

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

**October 27, 2020, 3:30 pm
Heritage Park Middle School and via video conference**

Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Vice Chair, Shelley Carter (Remote)
School Trustee, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Rick McKamey (Remote)
Trustee, Julia Renkema

Staff Present: Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker
Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo (Recorder)

Others Present: Via videoconference: MTU President - Ryan McCarty, -
Janise Nikolic, DPAC Representative - Cheryl Blondin,
School Principal – Linda Hamel, District Inclusion Mentor
Teacher - Shannon Bowsfield, Jaquelyn Wickham, and
Kerridan Dougan.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 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 adopted as presented.

3. STAFF REPORTS

3.1 Boundary Review - October 2020

The Superintendent provided an overview of the enrolment capacity and the enrolment projections that were provided in the Spring of the 2020-21 school year. The 2020-2021 September enrolment information based on

the 1701 reports, will be provided at the November Committee of the Whole meeting.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided summarizing the responses and themes for the boundary reviews for the following areas:

1. Albert McMahan and Cherry Hill
2. Hatzic and Dewdney Catchments considers Durieu area
3. Windebank and Mission Central
4. Steelhead area (currently Albert McMahan catchment, consider changing to Stave Falls)

If we consider moving the Durieu students to Dewdney, how would this affect the program at Dewdney? Can the school handle this shift? Staff would have to complete a detailed analysis of this shift to better understand the long-range impacts.

MOVED and Seconded that the following motion is forwarded to the November Regular Public Board meeting:

THAT the Board direct staff to do a detailed analysis of the Durieu area students in consideration of changing the boundary to Dewdney.

CARRIED

A conversation ensued regarding adjusting the Steelhead catchment area and the busing route for this area. Staff will have to engage the Transportation Manager to provide further information for this bus route and related logistics.

MOVED and Seconded that the following motion is forwarded to the November Regular Public Board meeting:

THAT the Board direct staff to do a detailed analysis of the Steelhead area students in consideration of changing the boundary to Stave Falls.

CARRIED

In the analysis that the Board is requesting, will there be any consideration for savings for remedy costs? Staff can include some background information on this item but there are many variables that need to be considered and certain information is not available at this time.

Trustees discussed including Boundary Review updates on the Regular Committee of the Whole (CotW) agenda. It was decided that updates can be included on the CotW agenda as long as the Board provides specific

direction for the information. It was decided that the Board will save-the-date for December 8, 2020, in the event that another CotW needs to be scheduled.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Special Committee of the Whole meeting minutes, September 29, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Special Committee of the Whole minutes dated September 29, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

A request was provided that information from Baragar be included in a future boundary review update.

Original signed by T. Loffler

Original signed by C. Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on
January 12, 2021 at the Committee
of the Whole meeting.