

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

**February 16, 2021, 11:00 am  
Zoom Meeting**

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

**Members Absent:** Vice-Chair, Shelley Carter

**Staff Present:** Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker  
Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson  
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Derek Welsh  
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez  
District Principal of International Education, Colleen Hannah  
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo  
Executive Assistant, Ilona Schmidt (Recorder)

**Others Present:** MTU President - Ryan McCarty, MTU Vice-President - Janise Nikolic, CUPE President – Faye Howell, Principal – Linda Hamel, DPAC Treasurer – Jacquelyn Wickham, MSS PAC Rep - Dionne Hairsine

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am 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: Leq:a'mel, Sq'èwlets, Kwantlen, and Matsqui First Nations. The Chairperson expressed Vice-Chair Carter's regrets for not being able to attend the meeting.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be amended.  
AMENDMENT: Item 6.1 - Attachment A: The budget summary documents were revised on February 16, 2021 and replaced the previous budget summary documents.  
AMENDED MOTION  
MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

3. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**
4. **CURRICULUM**
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
6. **STAFF REPORTS**

6.1 Review of 2020/2021 Amended Budget

Correct ELL and Amended Budget documents attached.

\$42,012 was not covered with revenue and SD has lower expenses on substitutes. The Secretary-Treasurer asked to draw this amount from surplus to balance the budget.

The Secretary-Treasurer requested for funds to be transferred into local capital to cover the replacement of needed district vehicles.

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer discussed being conservative this year and no need to draw from the budget.

\$500,000 from surplus is to be allocated in contingency reserve.

A question was asked about the significant provincial and federal resources the SD received. Will these continue coming in? BC STA is looking at how the ministry money is being spent. There is recognition at the Ministry that additional money is required, especially to address Mental Health. Impacts on learning are significant.

No clear information about funding for next year has been shared yet. SD considers purchasing additional cleaning supplies, additional fogger, or more masks if needed. We are diligent in finding needs. Most issues are regarding staffing.

The Secretary-Treasurer provided figures to clearly explain the Budget Bylaw, as the Bylaw itself is hard to follow. The operating budget has to be balanced to 0. We are drawing from the prior year's surplus to balance it. \$200,000 is going to local capital.

A Question was asked about Fraser Health reallocating their resources to contact tracing, resulting in no Speech Therapy for young children. What will be done? There are many children currently without support, and it affects their literacy as they move into Kindergarten. The Secretary-Treasurer provided that part of the priorities of next year's budget are Student Services. Further discussion is to follow on February 23, 2021.

A question followed if the SD should take Fraser Health's cancelled Speech Therapy on as an additional burden, or if Fraser Health should rectify this. The Chair will reach out to BC STA to follow up. DPAC Treasurer will provide a copy of the Advocacy Letter for BC Ed Access and confirmation from MLA about these changes.

Staff will bring the Amended Budget back for approval on February 23, 2021, at the Special COTW Meeting first, and COTW will discuss the budget for next year.

CUPE inquired about the disposition of land on Nicomen Island: \$320,000 (funded by another entity). This figure is covered in this budget, in the capital column, p.3. It is likely to come in at a lesser amount.

Summer camp at Mission Central did not take place last summer.

CUPE has submitted a wish list about increasing day custodians' hours to 8, so they can overlap. The funding for daytime custodians is coming from Federal funding. SD is trying to best utilize the funds. The director of Operations is having conversations with the Foreman.

A question was asked about a report on the above-mentioned spending. The quarterly report went to the Province. Costs are being tracked. Staff can prepare a report next quarter for tracking purposes.

A question was asked about the SD spending money on plans for the new High School. The SD is funding the plans for now but is hoping to receive reimbursement for the cost. \$50,000 for the preliminary report should be covered by the Ministry.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

8.1 Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 2, 2021

MOVED and Seconded that the Committee of the Whole amends the Minutes dated February 2, 2021

AMENDMENT p. 28 "We can continue this model up to Grade 9. In Grade 10 and higher, a letter grade is required."

AMENDED MOTION

MOVED and Seconded that the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated February 2, 2021 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Signed by T. Loffler

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Chair, Board of Education

Signed by C. Becker

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Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on  
March 2, 2021 at the Public  
Committee of the Whole meeting.