

Minutes



Board of Education Meeting

October 18, 2016 6:30 pm

École Christine Morrison Elementary, 32611 McRae 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
Assistant Secretary Treasurer Derek Welsh
Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)

Attendance via Telephone

Trustee Jim Taylor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by the Board Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged that Mission School District falls within the Sto:lo Traditional Territory and within our boundaries have four bands: Kwantlen, Matsqui, Leq:a'mel and Scowlitz First Nations.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

One amendment was noted: Section 9 Question Period – "Parody" should read "Parity".

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education meeting minutes of September 20, 2016, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Reporting Out From In-Camera Meeting

The Superintendent stated at the October 18, 2016 In-Camera meeting of the Board, a variety of property, personnel and student matters were discussed.

Trustee Taylor joined the meeting via telephone at 6:46 pm.

5. Education

International Travel Application: Jim Pearce, Principal, MSS

This application was presented at the October 4th Education Committee meeting. The Board expressed appreciation to Kevin Matheny and his endeavours.

MOVED and Seconded that Mission Secondary School's international field trip for up to twenty-five (25) students in Grades 10 and 11 to travel to the Island Nation of Fiji June 28 to July 12, 2017 for a total of 14 days be approved.

CARRIED

Draft Board Meeting Proceedings Policy

The policy will return to the December Public Board meeting.

MOVED and Seconded that the draft Board Meeting Procedures policy be approved in Principle;

AND THAT the draft Board Meeting Procedures policy be referred to the public for comment;

AND THAT the public comments be referred to the Education Committee to be considered with the draft Board Meeting Procedures policy at the November 29, 2016 meeting;

AND THAT the final Board Meeting Procedures policy be returned to the Board for consideration at the December 13, 2016 Board meeting.

CARRIED

Draft Strategic Plan

The policy will return to the December Public Board meeting.

MOVED and Seconded that the draft Strategic Plan be approved in Principle; and

AND THAT the draft Strategic Plan be referred to the public for comment;

AND THAT the public comments be referred to the Education Committee to be considered with the draft Strategic Plan at the November 29, 2016 meeting;

AND THAT the final Strategic Plan be returned to the Board for consideration at the December 13, 2016 Board meeting.

CARRIED

Public Sector Executive Compensation Reporting

The Secretary Treasurer introduced the matter. The School District has met filing requirements and will be submitting to the Province.

MOVED and Seconded that the Public Sector Executive Compensation Report dated October 18, 2016 be approved; and

THAT the Public Sector Executive Compensation Report be submitted to the BC Public School Employers' Association.

CARRIED

Solar Arrays

Trustee Cairns read a statement.

The Superintendent reported on his conversation with a representative of Terratek Energy who will be inspect some school sites in November. This is an exploratory stage.

Concerns were expressed regarding use of the (new) staff time and timing with policies and initiatives currently underway.

MOVED and Seconded that a report with the following information be presented to the Board of Education for consideration early in the budget deliberation process:

- a) Identification of the School District buildings that are best suited for solar energy retrofits;
- b) Design options for solar energy retrofits, such as photovoltaic panels and solar hot water or heat;
- c) The estimated cost and cost recovery / economic return for different options, including the identification of the most economical option.

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Update

The written report was attached to the Agenda.

6. Unfinished Business

BC School Trustees' Association ("BCSTA") – Withdrawal

Trustees Cairns read a statement in favour of the withdrawal and Trustee Carter read a statement in favour of defeating the motion. Trustees debated the pros and cons of BCSTA: Costs vs. transition assistance for new Trustees/Boards; legal support; branch representatives; is an association for Boards to participate in with voices.

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education approve the immediate withdrawal from membership in the British Columbia School Trustees' Association ("BCSTA").

MOTION FAILED (In Favour: Trustee Cairns and Taylor)

Facility Bookings – School District Staff

The Secretary Treasurer is in the process of renegotiating contracts. Discussion ensued around community groups; access to facilities; and customer (user group) satisfaction. The School District will continue with financial gain if the District of Mission continues with the bookings and building relationships.

MOVED and Seconded that any action on the motion approved on March 8, 2016, *THAT the Board of Education direct staff to bring back all bookings and use of School District facilities agreements under Mission Public Schools' District staff and process. Staff will implement 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.* be postponed until the end of the 2016/2017 school year.

AND THAT during this postponement that the Secretary Treasurer review all existing *shared use of facilities, fields and equipment with the District of Mission* and return to the Board a recommendation for a long-term usage agreement that, considering the School District's primary objective of supporting education, would provide for community use of School District facilities, equipment and fields.

CARRIED

Trustee Taylor exited the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Long-Service Employee Recognition

The Board discussed merits of having a program.

MOVED and Seconded that staff draft an Employee Long-Service Recognition policy for employees that have been employed with the Mission Public School District for a minimum of 15 years;

AND THAT the draft policy be returned to a meeting in January for consideration.

CARRIED

Board Correspondence to Hon. Minister Bernier

A letter delivered to Hon. Minister Bernier was attached to the Agenda.

7. Correspondence

Ministry of Education, Honourable Minister, M. Bernier: October 4, 2016

Subject: Parent Engagement on Student Progress

Ministry of Education, M. Nyikes, Director, Standards and Construction Branch: September 27, 2016

Subject: Policy for Testing Lead Content in Drinking Water of School Facilities

School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay): September 20, 2016

Subject: Submission Deadlines of September 30, 2016

School District No. 38 (Richmond): September 21, 2016

Subject: Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam): September 20, 2015

Subject: Budget 2017 Consultations

School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast): October 6, 2016

Subject: Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

School District No. 69 (Qualicum): October 4, 2016

Subject: Foundation Skills Assessment

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School District No. 69 (Qualicum): October 4, 2016
Subject: Select Standing Committee on Finance

Committee/Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on:

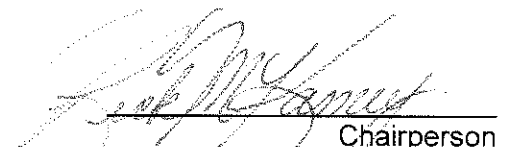
- Mural assembly at Albert McMahon – partnered with the University of the Fraser Valley Art Dept.;
- Orange Shirt Day - residential school awareness;
- Cross country races;
- Fraser Valley BC School Trustees' Association meeting;
- BCPSEA Symposium: Mental health in the workplace; FIPPA; legal landscape; Linda Duxbury;
- The Board Chair has been asked to assist with Fraser Cascade in building their relationships with local First Nations.

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.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:03 pm.
CARRIED**



Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer