

**School District #75 (Mission)
Public Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes**

**March 10, 2020, 6:30 pm
Stave Falls Elementary
30204 Brackley Avenue, Mission, BC**

Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Vice Chair, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Rick McKamey
Trustee, Julia Renkema

Members Absent: Trustee, Shelley Carter

Staff Present: Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer, Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo (Recorder)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged the meeting was being held on Stó:lō Territory. 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

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The principal of Stave Falls Elementary provided a presentation about the forest and nature program and outdoor learning environments.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Mission Senior Secondary - Seismic Report Update

Contractors are working on getting information to the Ministry in the next few weeks. The report will detail information on three specific options:

1. Seismic Repairs
2. Partial Repairs
3. Full Replacement

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Superintendent reported that property, personnel, and student matters were discussed during the Closed Board meeting.

The Chair advised that the Ministry provided the School District with a list of approved items for the capital plan. This information will be published on the district website.

5.2 Disposition of Property - Nicomen Island

A project cost summary was submitted to the Ministry of Education for the demolition of the Closed Nicomen Island School. The Ministry has issued the Certificate of Approval (COA) for the project. Staff are in the process of preparing the documents to hire the companies needed to complete the work. The goal is to have the project complete by the end of the year.

5.3 2020-21 District Calendar Draft

MOVED and Seconded that the draft 2020-2021 District Calendar be considered for approval.

CARRIED

The 2020/2021 calendar is presented for consideration by the Board. The draft calendar was shared with all principals and then reviewed with partner groups at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

5.4 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Communication was shared with international students advising them that if they travel back home over spring break, they are requested not to come back.

The international field trip to Belize is going forward unless new travel advisories are issued. The trip to UK and France is postponed. Grade 12 students will receive a refund. Grade 11 students will be able to travel on the trip next year.

The SD will continue to publish and share information as it becomes available.

5.5 Month End Financial Summary - Year End Projections

The summary of financial information is provided for February 2020 Year to Date.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Meetings with local First Nations Bands

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Mission Public Schools endeavor to meet with local First Nations Bands on an annual basis.

CARRIED

The Board is committed to engaging in dialogue with Bands to ensure they are fulfilling obligations on governance and education with indigenous partners.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated February 18, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Letter from Minister R. Fleming re: amendments to the School Act and the Independent School Act

The Board commented that Ministry's mandate regarding provisions for before and after school childcare does not consider funding or capacity issues.

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees reported on:

Attending a meeting on the Dewdney Replacement Bridge, BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee meeting, visiting Stave Falls Elementary to speak with the principal about the "hug a tree" program for elementary students, Cyber Safety presentation hosted by District of Mission, Coldest Night walk and fundraiser, Mamma Mia at the Clarke Theatre, Trades & Training Advisory Committee meeting, skills competition at UFV Chilliwack, DPAC Meeting, Women Helping Women Career Fair meetings, and the Final BCSTA working group meeting on trustee conduct.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.1 Appointment of Trustee Liaison for the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee

An announcement was provided that Trustee Cairns was appointed as the Liaison for the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about the seismic report for MSS. The purpose of the report is to assist with the process for a new school.

A question was asked about the cost of the demolition of Nicomen Island School. Clarification was provided that the demolition cost is being funded by the Ministry.

Does the SD have a plan if there is a breakout with the COVID-19? The SD is developing a detailed preparedness plan and will continue to follow the protocols that are issued by the Health Minister.

A question was asked about an item listed in the capital plan for a project at MSS. It was noted that the project may create a sunken cost for the school.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Original signed by T. Loffler

Original signed by C. Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary Treasurer

The minutes were approved on April 21, 2020 at the Public Board meeting.