

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

**April 20, 2021, 6:30 pm
Zoom Meeting**

- Members Present:** Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Vice-Chair, Shelley Carter
School Trustee, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Julia Renkema
- Members Absent:** Trustee, Rick McKamey
- Staff Present:** Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker
Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
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, DPAC Treasurer – Jacquelyn Wickham,
MSS PAC Rep – Dionne Hairsine, Teacher – Angela Bout,
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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.

Trustee McKamey is sending his regrets for not attending.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

At the Closed Meeting of the Board of Education on April 20, 2021, Property and Personnel matters were discussed.

5.2 COVID Update

Staff shared the newest resources and information on recent exposures (CHE, AME, ESR, MSS). Fraser Health has increased the number of times when self isolation occurs. If fewer than 5 individuals are affected, Fraser Health will only send notifications to the individuals. Where more than 5 people get exposed, they send request to isolate the larger group. Kindergarten classes interact the most and are most likely to get the most isolated at once.

Vaccines: CMO for FH prioritized vaccines - they distribute vaccines by hot spots. Surrey, North Delta, Coquitlam, first etc. Mission has not had significant incidents of positive COVID19 cases. Staff is to register for any vaccine available as they become available. Mask usage is very compliant in all schools but 1 (over 90%).

A question was asked about how to proceed if children have known allergies and sneeze/sniffle a lot. Schools need to proceed with caution given the circumstances, but if it is known a student has chronic allergies, we need to be understanding.

5.3 Student Safety Follow up

The staff has been working with Safer Schools Together, and several district staff have attended SST Mental Health Session on Substance Use and Addiction in Youth presented by Dr. Bill MacEwan on April 13th. District staff is training on Violence Threat Risk Assessments.

Schools are developing Student Working Groups, and HMS is working on a Virtual Student Forum. The Superintendent and the Board would like to get constructive feedback from all groups before the end of the school year.

5.4 Budget 2021/22 Update

The original budget planning has been delayed slightly, as the Ministry funding has been in progress. This is the upcoming schedule:

- February 2021 Preliminary discussion of budget priorities
- March / April Preliminary staffing planning based on enrolment
- April / May Preliminary budget forecasts developed based on enrolment / Preliminary staffing plans
- April / May Confirmation of funding from the Ministry of Education

- May 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole – review enrolment projections for September and preliminary staffing needs, preliminary options
- June 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole – draft Budget Bylaw
- June 22, 2021 Special Board Meeting – to approve Budget Bylaw, and to present supplementary information document

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2021

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated March 9, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED

Trustees shared that SD75 got support at the BCSTA for the Motion to better coordinate conference dates.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 BC STA Advocacy: Moving Forwards after COVID-19

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees reported on events below:

- March 11 - Canadian School Board Association Indigenous Leaders Panel
- March 31 - Board Chairs zoom with Dr. Gustafson
- April 8 - All candidates meeting for Mission mayoral race
- April 13 - Siwal Si'wes
- April 15-17 - BCSTA AGM (T. Loffler Elected to BCSTA Board of Directors)
- April 20 - BCPSEA update on teacher bargaining
- Trades and Training Advisory Committee (Committee is working on final report to the Board)
- BCSTA Provincial Council
- DPAC event: Ted Leavitt: Understanding the link between brain and behaviour
- Fraser Valley Branch meeting
 - Items were CUPE Seamless Day Childcare
 - Trustee Pro D on Mental Health (Kate Patten)
- Women in Leadership invited through Columbia Institute
- Strategic Plan Meeting
- Anti-Racism Series #3 with Vivian Searwar

10.1 Transit Committee Liaison Report

Notes from the Committee meeting have been shared by the Committee Liaison.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about the COVID effect on Staff. SD75 has had fewer staff away than before, but when they go away, they go for longer periods of time. There have been shortages in the last 2-3 weeks. TTOC shortage was significant for a few days. The Ministry anticipates the next month being rough but times should get better with vaccination rollout reaching more people.

A comment was made that disabled voices need to be included in safety input. The Superintendent confirmed that he has requested representation from all groups.

A question was asked about Motion 15 from BCSTA - Restraint was passed with an amendment. Will there be reporting? BCSTA will publish everything shortly and the Board will prepare a Liaison Report, hopefully by May.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

Signed by T. Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

Signed by C. Becker

Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on
May 18, 2021 at the Public Board
of Education meeting.