

# Board of Education Meeting (open to the public)

# Minutes



Choir Performance

## Board of Education Meeting

December 13, 2016 6:30 pm

Hatzic Elementary School, 8465 Draper Street, Mission, BC

### Members Present:

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

### Staff Present:

Superintendent Angus Wilson  
Assistant Secretary Treasurer Derek Welsh  
Assistant Superintendent Larry Jepsen  
Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)

**Absent:** Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 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 First Nations: Kwantlen, Matsqui, Leq'a'mel and Scowlitz First Nations.

**MOVED and seconded the Board of Education appoint the Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Derek Welsh, as Acting Secretary Treasurer for the December 13, 2016, Regular Board meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

**MOVED and seconded to adopt the Agenda as presented.**

**CARRIED**

### Board Chairperson's Annual Report

The Board Chair provided a verbal summary of his report which will be posted to the School District website.

### Election of Chairperson

**MOVED and seconded that Assistant Superintendent, Larry Jepsen, and Executive Assistant, Tracy Orobko, be appointed as Scrutineers for the purpose of conducting elections.**

The Board Chair passed the gavel to the Acting Secretary Treasurer to conduct the elections.

Acting Secretary Treasurer called for nominations for the office of Chairperson.

Trustee Loffler nominated Trustee McKamey.

The Acting Secretary Treasurer asked Trustee McKamey if he accepts the nomination to which he agreed.

The Acting Secretary Treasurer called for further nominations.

Hearing none, Trustee McKamey was declared Board Chairperson by acclamation.

The Acting Secretary Treasurer called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson.

Trustee Cairns nominated Trustee Loffler.

The Acting Secretary Treasurer asked Trustee Loffler if she accepts the nomination to which she agreed.

The Acting Secretary Treasurer called for further nominations.

Hearing none, Trustee Loffler was declared Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

**MOVED and seconded the Board of Education meeting minutes of November 14, 2016, be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED and seconded the Board of Education meeting minutes of November 15, 2016, be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

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

The Superintendent stated at the December 13, 2016 In-Camera meeting of the Board, personnel matters were discussed.

### 5. Superintendent of Schools

#### 2016 Premier's Award Finalist - BC

BC's Carbon Neutral Government Program has been recognized at the 2016 Premier's Awards ceremony as one of the provincial finalists in the Partnership category. The Award showcases and celebrates the work of outstanding joint-ventures or multi-party initiatives between BC public service organizations and organizations in the broader public sector, other levels of Government, First Nations, in the private or not-for-profit sectors.

### 6. Reports

#### Policy #5: Strategic Plan

**MOVED and Seconded that the Policy #5: *Strategic Plan* be approved and implemented as presented;**

**CARRIED**

#### Policy #50: Board Meeting Procedures

**MOVED and Seconded that the Policy #50: *Board Meeting Procedures* be approved and implemented as presented; and**

**THAT Policy #8 *Board Organization and Operation Bylaw #1-2012* will be rescinded and replaced with policy #50.**

**CARRIED**

## 2016-2017 Board Meeting Schedule

**MOVED and Seconded that the 2016-2017 Committee of the Whole meeting schedule be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

## 2015-2016 Statement of Financial Information

**MOVED and Seconded that the Statement of Financial Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2016 be approved.**

**CARRIED**

## Deroche Elementary Forest Learning Site

The Superintendent reported on his visit to the site. Many internal/external groups are interested in supporting the program and the school seeks Board support, in principle, to continue with the exploration of the program.

Discussion ensued regarding grounds work, costs to the district and non-violation of CUPE contract language. Appreciation was expressed to Principal Mike Abercrombie, Crystal Williams, Ron and Debbie McLean who attended the meeting.

**MOVED and seconded that the proposed Deroche Elementary forest Learning Site be approved in principle in order for the Outdoor Education Committee to proceed with connecting with community partners and support agencies.**

**CARRIED**

## Mission Senior Secondary Reconfiguration Update

Principal, Jim Pearce, made a presentation and provided a handout to Trustees.

- High level of learning for all;
- Ability to provide academic courses required for post-secondary which could not be offered previously;
- Hired 8 teachers from out of district to teach specialty courses;
- Attendance challenges – collectively plan on closing the gaps on school marks;
- Ensure work ethics in kids / education plans;
- Home, work, school balance / mental health – all in one building provides resources;
- New curriculum / assessment; K-12 alignment;
- Facility space issues;
- Leadership team is 70 strong / collaboration teams / bigger school, more resources / size allows diversity.

Principal Pearce opened the floor to questions.

## Kindergarten Registration

This is an organizational matter. The Superintendent has met with principals of schools/programs of choice who recommend the applications be received at the schools rather than the district office. Existing applications with second choices will be honoured. The schools are better equipped to make the follow up calls.

## District Parent Advisory Council Update

A Report was attached to the Agenda.

## **6. Correspondence**

School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) – *Government Firing of the VSB;*

School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) – *Funding of Principal and VP Compensation Improvements;*

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) – *Implementation of the New Grade 10-12 Curriculum;*

School District 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) – *Notice of Trustee By-Election;*

School District No. 41 (Burnaby) – *Vancouver School Board;*

School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) – *Board Elections Following Firing of VSB;*

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) – *English Language Learning Coordinator;*

School District No. 61 (Victoria) – *Abbotsford Condolences*

School District No. 67 (Central Okanagan) – *VSB Firing*

School District No. 69 (Qualicum) – *By-Election*

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

Trustees reported on:

- Riverside College open house;
- Siwal Si'wes luncheon;
- School Christmas concerts;
- BCSTA Learning Forward Conference – 16 countries represented;
- Chamber of Commerce luncheon;
- West Heights Community School - StrongStart anniversary;
- HPMS Odd Squad – drug safety;
- HPMS Spanish blocks – piñata making;
- MSS *Students Have Heart* Dinner;
- Social responsibility / Winter Heat;
- Lifetime Learning;
- MSS cupcake judging;
- Christmas Bureau;
- Meetings with Sto'lo Nation Canada.

## **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 SOFI report and the grid system alignment. Everyone with respect to Principal/Vice-Principal salaries will go through a series of adjustments. Caution was erred in that the SOFI reports one year behind.

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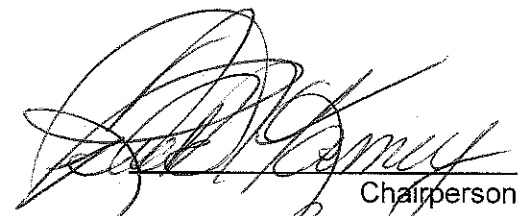
A question was asked regarding the proposed Deroche program and potential competition with Dewdney Elementary's program to which it was responded the District would be pleased if every school embraced the model; As far as marketing, it is hoped students would not be pulled away from other schools; awareness is key.


A question was asked regarding the area being devoted to the Deroche site: Approximately 2 acres.

A question was asked regarding using a microphone at meetings to which staff advised they will take it under consideration.

## 9. Adjournment

**MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:43 pm.  
CARRIED**

  
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Chairperson

  
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Secretary Treasurer