

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

March 8, 2022, 6:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

- Members Present:** Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Vice-Chair, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Shelley Carter
Trustee, Julia Renkema
Trustee, Rick McKamey
- Staff Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez
Director of Operations, Dana Maclean
Executive Assistant, Ilona Schmidt (Recorder)
- Others Present:** MTU President, Ryan McCarty, MTU Vice-President, Shannon Bowsfield, CUPE President, Nansy Gibson, Principal, Angela Condon, DPAC Treasurer, Jacquelyn Wickham

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

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

On March 8, 2022, at the Closed Meeting of the Board of Educations of SD75 Student matters, Property is Personnel were discussed.

5.2 COVID Update

We still do not have all RATs out. They seem to have been delivered to schools alphabetically. At the elementary level, they will be distributed to parents directly.

Attendance has been normal, almost better than normal lately. Restrictions update: we are now allowed to have parents coming back into schools. Capacity limits are cut to 50% as soon as parents arrive.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Trustee Code of Conduct

The Trustee Code of Conduct has last been reviewed 5 years ago. Social Media needs to be included.

Trustee Cairns proposed an amendment to the last line of Policy: after coma, add **Respectful Schools policy referenced.** Board and Staff had no objection.

The Board Chair put forward a MOTION:

MOVED and Seconded THAT the Board of Education direct Staff to provide a draft update to the Trustee Code of Conduct Policy, including Administrative Procedures at the April COTW Meeting on April 5, 2022. CARRIED.

SD 62 Sooke and 44 North Vancouver have an updated Trustee Code of Conduct for reference

6.2 Summit Learning Centre

MOVED and Seconded THAT the School District 75 discontinue the Distance Learning program for K-7 effective June 30, 2023. CARRIED

The Superintendent shared current Summit enrolment numbers, options, PROs and CONs, and offered the Board 4 options.

Summit 8-12 is quite a robust program.

Abbotsford has not confirmed but will likely be a HUB starting this September. The Superintendent sent a message with our intentions to Abbotsford Superintendent. Delaying the winding down of Summit will allow for transition.

A question was asked if we could keep Grade 7 open and offer Gr7-12 options. As of now, GR8,9 are taking full course loads while Gr 10, 11, 12 students are taking supplemental courses, adding to their regular MSS

A question was asked if there has been a decline as students already feed to other areas. Some of the online schools offered "bribery" for signing up with them. The decline has been seen in elementary, growth is seen in online learning for students having challenges fitting in.

Has any engagement been done with Summit Parents recently? Not yet. Staff can certainly engage or send a letter. Give as much notice as possible.

6.3 Social Media

Trustee Carter brought up Social Media as there are more and more targeted attacks seen online. District Administration 2.16 - is this something to look at in

policy? Some school districts have policies to cover everyone (Staff and Trustees) with procedures in place. We should start the discussion on how posts on social media reflect on us as political staff.

A comment was made that social media has become an increasingly complex environment. People comment without really knowing the other person. We need to send our messages out with a positive twist, not accepting "keyboard warriors."

Based on our Policy/Procedure review calendar - it is in the queue for December 2022. Should we move the review closer? Trustees are to convey information about the District. Respectful Schools Policy should help guide us if something should come up. The majority of the Trustees agree with the Policy/Procedure being reviewed in December 2022.

A comment was made that this discussion needs to happen through all partner groups. The entire school district should move forward with a common goal and have a unified online presence.

6.4 Electoral Boundaries

MOVED and Seconded THAT the Board of Education make a written and in-person submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act and advocate for Mission to have its own singular electoral district.

CARRIED

We currently have Maple Ridge/Mission and Abbotsford/Mission electoral areas. This time, we have 2 MLAs from one political party. In the past, we had two different MLAs from two parties, which was not very productive.

We can work with 2 voices, no matter which party they belong to. 2 voices are beneficial to Mission, no matter where from.

Mission should have our own Electoral Boundary given the proposed growth.

If we have MLAs from the area they represent, they can battle for their area. No problem for the council or SD to advocate.

6.5 BCSTA Climate Change Survey

MOVED and Seconded THAT the Board of Education submits the provided responses to the BCSTA Survey.

CARRIED

Staff provided information.

Future procurement of replacement vehicles to be electric if feasible should be mentioned.

Solar panels have been installed on Dewdney Elementary, to explore energy savings. A question was asked if they are connected to the BC Hydro grid, so we can get some savings back.

Grounds irrigation is discussed in AP 701 (brown-field).

The Director of Operations provided that even though it is not part of major policy, we always consider the energy efficiency and environmental impact. (i.e: new condensing units)

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2022

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated February 15, 2022, be approved.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS

- Feb 17 - BCPSEA – Vaccine update
- Feb 18 – Pro D, Kevin Lamoureux presentation
- Feb 22 - SCOTW
- Feb 23 - ELL Consortium (Vancouver receiving many students with Afghan background)
- Feb 24 - Mission Community Foundation Board meeting (external) scholarship dates
- Feb 24 - Mission Heritage Commission (external) joint meeting with Parks and Recreation and Mission Cultural Committee at The Penny: Focus - Mission Waterfront plan
- Feb 26 - attended The Coldest Night
- Feb 28 BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch meeting
- March 1 – COTW
- March 2 - Heritage Commission meeting (external) Komagata Maru information to be provided, meeting with Sikh community, Board needs more info.
- MoE zoom announcement re: new Indigenous graduation requirement
- March 7 - DPAC
- March 8 - Siwal Si'wes
- March 8 – attended zoom with MLA's Alexis, D'Eith and Minister Farnsworth about Mission - CT scan for the hospital, new bypass, and public asked about the new high school. The business plan was finally presented. The plans will be completed by the end of their term.
- Followed Mission Community Foundation Blog
- Equity Plan roll-out with the staff (presented at Siwal Si'wes)
- Matsqui FN - Let's Talk Education Forum with the Elders and the Education liaisons. The Board will be meeting with BOE early in April. Helq'emeylem language, equity, diversity, territory acknowledgement, house post (everyone is excited). LEAs - importance and engagement protocol from Leq:a'mel were discussed. The protocol should be sent to BOE.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. QUESTION PERIOD

MTU inquired about Social Media as it is still gathering data about a recent incident online. Mission BC & Neighbours had an almost angry mob-like post. Does that in itself not warrant having the social media policy reviewed quicker? The Board Chair has been observing the activities in this group. She has commented at times and has asked people to email her to address concerns directly. Nobody has come forward with an email to date.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm

Original signed by T. Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

Original signed by C. Becker

Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on April 19, 2022
at the Public Board of Education meeting.