

School District #75 (Mission)
Trades Training Advisory Committee

September 24, 2019, 4:00 pm
District Education Office, 33046 4th Avenue, Mission, BC

Members Present: Superintendent, Angus Wilson (Recorder)
Committee Chair, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Julia Renkema
Trustee, Shelley Carter
Member at Large, Chad Umlah
Member at Large, Chris Gruenwald
Member at Large, Dan Schubert
Principal, Lynn Cummings
Principal, Wade Peary

Members Absent: Member at Large, Michael Jackson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm 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

2.1 Introductions

2.2 Review of Mandate/ Roll of Committee

Trustee Cairns reviewed the mandate to Trades, etc for the Board. Discussed recent activity. Hope to engage more parents and students in Trades.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Overview of Riverside

Wade Peary – 9 programs. Foundational programming. Provided overview (interrupted by MSS presentation, resumed 4:27pm). 2nd largest school of choice for Mission students for post-secondary. DS asks for information on Youth Work in Trades 15-19; WP expands on details of program. Handouts on funding. Overview of post-secondary partnering and funding. Capital and space required for further expansion.

3.2 Overview of Mission Senior Secondary

Lynn Cummings – ITA courses. Extra funds. Busting at the seams for courses. All full. Noted CORE courses. Break in at woodwork this summer. Transitions to Riversides. WP – outlines changes to course descriptors = dual credit via ITA. Foods, textiles, robotics, automotive, etc all have potential for this possibility. LC – Marketing/entrepreneurship via Coffee Shop/Small business work. WP (JR question) differentiated food programming between Riverside and MSS. AW – note limits on capacity = 183 students max per space.

3.3 Trades Elsewhere

RC- opportunities elsewhere in the district. AW -- overview of FLC, Middle Schools. WP – Apprenticeships, work with Indigenous communities. CU – Middle Schools jr dragsters example of creative thinking in promoting trades. Expansion of students taking trades in Middle School. Elementary possibilities.

3.4 Gender + Trades

General discussion of issues.

3.5 Work Experience

How to expand on opportunities? AW- Supply and Demand? WP - overview of Work Experience

3.6 Capacity Issues in Mission Schools

An overview was provided on capacity limitations. CG Forestry Outdoor Ed overview.

3.7 Long Range Plan + Next Steps

RC – Ideas, vision for future. Jan 28 next meeting. AW- Reason for committee, members' ideas for goals. JR – provide opportunity to students to think about entrepreneur/business aspect of work. Also would like to see businesses support students that want to stay in Mission after graduation. SC – useful to have outside perspective. Demographic and transportation issues. Messaging to community about trades. DS – value of partnership with Riverside. Mission is a good geographic position.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Committee adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.