

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

May 19, 2020, 6:30 pm Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler

Vice Chair, Randy Cairns Trustee, Shelley Carter Trustee, Rick McKamey Trustee, Julia Renkema

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 Mission Public Schools is located on Stó:lō Territory. There are four First Nation Bands within the boundaries of the Mission School District: Leg:a'mel, Sq'èwlets, Kwantlen, and Matsqui First Nations.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Superintendent reported that property, personnel and student matters were discussed at the Closed meeting on April 21, 2020;

and that at the Special Closed meeting on May 5, 2020, the Board discussed student and personnel matters;

and that at the Closed Board meeting on May 19, 2020, the Board discussed personnel and student matters.

5.2 <u>Month End Financial Summary - Year End Projections</u>

The summary for financial information is presented for April 2020 Year to Date.

The 2019-2020 projected surplus of \$549,000 is expected to be reduced by \$100,000 to \$200,000 due to the increased need for substitutes (approximately \$3,000 per day), and increase costs for environment, administrative and personal protective equipment to mitigate the risks to employees related to Covid19.

5.3 <u>Teacher Local Matters Agreement Ratification</u>

On May 7, 2020, the School District received notification that the local matters agreement between SD 75 and MTU was ratified.

5.4 Report on School District function during Pandemic

The Superintendent reported that one cohort of childcare at Windebank will be moving to Heritage Park and additional spots will become available. All grad related events like prom have been cancelled, but grad ceremonies will be held in alternate formats. Continuity of learning is moving forward, and the Ministry has provided direction to move to stage three of reopening schools. A draft plan is included on page 14 of the agenda package. The final plan will be submitted to the Ministry for review and approval.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Motion re: Steelhead Boundary Catchment

MOVED and Seconded that Mission Public Schools amend the catchment boundary for Stave Falls Elementary for September 2020 to include the Steelhead area of the Albert McMahon Elementary catchment.

FAILED

The Board did not approve an amendment to a motion that would allow changes to the Steelhead boundary for September 2020. Trustees discussed consulting the families directly affected by the change and administering one cohesive boundary review of all school catchments.

6.2 <u>Ministry of Education - Stage 3 Planning & Implementation</u>

The Superintendent noted that the Ministry of Education has directed all School Districts to move to 'Stage 3' by June 1st and provided an

overview for the draft plan to reopen SD 75. The detailed plan needs to be submitted to the Ministry by the end of the week.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated April 21, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees report on:

Participating in zoom meetings, phone conversations with school district stakeholders, parents and staff, the inauguration meeting for BCSTA directors, Mission Community Foundations meeting, planning for awarding Cooke Awards, Equity Scan meeting, BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch meeting, Si'Wal Si'Wes meeting, BCSTA IEC, Cherry Hill drive-in movie event, BCSTA Board Chair meetings, and two meetings with the Minister of Education.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

Clarification was requested on the reopening date. The last notification that was received was to reopen by June 1st.

A question was asked about the age range of the children in childcare. The children are between the 5 to 12 years old. The SD is not able to accommodate children younger than 5 years old as our staff are not trained to provide care to younger children.

A question was asked regarding all the divisions at Albert McMahon (AM) that are in remedy. Clarification was provided that changing the boundary for Steelhead would not alleviate those pressures. AM requires a full boundary review.

A question was asked about moving BSWs from Middle and Secondary schools to Elementary. The SD will have to see what the load will be per classroom. Lots of considerations need to be made.

A question was asked about secondary school instructors. The same teacher will provide online learning and in-class support one day per week to their students.

What is in place if a child is sent to school with symptoms of being ill. There are protocols in place where a child can be assessed for symptoms. Parents will be contacted if a child needs to be sent home.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by Tracy Loffler

Original Signed by Corien Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary Treasurer

The minutes were approved on June 16, 2020 at the Public Board meeting.