

**School District #75 (Mission)
Trades Training Advisory Committee**

**October 29, 2020, 4:00 pm
Heritage Park Middle School
33700 Prentis Avenue, Mission, BC**

Members Present: Trustee, Julia Renkema
Trustee, Randy Cairns
Superintendent, Angus Wilson (Recorder)
Member at Large, Chris Gruenwald
Member at Large, Dan Schubert
Principal, Jim Pearce
Member at Large, Michael Jackson
Principal, Wade Peary
Trustee, Randy Cairns

Members Absent: Chad Umlah

Others Present: Trustee, Shelley Carter
DPAC Representative, Dionne Hairsine

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm 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

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Recommendations for hiring practices for Women in Trades

RC: Hiring Practices. This is beyond trades committee; it is beyond gender only. The Equity scan can be considered a broader base for this discussion.

5.1.1 Engagement and Exposure to Trades – Survey

AW reviews survey. JP: status of trades at MSS – limit of space. WP: different initiatives haven't had big uptake. Physical space limitations. Covid considerations – work exp problems, etc. Describes other initiatives at Riverside College. SC great progress from the old days. Posters that reflect 'pro-white collar' have gone away, etc. Do we still struggle with convincing students about the value of trades? General discussion on this topic. WP: should not just be a trades survey. Should be post-secondary survey. MJ: Wade is right on the mark. Combination of Trades and university is excellent. AW: will update survey and email committee.

5.2 Total number of students enrolled in Trades Programs at Riverside College

WP: 15 students Abbotsford, 1 from Delta, Pitt Meadows, Hope, Coquitlam, Rosedale, Aldergrove, etc. Social Media Success. Gender breakdown of RC courses (see agenda for details). 16 Indigenous students. (7 in automotive). Significant # of designated students. Some will not achieve Level 1 but are employable. Part of RC success philosophy. RC: - remembers women coming and presenting at Clarke Theatre. JR: inquiries from business for your students? -WP: yes. Currently sprinklers are 'hot'. Electrical all got hired. Automotive strong too. CG: great female participation 3 classes in at Forestry. WP: lots of middle school girl interest in week-long program. But Covid impacts this at this time.

5.3 Gravity Car Competition

RC: possibility of competition? JP: done at MSS currently. Would be cool to do with Middle Schools. Will reach out to Middle schools. WP: discussed other competitions eg. spaghetti bridge, windmills, etc. Covid considerations. JR: likes the MSS idea w middle schools. JP: confirms to look at it for spring outside. RC: Is there an electric vehicle component at this time? WP: a bit but it is not a huge section at this time. One dragster is becoming electrical. Various limitations at this time. JP: Electric car donated to MSS.

6. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

6.1 Trades and Training Advisory Committee meeting minutes, March 2, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Trades and Training Advisory meeting minutes dated March 2, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.