

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

**May 17, 2022, 6:30 pm  
Heritage Park Middle School  
33700 Prentis Avenue, Mission, BC**

- Members Present:** Board Chair, Tracy Loffler  
Vice-Chair, Randy Cairns  
Trustee, Shelley Carter  
Trustee, Julia Renkema
- Members Absent:** 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:** CUPE President, Nansy Gibson, DPAC Chair, Cheryl Blondin,  
MTU President, Ryan McCarty, Jodi Marshall, Transportation,  
Angela Condon, Principal.

**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 five First Nation Bands within the boundaries of the Mission School District: Sq'éwlets, Leq'á:mel, Sema:th, Matheqwí, and Qwó:ltl'e'l 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

Personnel and legal matters

5.2 COVID Update

Many things are back to normal. Covid transmission continues.

Long-term impacts province-wide - significant increase in bullying, violence, and anti-social behaviour.

5.3 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD75-02

**THAT the required three (3) readings for Amended Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD75-02, a bylaw**

**for the Amended 2022/2023 Capital Plan, be carried out at one meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**THAT the first reading of Amended Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD75-02, a bylaw for the Amended 2022/2023 Capital Plan, be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**THAT the second reading of Amended Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD75-02, a bylaw for the Amended 2022/2023 Capital Plan, be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**THAT the third and final reading of Amended Capital Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD75-02, a bylaw for the Amended 2022/2023 Capital Plan, be approved.**

**CARRIED**

The Secretary-Treasurer provided that the original capital bylaw was approved a month ago. An amendment is needed.

5.4 School Bus Replacements - Electric Bus Option

**MOVED and Seconded THAT a resolution regarding purchasing electric school buses be considered:**

**THAT Bus Unit # 1750 be replaced in the 2022/2023 budget year with an electric bus;**

**AND THAT the additional cost for the electric bus of \$111,500 be funded from surplus.**

**DEFEATED**

The cost information was provided. Range may be an issue - the one bus we have needs to be charged between morning and the afternoon run, so it cannot be used for field trips. Some surplus funds are available.

Electrical upgrades are needed to accommodate more electric buses.

5.5 2022-23 Enrolment Projections

We are down 4 divisions in Elementary. We are up at Middle and Secondary. It has an impact on physical space. We are watching elementary closely. Principals update their spreadsheets weekly. We may need to add a class or two in September. Families with kindergarten children are encouraged to register ASAP. (Ad to be placed in Mission Record and on Social Media)

No in-catchment children have been wait-listed.

We have a large number of cross-boundary student requests, which will be confirmed in September (less than 50).

The Secretary-Treasurer noted p. 15 of the agenda has an error - change showing positive should be negative. We are up 0.8 division in elementary.

The reduction of students in K is 80 students

5.6 Quarterly Report (to 03/31/2022)

Was presented for review. The Board appreciated a quick summary and how it follows the Strategic plan.

Note: p. 19 under financial summary - reporting policy - correct typo

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Amending Board Meeting Procedures

**MOVED and Seconded THAT the Board Meeting Procedures be amended to replace “Section 1.1.1.” about holding the Inaugural Meeting and the Oath of Office of the Board of Education as soon as possible after the School Trustee Elections, on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.**

#### **CARRIED**

This change would allow for the New Board to be sworn in ASAP  
Inaugural meeting - oath of office - not an official business meeting.

### 6.2 Elections Bylaw

**MOVED and Seconded THAT the required three (3) readings for Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2022-3, a bylaw for the Election of School Trustees to the Board of Education, be carried out at one meeting.**

#### **CARRIED**

**THAT the first reading of Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2022-3, a bylaw for the Election of School Trustees to the Board of Education, be approved.**

#### **CARRIED**

**THAT the second reading of Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2022-3, a bylaw for the Election of School Trustees to the Board of Education, be approved.**

#### **CARRIED**

**THAT the third and final reading of Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2022-3, a bylaw for the Election of School Trustees to the Board of Education, be approved and finally adopted.**

#### **CARRIED**

Most notable change - District of Mission changed to the City of Mission. With the adoption of this bylaw, the old one is repealed.

### 6.3 Trustee Elections - Appointing Election Officials

**MOVED and Seconded THAT Jennifer Russell be appointed as Chief Election Officer for the purpose of conducting the 2022 Trustee Elections for School District No. 75 (Mission) within the City of Mission; and**

#### **CARRIED**

**THAT Christine Brough and Connie Cooper be appointed as Deputy Chief Election Officers for the purpose of conducting the 2022 Trustee Elections for School District No. 75 (Mission) within the City of Mission; and**

#### **CARRIED**

**THAT Jaime Van Nes be appointed as the Chief Election Officer for the purpose of conducting the 2022 Trustee Elections for School District No. 75 (Mission) within Areas F, G, and a portion of C of the Fraser Valley Regional District; and**

#### **CARRIED**

**THAT Pam Loat, Lauren Olynick, and Shayla Berthelet be appointed as Deputy Chief Election Officers for the purpose of conducting the 2022**

**Trustee Elections for School District No. 75 (Mission) within Areas F, G, and a portion of C of the Fraser Valley Regional District; and**

**CARRIED**

**That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to execute agreements with the City of Mission and the Fraser Valley Regional District for conducting the Trustee Elections on behalf of School District #75 (Mission).**

**CARRIED**

Municipalities run their elections at the same time.

A comment was made that the election process has worked very well in the past. City Election Officers are very helpful. Corporate officers of the City get extensive training through LGMA.

6.4 **Trustee Candidate Information Session**

The Superintendent will offer an information session for potential trustee candidates in-person on June 7, 2022, at 6:30 pm at HPMS Cafetorium.

6.5 **School Growth Plans**

The Superintendent discussed with principals to have plans available for September. The emphasis of the school plans is aligning the plans to the Strategic Plan.

Principals have been teaching very often, and the plans may not be perfect, coming out of a couple of difficult years. The Board is aware of the staff shortages, and how much work the pandemic has brought upon the principals.

FESL/Ministry has directed us to tie our school plans to the Strategic Plan.

**7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

7.1 **Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2022**

**MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated April 19, 2022, be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 **Dewdney Name**

Students & Social Studies teacher - speaks volumes that students are looking at Truth & Reconciliation and that they are seeking change. Trustees are in agreement that the learning experience /educational aspect is good.

**10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS**

Trustee Liaison Activities included:

- April 19, 25 & May 9, 11, 12, 16 FESL Peer Review Meetings (for other districts)
- April 21-24 BCSTA AGM and Director's meetings
- April 26 PATH Walkthrough with Vivian Searwar
- April 28 Jo Chrona Pro-D on Bias, Privilege and Anti-racism
- May 4 - Mission's District Peer Review meeting
- May 6 - "Important Person to Me" Breakfast at Hatzic Elementary
- May 13, 14 BC School Sports AGM in Victoria

- BCSTA AGM
- Siwal Si'wes Board PATH intro
- Committee of the Whole
- External - Heritage Commission and Mission Community Foundation (AGM coming up, announcement about scholarships for MPSD)
- MSS career advisor RE: careers in Trades
- Equity Path
- BCCWIT - women in trades
- GW Cook Awards
- Siwal Si'wes - territory acknowledgement to include Suma:th
- Policy Working Group at Siwal Si'wes
- DPAC

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

MTU inquired about Enrolment projections - Are we bringing any more portables to MSS? Not at this time. Possibility of a partition.

A question was asked about “students disappearing” Some students have gotten involved in pharmaceuticals and stopped enrolling, and some moved out of the area.

CUPE showed support for the learning experience instead of changing the names of places. We need to teach instead of erasing the past.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Chair, Board of Education

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Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on June 21, 2022,  
at the Public Board of Education meeting.