

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

**January 27, 2022, 6:30 pm
Zoom Meeting**

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

Staff Present: Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker
Director of Operations, Dana MacLean
Manager of Transportation, Jodi Marshall
Principal, Shane Sliziak, Vice Principal Karina Zimmerman
Principal, Tricia Alderson
Executive Assistant, Ilona Schmidt (Recorder)

Others Present: CUPE President, Nansy Gibson, MTU Vice President,
Shannon Bowsfield, DPAC President, Cheryl Blondin, DPAC
Rep, Candace Koch, Tony Sandberg, Denée Van Diermen,
Brent & Rachel Friesen, Alison, Rob Zabil, Nicole Hande,
Brooke Christensen, Krystal Ensing, Mike & Sandra Burritt,
Jaime Mantle, JK21iPhone, NoonWardSK,

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'ewlets, Kwantlen, and Matsqui First Nations.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and Seconded THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. CURRICULUM

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Stave Falls Catchment Boundary Adjustment to include Steelhead Area

MOVED and Seconded THAT information and comments from the public engagement process regarding the approval in principle to change the Steelhead/Stave Falls Catchment boundary from Albert McMahon Elementary to Stave Falls Elementary, be reviewed and considered and forwarded to the February Board meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer shared that AME is at capacity and there is significant development in the vicinity. Transportation Manager has looked at the busing of students and moving the boundary line.

A suggestion was made to change the boundary cutoff at Dewdney Trunk & King or Dewdney Trunk and Creston. Keystone/Richards is 5min drive from AME and should stay as AME catchment.

Staff can reconsider the lines and bring an adjusted report back.

Another comment was made that boundary line North of King would be appreciated.

A question was asked about the effect of a boundary North of King on busing. Also, if the busing for AME/Steelhead affects HMS?

A comment was made, that for the City of Mission, Steelhead starts at Richards. A question was asked, if the busing would maintain the same, early schedule?

A comment was made that Stave Falls is logistically way too far for a family with 4 students already integrated at AME and would hate to disrupt that. The Superintendent provided that generally, the board has honored the integrated students. AME is the hub of our system, and having buses go both ways would be a challenge.

We should be able to phase students out slowly, over a few years, where we can honor the existing students' cross-boundaries. The biggest challenge is the development activity. If we plan carefully and thoughtfully, we can manage transition over time. Wherever we draw the line - if you choose to stay at AME, you have to do Cross Boundary application every year, and the bus may not be available. Our buses are already full. There are 16 students in the small area surrounding Richards.

One of the attending families provided that they would give up busing for the option of being able to stay at AME.

AME Principal provided that this time last year, we had 46 Kindergarten registrations. As of a few days ago, we have 54 registrations. 3 families from the Steelhead area have registered at SFE instead. Kindergarten registration is an ongoing process.

Additional info on effect on the Highschool/Middle School will be provided. A comment was made to order portables. There is room for adding portables. Total population at AME (448 students)

A question was asked if the Ministry has a preferred number of students at an elementary school. No number is set by the Ministry, but 500 is the usual diminishing number. Have we used all the space at AME? AME converted music room to a classroom. Only the ISP room may possibly be converted; however, it is a critical room in the building for a robust special ed program. Gymnasium/Library access in a large school is also an issue – we may want to cap AME at 700 students.

Stave Falls - do we still have an unoccupied wing? The wing is occupied by the Childcare. Roof with a leak is about 1/2 way done. There was significant rot; the building was closed for 8 yrs. The roof repair has occupied over 75% of the capital project budget this year. Getting supplies has been a challenge.

A comment was made about asbestos – AME is a relatively new school. Would adding a portable be complicated? AME would be an easier site to install portables. Water has already been brought out to the one portable on site. We could add another tap to provide sprinkler for another portable.

Trustees would rather add a portable instead of taking away an ISP room.

6. STAFF REPORTS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Original signed by T. Loffler
Chair, Board of Education

Original signed by C. Becker
Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on
February 15, 2022, at the Public
Board of Education meeting.