

## Board of Education Meeting (open to the public)

# Minutes



### Board of Education Meeting

March 8, 2016 6:30 pm

Fraserview Learning Centre, 32444 Seventh Avenue, Mission, BC

#### Members Present:

Chair Rick McKamey

Vice-Chair Tracy Loffler

Trustee Randy Cairns

Trustee Shelley Carter

Trustee Jim Taylor

Superintendent Bill Fletcher

Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson

Assistant Superintendent Randy Huth

Director of Instruction Larry Jepsen

Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by the Board Chairperson. The Chair declared on behalf of the Sto:lo First Nations thanks for the use of their traditional territory for the meeting and recognized the meeting is also being held on Sto:lo Traditional Territory. The Chair further acknowledged that Kwantlen, Leq'a:mel, Scowlitz and Matsqui First Nations also hold traditional territory within the School District boundaries.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

##### MOTION (JT/SC)

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

##### MOTION (TL/JT)

THAT the Board of Education meeting minutes of February 16, 2016, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

#### 4. Reporting Out From In-Camera Meeting

- Mike Abercrombie, Principal, Deroche Elementary
- Sale of Surplus Sites Update: Public consultation stage; bylaw; seek Ministry approval; Bid BC.

#### 5. Education Committee

Trustee Loffler reported on the March 1, 2016, Education Committee meeting: Jim Pearce MSS reporting on Common Mid-Term exams, special education update; Kindergarten orientation last week; CUPE partners working on the EA shortages, curriculum update, NID Day - February 22, Joint Education Advisory Committee continues to meet; Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer recruitment process and confirming all partner groups will be involved with the process, and a report was provided by the District Parent Advisory Council.

##### MOTION (SC/RC)

THAT the Board of Education receive Trustee Loffler's Education Committee Report for information.

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Update

A report was provided with the Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Hatzic Middle School.

**MOTION (SC/RC)**

**THAT the Board of Education receive the Education Committee report for information.  
CARRIED**

**6. Business Committee**

Trustee Carter reported on the March 1, 2016, Business Committee meeting: Action items will be dealt with tonight and a BCSTA Provincial Council update will also be provided.

**MOTION (JT/RC)**

**THAT the Board of Education receive the Business Committee report for information.  
CARRIED**

Exempt/Principals' and Vice-Principals' Staff Compensation Advisory Committee Mandate

**MOTION (RC/SC)**

**THAT the Board of Education approve the Exempt/Principals' and Vice-Principals' Staff Compensation Advisory Committee Mandate as amended as presented for implementation.  
CARRIED**

District of Mission and School District No. 75 (Mission) Ad Hoc Committee

**MOTION (TL/SC)**

**THAT the Board of Education approve the attached draft Joint Committee, *District of Mission and School District No. 75 (Mission) Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference*.**

**MOTION (RC/JT)**

**THAT the Board of Education refer the original motion to the April Regular Board meeting.  
CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Loffler and McKamey)**

District of Mission and School District No. 75 (Mission) Ad Hoc Committee

**MOTION (JT/RC)**

**THAT the Board of Education appoint Trustee Carter as alternate to serve on the Committee.  
CARRIED**

BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Update

Trustee Carter provided an update on the February 29, 2016 Provincial Council meeting.

**MOTION (TL/JT)**

**THAT the Board of Education receive the Business Committee report for information.  
CARRIED**

## Busing to Dewdney Elementary

Trustee Taylor introduced the matter. Discussion ensued regarding district boundaries and it was agreed further discussion is required with more information. Discussion also ensued regarding the tabling vs. referring motions.

### **MOTION (JT/SC)**

**THAT the Board of Education approve for a one year trial period, the 2016-2017 school year busing routes be altered, as required, to allow elementary students living in the former Durieu catchment area the option of catching a bus to attend Dewdney Elementary. That in the second half of the trial period, the Board initiates a public consultation process to assess public support for a gradual change in catchment areas that would lead to a reduction in overcrowding at Hatzic Elementary School and increased enrolment in the underutilized schools at Dewdney and Deroche.**

### **MOTION (SC/TL)**

**THAT the Board of Education refer the original motion to come back to the April Business Committee.**

**CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Cairns and Taylor)**

## Relocation of Grounds Department

Trustee Taylor introduced the matter. Concerns for public and student safety were expressed. Discussion ensued regarding process and requested further information from staff at a later date in addition to reviewing options.

### **MOTION (JT/SC)**

**THAT the Board of Education approve that any decision to relocate the MPSD Grounds Department be postponed for a minimum of eleven months to allow the new senior management team sufficient time to present the Board with the full cost implications of demolition of the current grounds building and reconstruction of a new building. In addition the Board will be provided with cost and safety implications arising from the operation of this department from a remote rural setting, a description of an open and transparent bidding process for any major renovation work, and a plan to ensure input from all partner groups.**

This motion does not restrict the current management team from examining, and if feasible, implementing other more immediate, less costly solutions for dealing with parking shortage and traffic congestion problems connected with increased enrollment at Mission Secondary School.

### **AMENDMENT (SC/RC)**

**THAT the Board of Education amend the original motion by striking the words, "... for a minimum of 11 months..."**

**CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Loffler and McKamey)**

### **AMENDED MOTION (JT/SC)**

**THAT the Board of Education approve that any decision to relocate the MPSD Grounds Department be postponed to allow the new senior management team sufficient time to present the Board with the full cost implications of demolition of the current grounds building and reconstruction of a new building. In addition the Board will be provided with cost and safety implications arising from the operation of this department from a remote rural setting, a description of an open and transparent bidding process for any major renovation work, and a plan to ensure input from all partner groups.**

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**CARRIED (opposed: Trustee Loffler)**

Points of Order were expressed by Trustees Taylor and Loffler on personal attacks and Robert's Rules of Order.

#### Facility Bookings – School District Staff

Trustee Cairns introduced the motion and read a statement. Concerns included costs, preliminary conversations, adding to the budget vs. in-house.

Chair McKamey expressed the desire to see a business plan to ensure this would not take away from the K-12 kids.

#### **MOTION (RC/JT)**

**THAT the Board of Education direct staff to initiate process to bring back all booking and use of School District facilities agreements under Mission Public Schools' District Staff and process. Staff will plan implementation and process to start September 2016 for the 2016/2017 school year. No new agreements or renewal of expired use and funding agreements on the use or operation of School District facilities will be initiated.**

**CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Loffler and McKamey)**

#### **MOTION (SC/TL)**

**THAT the Board of Education refer the original motion to April's Business Committee.**

**FAILED (In Favour: Trustees Carter and Loffler)**

### **7. Committee/Trustee Reports**

The Chair and Trustees reported on the recent Wab Kinew experience, DPAC meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup>, Matsqui Longhouse, Pro-d day literacy event, International Women's Day, student/community safety, Hogweed season, Emma's Acres–Mission Food Access for children, and succession planning with the Sr. team.

Acknowledgements were made to the outgoing Superintendent Bill Fletcher and Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson.

### **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 the amended budget and allotment of resources of \$425K for a pending facilities move. Answer: funds were set aside to affect portables and rectify parking for MSS.

A question was asked regarding the tear down of grounds facility by June 2016. Answer: Staff is looking at the needs of students and options to affect the needs. It is one consideration of many.

A question was asked regarding Dewdney busing and research involved prior to the April Business committee meeting. Answer: It is critical to review boundaries district-wide and deal with policies on busing issues. Decisions cannot be made at the Business committee.

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A question was asked regarding bus routes. Answer: Busing staff have reviewed routes and to affect current routes surrounding that rural area, would cost the district one more bus and the passenger trip would be in excess of 1 hour and 15 minutes.

A staff member from grounds department expressed concerns of a move and the cost implications of same including travel time from a non-centralized location and requested an opportunity for a consultation process.

A question was asked regarding the School District's requirement to provide student parking. Answer: No.

A question was asked regarding the 'raises' for Principals and Vice-Principals and Sr. Staff. Answer: Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Supt. wages have been frozen. Clarification was made that the term is 'adjustment' not 'raises'.

A question was asked how many Trustees sit on the Budget committee. Answer: there have always been a minimum of two.

A question was asked regarding the sale of properties and process. Answer: the District is in a preliminary stage of seeking expressions of interest. The Board will then formulate an approval process for the Ministry. The Board ultimately decides.


A comment was made regarding Dewdney busing and costs associated on individual basis of mileage allowances at .55 / km. Staff will review.

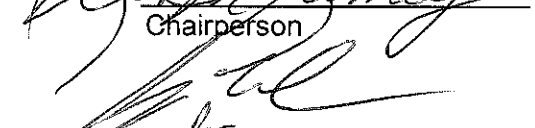
## 9. Adjournment

**MOTION (RC/SC)**

**THAT the meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.**

**CARRIED**

  
Chairperson

  
Secretary Treasurer