

**School District #75 (Mission)
Public Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes**

**April 19, 2022, 6:30 pm
ZOOM Videoconference**

Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Vice-Chair, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Shelley Carter
Trustee, Julia Renkema

Members Absent: Trustee, Rick McKamey

Staff Present: Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez
Director of Operations, Dana Maclean
Executive Assistant, Ilona Schmidt (Recorder)

Others Present: DPAC Chair, Cheryl Blondin, MTU Vice President, Shannon Bowsfield, CUPE President, Nansy Gibson, DPAC Treasurer, Jacquelyn Wickham, Teacher, Lindsey Colosie, Principal, Angela Condon,

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.

Trustee McKamey sends his regards for not attending.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

At the April 19, 2022, Closed meeting of the Board of Education of School District 75 Mission, property and personnel matters were discussed.

5.2 COVID Update

No restrictions on anything in place anymore. In Mission, there is no plan to change the GRAD plans.

5.3 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD75-01

MOVED and Seconded THAT the following resolutions be approved:

THAT the required three (3) readings for Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD75-01, a bylaw for the 2022/2023 Capital Plan, be carried out at one meeting.

THAT the first reading of Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD75-01, a bylaw for the 2022/2023 Capital Plan, be approved.

THAT the second reading of Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD75-01, a bylaw for the 2022/2023 Capital Plan, be approved.

THAT the third and final reading of Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD75-01, a bylaw for the 2022/2023 Capital Plan, be approved.

CARRIED

SD75 received formal notification from the Ministry about delay of funding for MSS replacement. We had the MSS Seismic upgrades on the list in the past, but the Ministry is not committing funds to it now due to significant capital costs the Province is facing due to natural disasters.

A comment was made that the 2-year delay will likely push the new MSS at least 6 years into the future. MLAs have been working on our side, and we will discuss this with them at the nearest meeting. Buses - we should still embark on creating a smaller carbon footprint. With proper support from the government, we could get more electric buses added to our fleet.

MOTION: THAT the Board writes to MLAs advising that MSS has been removed from the approved capital projects.

CARRIED.

*Will discuss with MLAs on May 26

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Costa Rica Trip District Proposal

MOVED and Seconded THAT the International Travel Application for up to 30 students in grades 11 and 12 to travel to Costa Rica between 03/13-03/21/2023 be approved.

CARRIED

Trustees would like a presentation from the students after the trip.

A question was asked if all the students and staff be required to be vaccinated? At the moment, it is required for all travelers. So far, only one student is unvaccinated, and has been advised.

A question was asked if there was any discussion about any possible future quarantine, and which staff has the First aid certification. So far, none of the staff have updated certification. Four teachers have signed up for the trip. There is a First aid attendant from Explorica on site all the time.

A question was asked about contingency with this Explorica. Updated cancellation policy. We can cancel a day before the trip, and we would get our money back. Illness while down there - would likely create a delay in return.

6.2 Indigenous Graduation Requirements BCSTA Survey

Moved and Seconded THAT the Board submits responses to the BCSTA Indigenous Graduation Requirements Survey.

CARRIED

MSS is flexible with the courses and has them available. Some teachers may need some Pro-D (Social Studies 12 vs First Nations 12)

It is an exciting move towards alignment & Equity. Halq'emeylem may take longer to engage.

A comment was made to consider local elders/knowledge keepers for support.

6.3 Hybrid meetings options

Several aspects to consider. It is far easier and cheaper to stream a meeting than to have it interactive.

Whichever way we go with hybrid option - location may play a difference, as we lose the mobility. We need to have a microphone to be heard. Cost wise - streaming service has a subscription cost of \$100-\$200/mth. There is a cost of microphones, and camera may not be as difficult to acquire. Sound is the more difficult one.

Trustees believe that COTW is good on ZOOM. The partners have their voice there. HPMS is a central, convenient location, and may work well. Other districts stream and the public can send a question via email.

A comment was made that in-person meetings at the schools would make it possible for the trustees to see the students and what they are working for.

A comment was made that holding Board of Education meetings via zoom may be easier for staff etc at night.

SD75 has 2 more Board meetings this year: we should stay at HPMS for May, June, September, and October (until after the elections).

TTAC meeting was held in person on April 14, 2022. It generated a good conversation. The following meeting will also be in-person.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2022

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated March 8, 2022, be approved.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees attended various events last month:

- ELL consortium
- Meeting with Branch liaison Carmen Batista
- Mission community foundation - looking at expanding scholarship program

- Heritage commission
- Branch president meeting
- Branch Constitution and Bylaws meeting
- Sports park - soccer event
- VBSO concert in Squamish
- BCSTA voting seminars
- March 10 - presented to BC Electoral Boundaries Commission
- April 4 - province-wide FESL peer review process overview
- April 5 - FESL self-review meeting
- April 11 - Siwal Si'wes policy working group (language)
- April 14 - TTAC meeting
- April 19 - FESL self-review meeting
- BCSTA AGM coming up

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A comment was made that the move to have the meetings half in person and half virtually is an appreciated compromise.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Original signed by T. Loffler

 Chair, Board of Education

Original signed by C. Becker

 Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on May 17,
 2022, at the Public Board of Education
 meeting.