

School District #75 (Mission) Public Meeting of the Committee of the Whole Minutes

May 5, 2020, 3:30 pm Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler

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

Staff Present: Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker

Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez

District Principal of International Education, Colleen Hannah Acting District Principal of Indigenous Education, Vivian Searwar

Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo (Recorder)

Others Present: MTU President – Janise Nikolic, MTU VP – Ryan McCarty, DPAC

Representatives Dionne Hairsine, and Cheryl Blondin, School Principal/ PVPA Representative – Linda Ziefflie, School Principal/ PVPA Representative – Lynn Cummings, CUPE President – Faye

Howell, and School Principal – Rob Clark.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by the Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged that Mission Public Schools is 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 the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. CURRICULUM

4.1 Curriculum Update - Continuity of Learning

The Ministry of Education has communicated that final report cards will be issued in June, based on the learning that occurred prior to spring break, as well as engagement with learning opportunities after suspension of inclass instruction.

4.2 Early Learning - EDI

The Assistant Superintendent provided a presentation on the EDI (Early Development Instrument) results for SD 75 (Mission). EDI gathers data from Kindergarten teachers regarding children's competencies in five developmental domains: physical health & well-being, language & cognitive development, communication skills & general knowledge, emotional maturity, and social competence.

A question was asked about an early year's program that was offered at West Heights that is no longer available. Staff are unsure why the program ended.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Report on School District Function during COVID pandemic

The Superintendent provided an update on School District function during the COVID pandemic. Areas of discussion included ongoing communication with unions, communication with families, childcare cohorts are Windebank and Albert McMahon, and that additional supports that are being offered to students to access technology.

One challenge for facilities is that the School District does not have adequate access to Personal Protective Equipment supplies. Staff are working to address this challenge. Lastly, there the possibility that schools may reopen. More information will be provided once the Ministry provides guidance on this item.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

8.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated April 7, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Committee of the Whole minutes dated April 7, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

8.2 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated April 14, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Special Committee of the Whole minutes dated April 14, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

Correct the last paragraph on pg. 9 to read that the amended budget is for 2019/2020, not 2018/2020.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 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 2, 2020 at the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting.