

Board of Education Meeting (open to the public)

Minutes



Board of Education Meeting
January 19, 2016, 6:30 pm
Fraserview Learning Centre, 32444 7th Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present:

Chair Rick McKamey	Superintendent Bill Fletcher
Vice-Chair Tracy Loffler	Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson
Trustee Randy Cairns	Assistant Superintendent Randy Huth
Trustee Shelley Carter	Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)
Trustee Jim Taylor	

Absent:

Director of Instruction, Curriculum/Assessment, Larry Jepsen

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Board Chairperson. The Chair thanked Matsqui First Nations for the use of their traditional territory for the meeting and recognized that we are on Sto:lo Traditional Territory. The Chair further acknowledged that Kwantlen, Leq'a:mel and Scowlitz First Nations also hold traditional territory within the School District boundaries.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Item 6.2: The Board Chair acknowledged the additional revised handout available.

MOTION (SC/TL)

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (SC/TL)

THAT the Board of Education meeting minutes of December 15, 2015, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Reporting Out From In-Camera Meeting

- Nothing was reported out

5. Chair of the Board

2016 Trustee Committee / School Liaison Appointments

The Board Chair introduced the matter.

MOTION (TL/RC)

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2016 Trustee Committee / School Liaison Appointments as presented.

CARRIED

6. Education Committee

Trustee Loffler reported on the January 5, 2016 Education Committee meeting: Presentation from C. Novotny (FV Regional Library), "it's a Crime not to read" – a partnership with the RCMP where members will attend schools reading to grade 3 students (English and French both available).

A curriculum update was provided and a presentation was made by teacher librarians, Ann Titford, Heather Brooks and Jennifer Lane on the Siwal Si'wes digital library: a platform for digital resources for educators to access aboriginal resources in addition to working on a digital learning commons for everyone; JEAC (Joint Education Advisory Committee), met working collaboratively on the new curriculum; Policy #41 Protection of Confidential Information, was shared; and French Immersion boundaries plan was shared with stakeholders.

MOTION (SC/JT)

THAT the Board of Education received the Education Committee Report for information.

CARRIED

French Immersion Catchment Boundaries 2016-2017

Asst. Superintendent, R. Huth spoke to the importance of establishing two balanced French Immersion schools with similar bell schedules and referred to the revised handout. The next steps involve a letter being sent home by the end of the week. Discussion ensued.

The Board thanked parents for their input and feedback during the collaborative process and staff for their work to resolve the matter of long term solution.

MOTION (RC/TL)

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Superintendent of School's recommendation to implement the attached Elementary French Immersion school catchment boundaries for Ecole Christine Morrison and Ecole Mission Central for the 2016-2017 school year ensuring the Board's education goals and guiding principles for the two dual-track schools are also met.

CARRIED

Policy #41: Protection of Confidential Information

MOTION (RC/SC)

THAT the Board of Education receive proposed policy #41, *Protection of Confidential Information*, for information and approval to begin the next step of forwarding it to the stakeholders: District Parent Advisory Council ("DPAC"), Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association ("PVPA"), Canadian Union of Public Employees ("CUPE"), and the Mission Teachers' Union ("MTU") for review and input on the School District website for thirty (30) days.

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Update

The next District Parent Advisory Council is scheduled for January 25th at 7:00 pm in the Library at Mission Secondary School.

7. Committee/Trustee Reports

The Chair and Trustees reported on:

- MTU Social;

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- French immersion discussions;
- Chinese delegates;
- Siwal Si'wes on Tuesday. Acting District Principal, Joe Heslip chaired the meeting (cultural days in schools); aboriginal enhancement schools network; inquiry based projects; family schools of dinner; aboriginal gardens at Mission Central; and
- Recruitment process for Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer is ongoing.

8. Question Period

Questions asked must be related to items discussed on the Agenda and related to the Agenda. Personnel, land and legal issues will not be discussed.

A question was asked regarding French Immersion and the process to change timetables to the school. Answer: *School Act S. 87.01* - required to be used for the regulation around the calendar changes. The Superintendent will continue with consultation at schools and the MTU, and could be implemented for the 2016/2017 school year.

A question was asked regarding French Immersion balancing and a timeline for either success or failure of balancing. Answer: Boundaries are reviewed on a regular basis, not just French Immersion. The only word the Board knows is 'success'; efforts have been made to improve Mission Central. The Board is committed to two successful equitable dual track schools. The District of Mission Council is also working towards creating success.

A question was asked regarding taking into consideration special situations ie: special needs. Is there room for special needs for consideration under the amendment? Answer: the motion tonight puts a definite line for kindergarten students for 2016 onward. There are policies for specific matters. The language does not state that in no way there would be hard lines for special circumstances. Past policies have not been struck down.

A question was asked if the letter for parents has been written and if so, would staff consider framing the language as an opportunity to re-balance the two schools. School of Champions group continue to work actively on school grounds (and area) improvements.


A question was asked as to how the liaison and membership appointments are made. Answer: the list is sent out to Trustees who are asked to provide their first/second choices. It then falls on the Board Chair's shoulders to balance out. All Trustees are welcome to attend any one of the liaison schools/committee meetings.

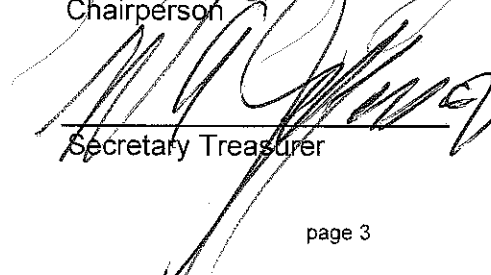
9. Adjournment

MOTION (JT/SC)

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:44 pm.

CARRIED


Chairperson


Secretary Treasurer