

School District #75 (Mission)

Public Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes

January 19, 2021, 6:30 pm Zoom Meeting

- Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler School Trustee, Randy Cairns Trustee, Julia Renkema
- Members Absent: Vice Chair, Shelley Carter Trustee, Rick McKamey
- Staff Present: Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo (Recorder) Executive Assistant, Ilona Schmidt

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged that Mission Public Schools is 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

The Chair shared regrets on behalf of Trustee Carter and Trustee McKamey who are unable to attend tonight's meeting.

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5. STAFF REPORTS
 - 5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Superintendent reported that property, personnel, and student matters were discussed at the Closed Board meeting on January 19, 2021.

5.2 <u>COVID Update</u>

There was a COVID exposure at Hillside one week before the winter break. Fraser Health (FH) notified the school the first week of the break at which time the principal shared the information with necessary parties.

There was an exposure at Hatzic Elementary that also involved a bus route. Students have been advised to self-monitor for symptoms.

Fraser Health has revised its communication process. The turnaround time for communication has decreased. Fraser Health is working on improving tracking exposures of itinerant staff. They are piloting this in another School District.

There has been a recent exposure at Dewdney Elementary School.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated December 15, 2020 be approved as amended.

Amend the motion for Item 6.1 - Spread the Word to read:

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education takes the pledge to take action for a more inclusive world.

The Board Chair confirmed that the Board is registered as a whole for taking the pledge.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 <u>Éy St'elmexw Sqwelqwel, Good Medicine Stories, Edition #1</u>

The Éy Tel:exw Sqwelqwel, Good Medicine Stories, Edition #1 is a newsletter of good stories happening in the School District. It touches on the work that is completed in the community by the indigenous council and workers.

8.2 Statement from the Board regarding an incident at HPMS

The Board Chair referred to the statement as an information item.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

Trustees reported on:

- Attending the Committee of the Whole meeting and a Strategic Planning meeting,
- Recognition of Black Shirt Day to support the elimination of racism,
- Siwal Si'wes Advisory Council meeting,
- BCSTA Board Chairs zoom call,
- Board Chairs zoom meeting with Minister Whiteside,
- Spoke with Minister Whiteside last week regarding incidents,
- The Board acknowledged Staff for their work and support during this time.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The School District is co-hosting a Family Mental Health and Wellness forum with DPAC on January 28, 2021 at 7 pm.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about reporting COVID exposures at the Board office. If there was an incident, the School District would follow the process directed by Fraser Health, and if directed by Fraser Health notices would be provided.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Signed by T. Loffler

Signed by C. Becker

Chair, Board of Education

Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on February 16, 2021 at the Public Board of Education meeting.