

School District #75 (Mission)

Public Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes

**June 15, 2021, 6:30 pm
Zoom Meeting**

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- Members Present:** Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Vice Chair, Shelley Carter (Arrived 6:36)
School Trustee, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Rick McKamey (Arrived 6:34)
Trustee, Julia Renkema
- Staff Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Derek Welsh
Director of Operations, Dana Maclean
Executive Assistant, Ilona Schmidt
- Staff Absent:** Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker
- Others Present:** MTU President – Ryan McCarty, DPAC Chair - Cheryl
Blondin, MSS PAC Rep - Dionne Hairsine, MTU Vice-
President – Janise Nikolic

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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 Amended Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Strategic Plan

MOVED and Seconded that the amended 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan be adopted;

and THAT Staff create a work plan to achieve the goals considering the strategies of the Strategic Plan;

And THAT Staff and the Board create a formalized reporting structure considering the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL).

CARRIED

The Board has met on November 10, 2020, January 14, 2021, February 9, 2021, March 2, 2021, March 30, 2021, April 21, 2021, and June 8, 2021 to update, restructure and tidy up the Strategic Plan (SP). Strategic planning is the vision of the Board. Staff acts to meet the goals presented. The accountability structure will be worked on.

4.2 Trades Training Advisory Committee

MOVED and Seconded that the Trades Training Advisory Committee Report be received and forwarded to the September Committee of the Whole meeting for review and discussion.

CARRIED

The Trades Training Advisory Committee has completed its mandate and produced a report with recommendations. Trustee Renkema (TTAC Chair) thanked all involved. There are trades opportunities for students in Mission. In the analysis of the report, the mandate has aligned with the SP. Future orientation - to provide essential skills, and Student centred learning - hands-on learning.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Superintendent reported that at the June 15, 2021, Closed meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 75 (Mission), student matters, personal matters, and air exchange unit were discussed.

5.2 COVID Update

The Superintendent provided an update on COVID situation in SD75 as 2020/2021 wraps up. Fraser Health exposure notifications have decreased substantially. Schools are not part of the reopening plan; therefore, food cannot be served at any school events.

The Board Chair extended appreciation and thanks to the Superintendent for all the work done throughout the year.

5.3 International Program Update

International Department has had 95 registrations for 2021/2022 to date. Enrollment is up from projections, but space is also a consideration. The registrations had to be curtailed based on capacity, as SD75 is fitting students where space allows.

5.4 Summer School Update

MSS hosts 2020/2021 Summer School program. Brochure and registration form has been posted on MPSD Website.

5.5 IT Update

This Summer IT will collect all the SD75 laptops and tablets again for maintenance, to ensure all devices are updated and up to speed. A new IT plan will need to be developed encompassing not only technical and hardware requirements, but digital threats, software, and finances will be considered. SD75 is still looking for a few more volunteers to establish the new IT Plan.

5.6 Superintendent Year-End Report

The Superintendent summarized school year 2020/21 and provided a brief report. Students show challenges in 6-yr completion rates. Students coming back after a year away - there may be more challenges coming. SD75 will be anticipating behaviour, emotional difficulties when students come back together in September. Suicide risk assessment has increased and has not been taken lightly. Further SOGI workshops took place.

The Superintendent acknowledged all staff of SD75. Principals have covered many classes, HR have dealt with the most complex year ever, Student Services supported whomever they could during this challenging mental health year. The Secretary-Treasurer has steered the SD75 ship through very turbulent and stressful pandemic year safely.

The Superintendent has expressed gratitude to all staff and wished them a well-deserved Summer break.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Meeting formats and locations for 2021/2022

MOVED and Seconded that the scheduled meetings for the Board of Education and the Committee of the Whole for 2021/2022 be approved.

CARRIED

The meeting schedule presented specifies in-person tentative locations of the meetings, which may change to videoconference due to weather and/or COVID related events if necessary. Additional Special Committee of the Whole meetings for budget may be scheduled at a later date. FNEESC Annual conference has been cancelled this year due to the

pandemic. While Trustees appreciate visiting the various school sites, they would like to make a phone-in meeting attendance available.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2021

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated May 18, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

7.2 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting RE: 2021/2022 Budget Minutes, May 25, 2021

MOVED and Seconded that the Special Committee of the Whole meeting RE: 2021/2022 Budget Minutes dated May 25, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees have attended various meetings during the course of the past month:

- May 21, Siwal Si'wes meeting
- Strategic Plan meetings
- May 25 - met with Mayor and City council
- May 28, BCPSEA TDERC committee (Regional Representation)
- Jun 2, BCSTA Branch Presidents Collaborative
- May 25, Budget SCOTW
- June 3, Transit committee (emailed summary to trustees)
- June 5, walked from Heritage Park to St Mary's Residential school in support of Indigenous survivors and their families dealing with the trauma of recovered children at Kamloops Residential school
- June 9, Equity Scan
- Trades Training Advisory Committee report
- May 27, 28 & June 4,11 - Capstone presentations at MSS
- DPAC
- June 15 - Board chairs zoom with Minister Whiteside
- Jun 8 Mission Community Foundation
- P/VP Interviews attended some of them.
- Sto:lo treaty group
- 10.1 Mission Literacy in Motion - Liaison Portfolio

- Mission Community Foundation report will be attached in September. Tremendous contribution to the community.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 9:30 am: Minister of Education will provide an update
RE: September 2021

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Original signed by T. Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

Original signed by C. Becker

Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on June
22, 2021, at the Special Public
Board of Education meeting.