

School District #75 (Mission)
Public Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes
February 16, 2021, 6:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

- Members Present:** Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
School Trustee, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Rick McKamey
Trustee, Julia Renkema
- Members Absent:** Vice-Chair, Shelley Carter
- 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, DPAC Chair – Cheryl Blondin, CUPE
President - Faye Howell, DPAC Treasurer - Jacquelyn
Wickham, MSS PAC Rep – Dionne Hairsine, Principal
Hardeep Grewal

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.

Vice-Chair Carter sends her regrets for not attending.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be approved.

AMENDMENT

ADD Attachments into Item 5.2 Covid Tracker, Memo to Parents.

Reorder pages in Item 6.2 Staff Report, attachments to follow.

ADD Item 6.3 New Business Letter to the Education Minister to reinstate funding for Students

AMENDED MOTION

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

At the Special Closed Meeting of the Board of Education on February 16, 2021, personnel and property matters were discussed.

5.2 COVID Update

The Superintendent reviewed the Covid Exposures in the District to date. The Superintendent noted that the procedures for managing sites considering COVID have been updated. He noted that Music and Sports in schools have been a struggle. The process has been started to review activities at HPMS to allow for more activities.

Fraser Health has changed the notification process, and removed the bulletin notification step. Notification will now go directly to the school principal.

5.3 Quarterly Report

A summary report on the financial and operating activities for the period of October 1 to December 31, 2020 was presented. The SD is in a positive financial position at December 31, and this is expecting to continue to year end.

A question was asked about Operations upgrading 3 school HVAC systems. How many more do we have to do? Upgrades will be reviewed with the long-range facility plan. We need to do advocacy for upgrades. The Board acknowledges and appreciates all highlights and challenges presented, as well as seeing how much extra reporting is needed due to Covid.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Governance and Accountability

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education directs staff to begin the development of accountability and reporting policy.

CARRIED

The development of the Policy has been discussed for several months. The Board would like quarterly reporting, and the process for budget development included in the policy.

A suggestion was made to review other districts' policies to see if they have separated their budget and accountability policies.

A suggestion was made that the Accountability (scope) of trustees should be reported at closed meetings. Accountability to citizens is also a good way to stay transparent.

6.2 Respectful Schools and Workplaces - Anti: Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination Policy Update

MOVED and Seconded that the Respectful Schools and Workplaces – Anti: Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination policy be approved as amended.

REFERRED

MOVED and Seconded that the item be referred to the April 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

The Secretary-Treasurer is amending the procedures supporting and Respectful Schools and Workplaces policy. The definitions from the Respectful Workplaces Procedure were inserted into the Policy. Staff will be focusing on the procedures in March for policy to be considered in April. Trustee Cairns has concerns that he has voiced in an email to the Board.

6.3 Letter to Minister Whiteside re Trades Funding

Moved and Seconded that the draft letter advocating for the reinstatement of the funding for Trades be approved and sent to Minister Whiteside.

REFERRED

MOVED and Seconded that the item be referred to the February 23, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

The Trades Advisory Committee drafted a letter to send to Minister re Trades Funding. The BC School Trustees Association has also been advocating for the reinstatement of the funding.

The Board would like to review the letter and background information, and will review this at the Special COTW on February 23, 2021.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, January 19, 2021

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated January 19, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustee activities included:

- Equity Scan Jan 21
- Joint Partners Liaison meeting Jan 22
- Mental Health Forum Jan 28
- Board Chairs Zoom call with Minister Whiteside Feb 3
- Ministry Meetings
- Anti-racism group Feb 4
- Joint Partners Liaison meeting Feb 5
- DPAC meeting Feb 8
- Trades Committee Feb 9
- Meeting with MLA's Feb 10
- Anti-Racism group by Vivian
- COTW Strategic Plan
- Siwal Si'Wes

10.1 Transit Committee Report

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about Student Services and statement that all LST Teachers are trained for Level B testing. Which assessments does the district use? Probably. The Superintendent can look into details and will send an email.

A comment was made about the positive response to the PRO-D Day, and a RECOMMENDATION was made that the Trustees should be invited to the Pro-D webinars/seminars in the future.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Signed by T. Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

Signed by C. Becker

Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on
March 9, 2021 at the Public Board
of Education meeting.