" should not be used. Time and place of wearing certain clothing need to be explained i.e. bikini belong to the beach, not classroom, no offensive language.

6.5 Development on 10th Avenue/Public Hearing

The Secretary-Treasurer shared Baragar statistics. There will be more students. 152 single units may generate additional 89 students. High-rise rental may; however, bring 5 additional school-age children. Low-rise may bring 26 students, 15 to elementary level. There are no direct concerns with the development. SD75 needs to plan with enrolment growth and school capacity. Trails need to be maintained. Shrubbery/greenery cannot create dark spaces. At this point, SD75 does not need to attend the public hearing. Student safety, speed limits, safety issues are being addressed in conversations with the District of Mission.

There is concern about how this and other developments impact HPMS or Windebank area traffic. Local residents may attend the public hearing and express their personal opinions.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Minutes from the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, February 16, 2021

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated February 16, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED

7.2 Board of Education Special Public Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2021

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated February 23, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Minutes from the Trades and Training Committee Meeting, February 9, 2021

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Since last Public Board meeting, SD75 Trustees attended/participated in:

- Safe Schools Forum
- Honoured Pink Shirt Day
- Participated in the Fraser Valley Branch Meeting
- Participated in Strategic Plan update

- Provincial Council
- Fraser Valley Branch meeting
- 2 BCPSEA conference calls
- SD75 regular meetings
- Meeting with Leq:a'mel council
- Deroche Cares
- Siwal si'wes
- Sto:Lo re equitable education opportunities and challenges working towards equity to support funding for special education
- Chief's council
- BC AFN
- Black Migration in BC Symposium webinar
- BCSTA Provincial Council
- DPAC meeting
- BCSTA Board Chair Zoom

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on
[DATE] at the [NAME] meeting.

ITEM 10.1 Information

TO: Board of Education
FROM: R. Cairns, School Trustee
SUBJECT: Transit Committee Meeting Report

1. Summary:

District of Mission Engineering

Stave Lake overview, 11th Ave to Cherry project schematics were shown. Widening left side going north, sidewalks on east side.

Will be a divided 4 lane up to Knight, 4 lane intersection with left-turn onto Knight, no left turn from Knight to Stave. Best Ave intersection fully signalized, physically divided road up to Parr.

I did ask if these schematics could be sent to Jodi Marshall and Corien Becker understanding these plans are one to five years out.

Tracy Kyle DOM

Some terminology

Walkways such as the one in Griner park to ESR

Walking Strips - temporary means of setting road area aside for walking, cycling, and riding horses in rural areas.

Multi use Pathways or MUP - wider paths up to 3 meters, users can walk or roll in either direction.

First will be on 14th Ave, Cherry Ave is slated for one, 7th Ave Greenway wants to incorporate them in the design.

Crosswalk improvements with signaling will be brought to Council in April for funding.

Bus shelter, extended contract for 6 months to review RFP

2nd Ave had some Transit improvements in the last 2 years. More multi-family development in works.

Will be aligning bus stops to avoid riders having to cross the road. Applying for BC Transit Program funding for two more shelters.

14th Ave update, project sign is up, starting multi-use path at west end on North side of 14th to Caribou St then cross to south side heading east.

Ministry of Transport

Paving plan ongoing for Hwy 7 starting April 7th, also some projects in the works for Hwy 11.

Lane markings being planned in Silverdale area. Also assessing some ditch blockage with CPR around Chester St area.

Kate Woodchuck (ICBC) spoke about enhance care aspect ICBC insurance

Had successful distracted driving education campaign working with Constable Trustham on enforcement aspect. Auto crime enforcement strategy starting Apr. 7th, stolen recovery etc.

Constable Trustham

Mar. 10th partnered with ICBC and community on distracted driving on the Cedar connector. Use of cell phones at intersection, 22 tickets issued in 2 hours.

May is speed watch month, I asked about speed enforcement as it seems there is a lot of it, Constable Trustham acknowledged the detachment is struggling with in-house training due to COVID. Needs more training in laser device usage, they are working on it.

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