

Minutes

Board of Education Meeting
February 21, 2017 6:30 pm
Silverdale Elementary School – 29715 Donatelli Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present:

Chair Rick McKamey
Vice-Chair Tracy Loffler
Trustee Randy Cairns
Trustee Shelley Carter

Staff Present:

Superintendent Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent Larry Jepsen
Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)

Absent: Trustee Jim Taylor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by the Board Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged the meeting was being held on un-ceded territory of Sto:lo Nation People. 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

One additional item:

9.3 Correspondence: February 20, 2017: Ministry of Education – *Student Learning Grant*

MOVED and seconded that the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Delegations/Presentations

The Chair reported on the school tour that occurred prior to the meeting. Appreciation was shown to Principal, Rob Clark and the Staff for their success with Makerspace – A new kind of hands-on learning experience.

4. Unfinished Business

N/A

5. Staff Reports

2016/2017 Amended Budget

MOVED and seconded that the following resolutions be approved:

MOVED and seconded that the required three (3) readings and adoption of School District No. 75 (Mission) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2016/2017 be carried out in one meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded that School District No. 75 (Mission) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2016/2017 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded that School District No. 75 (Mission) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2016/2017 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded that School District No. 75 (Mission) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2016/2017 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

2017/2018 Preliminary Budget

The Secretary Treasurer introduced the framework for the budget process. The Board agreed to add "2S" to LGBTQ.

The Secretary Treasurer introduced a new timeline.

MOVED and seconded that the following Board direction be considered with the preparation of the 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget:

1. That the process include formal student input;
2. That the budget include a plan for Solar Arrays, including a plan for funding;
3. That the budget consider a program for hungry children: Deroche / Chehalis;
4. That the budget consider the needs identified by the LGBTQ2S community;
5. That the Budget reflect increased funding for teacher recruitment / qualifications assistance / building capacity to fill vacancies, and focus on attraction / retention;
6. That a plan be developed to communicate with staff and public regarding the pending technology improvements plan.

CARRIED

Motion for the BC School Trustees' Association: Amendments to the BC School Act

A number of motions have been proposed and moved forward to BCSTA's upcoming AGM.

MOVED and seconded that the following resolution be submitted to the BC School Trustees' Association ("BCSTA"):

MOVED and seconded that the Provincial Government revise the British Columbia School Act to reflect that in the event a Board of Education or individual is removed or fired, that a By-Election will be held within six (6) months of the removal or termination.

CARRIED

2017/2018 Distributed Learning and School District Calendars

The Superintendent introduced the calendar which is in collaboration with Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Fraser Cascade and Langley. The minutes do not change so bells will not change.

MOVED and seconded that the proposed 2017/2018 School District Calendar be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education and implementation for the next school year; and

THAT the proposed 2017/2018 Distributed Learning Calendar be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education and implementation for the next school year.

CARRIED

Reporting out from the Closed Meeting

The Superintendent reported on:

- Property, facility capacity Matters, lease proposals, and personnel Matters.

6. New Business

N/A

7. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOVED and seconded that the Board of Education meeting minutes of January 24, 2017, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

8. Information Items

District Parent Advisory Council Update

The written report was attached to the Agenda.

9. Correspondence

January 30, 2017: School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) – *Property Disposal*;

February 3, 2017: Ministry of Education – *Administrative Savings*;

February 20, 2017: Ministry of Education – *Student Learning Grant*.

10. Committee Minutes/Liaison Reports

Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes: January 10, 2017

Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes: January 31, 2017

Trustees Reported on:

- Rural Education Forum in Chilliwack;
- BC School Trustee's Association Provincial Council – *Report to be provided by Trustee Carter*
- Professional Development Day
- Women in Trades Training
- Elders' Meeting
- Siwal Si'wes Meeting
- Intergenerational Workshop
- DPAC meeting
- Therapy Dogs at MSS
- Meeting with MLA Simon Gibson re: Growth, Space and Capacity Issues
- Volleyball volunteers

11. 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.

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Question: Will there be changes in regard to the amended budget process and information gathering?

Response: There will not be a lot of changes in staffing levels – the majority is due to additional teachers, EAs and other supports in response to the Supreme Court ruling. Major recommendations will be brought forward to preliminary budget.

Comment: Concerns expressed regarding changes to the custodial budget; and the need for more secretaries at the Middle School levels; (CUPE) does not appreciate management meeting with staff without representation.

Response: No response.

Question: What are the changes in the expense amendments in the amended budget?

Response: Those changes were changes to teachers and support staff. It relates to contract language and is a non-discretionary item line.

12. Adjournment

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:15 pm.

CARRIED

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer