

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

September 29, 2020, 3:30 pm
Heritage Park Middle School and Zoom Video Conference
33700 Prentis Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Vice Chair, Shelley Carter
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
District Principal of Indigenous Education, Vivian Searwar (Remote)
District Principal of International Education, Collen Hannah (Remote)
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo (Recorder)

Others Present: Via videoconference: MTU President - Ryan McCarty, CUPE
President - Faye Howell, DPAC Representative - Cheryl Blondin,
Jaquelyn Wickham, Brooke Christensen, and School Principal –
Linda Hamel

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 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 Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. STAFF REPORTS

3.1 Boundary Review

The Superintendent provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the responses for the Boundary Catchment survey for Mission Public Schools. There were a total of 745 responders. The open-ended responses are still being reviewed to redact personal information. They will be uploaded to the district website and an email will be issued to the Board, Partner Groups and meeting attendees.

A question was asked about the responses for questions 15 + 16 that were outlined in the draft survey. Staff are reviewing the open-ended questions and will provide an update once these are reviewed.

A discussion ensued regarding accessibility and inclusion. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that facilities are working on addressing accessibility issues. Some sites have more challenges than others. The School District (SD) does not receive special funding for these projects. The SD needs to survey each site to improve on site-specific challenges.

A comment was provided regarding the enrollment data for Windebank Elementary. This school includes the historical enrollment data for ESR and Hillside. When the two schools changed to Schools of Choice, the reporting structure changed, and the enrollment data was rolled in with Windebank's for previous years.

In addition to the survey results for targeted catchment areas, additional information will be supplied from Baragar at the next meeting. Information was requested for the capacity of each school (with and without portables) and SD growth areas.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 BCSTA COVID-19 Response Working Group Survey

The survey was shared with board chairs, asking them to work with their boards and senior teams to answer the following questions.

Updates were made directly to the survey in the word document. The updated responses will be shared with the Board Chair and then she will submit the survey on behalf of the Board.

A comment was provided that there some inequities at schools regarding Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). A request was put forward that Staff look at the supply of PPE and hand sanitizer. The Superintendent

clarified that all employees have received a supply of PPE. There have been requests for unscented hand sanitizer.

A comment was provided that portables do not have handwashing stations. The Secretary-Treasurer will explore the possibility of installing portable handwashing stations with facilities.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on
October 27, 2020 at the Special
Committee of the Whole meeting.