



## SD 75 (Mission) DPAC Meeting Minutes

Location: Held Via Zoom

January 16, 2023



**Meeting Commenced:** 7:01pm

**Meeting Facilitator:** Jacquelyn Wickham

**Attendees Present:** see below

### 1. Welcome – Acknowledgement:

Acknowledgment by the chair : *Mission Public School District is located on the traditional, ancestral, unceded and shared lands of the Stó:lo people, which includes Sq'ewlets, Leq'á:mel, Sema:th, Matheqwi and Qwó:lt'el First Nations.*

**2. Adoption of December Minutes:** Cheryl, Reagan second

**3. Adoption of Agenda for November:** Motion to adopt Cheryl, Missy second

**4. Presentation:** Karen Alvarez, Assistant Superintendent - Safe, Caring and Respectful Schools Policy DPAC Presentation

- Middle Years Index - MDI, holistic look at middle year student
  - Levelness of connection
  - Sense of belonging = strong sense of staying in school
  - These numbers were taken from kids in cohorts
- Covid 19 Mental Health Challenges
- Increased Suspensions and DRC's
- Three Pillars - what are we doing proactively re: prevention, response, repair
- Student Voice - Gr 8-12, School level engagement - sense of belonging = relationship with adults in the building more so than peers
- Looking for Parent and Community Input
- Staff Input - Principals, VP and Senior staff had provided input thus far

Questions:

1. Conflict - not necessarily common sense, how will we deal with this, will teachers be given tools? Schools are already doing this, teachers are helping students (role playing, story telling), highlighting skills not punishing
2. Youth Forum:
  - a. How are they being selected - needed to be a range of students (ethnic, academic, Indigenous Success Rep, Councilors, Safe School Liaison
  - b. Will a call go out to all students? - first the Youth Forum, then ideally, they will bring it back to the classroom

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3. How will all students be included, based on their specific, diverse needs?
4. How will this be implemented / include support staff ie: lunch time monitors - until this goes through the draft phases, it will not be fully implemented

Agnus - there is working currently being done, Principals / VP are already working with newer teachers - preventative!!!

5. Who is going to find out what is needed at a school? Working with various stakeholders, schools / Principals will be responsible for determining their respective school needs
6. Youth Forum will be supported by their specific schools Admin when meeting as a group and bring information back to the school
7. Ideally the plan is ready to be implemented at the beginning of the new school year

### 5. Correspondence: Jacquelyn Wickham

- Received a flyer from MACL for Training on the CALM Curriculum for ECE March 25 at Best Western (must be working in childcare or early learning)
- Sent a congratulatory letter to Minister Pam Alexis for her appointment as Minister of Agriculture and Food.

### 6. Reports:

#### Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

- City has approved the placement of a portable at Windebank
- Gang related incidents continue to be on the radar, pandemic had a big impact at the middle school level (Gr 10)
  - various stakeholders are working on tackling this issue: Safer Schools Together (looking at social media trends, data), discussions with RCMP and Gang experts, met with leisure centre (help make it a safer place day/night)
- District is seeing Principal /VP movement, having a Tech expert identify tech needs for the classroom ie: number of computers, speed of internet
- Fraser Health and city working on traffic calming around schools - Heritage / Windebank more students = more cars/traffic
- Action for Canada - misguided group re: SOGI, met with this group, have steered them away from their focus on this topic
- Flooding at MSS, home-ec room and wood working room were impacted but no serious damage

#### Questions

- Are parents sitting in on the above mentioned meetings, can DPAC join in moving forward? Ideally DPAC is being collaborative vs. DPAC gets invited after the fact -

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ACTION ITEM: Angus to provide contact at Leisure Center, so that DPAC can reach out directly to make an introduction / voice interest in being included in such communication

- Accident outside of MSS - all of the schools have this issue, few sidewalks, not pedestrian friendly
- Does School District get consulted as development is planned and initiated within the City of Mission - yes, there is some ability to provide input, School Trustees are able to reach out to the Ministry with concerns as well
  - Schools do have Trustee representation re: the city transportation
  - Good example of traffic flow - Chilliwack High School

### **Chair's Report: Jacquelyn Wickham**

The Accessibility Committee (school district) met. Chair was unable to attend due to scheduling issues. They are looking for people to join and can inquire with Carolyn Schmor. They will meet 4 times a year- either half day or full day meetings.

COTW- BOE bringing in Environmental Steward Certificate Award for students, details still being finalized.

MSS Flooding- should be rectified by end of the week of Jan 16, 2023 . It is becoming a common occurrence.

Feedback on Calendar change- should we align spring break with surrounding districts (roughly one week earlier)

MSS letter to Premier Eby

- Questions about logistics and long range plan for MSS
  - What will the capacity be for the number of students?
  - Any plans to mitigate impact on students attending while proposed construction occurs?
  - ANY investigation into the impact on congestion and safety in the area while construction is ongoing?

BC Ombudsman's Office Seminar- Complaining 101

- Great resources on procedures and processes for effective complaints- to put on our website?
- Want to update resources on the website.

### **Treasurer's Report: Raegan Heidt**

- Not much change

Gaming: 2388.29 + \$104.92 (BCCPAC reimbursement for travel subsidy for Cheryl Blondin)

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### 7. Old Business:

- Parent Education Topics Survey - is there any topics/ideas we would like to explore, ideally we encourage participation

### 8. New Business:

- MSS replacement advocacy - what as DPAC would we like to do?
  - concerns such as how does school continue while the building is built? - This will be tricky but work will be done with lots of consultation and considerations, parking will be a big concern to be addressed
  - 1500 current students, Mission will require more than 1 high school in the future
  - How will we mitigate issues as population increases and adapt to schooling needs - as the school is built these issues will be addressed - fields for games and practices may be a concern
  - Schools 10 - 12 tend to be very city focused environments, does this align with what our students and district need? Moving schools is not really an option - District meeting with teachers in a few weeks time to discuss - MSS needs a replacement
- Uncertified teachers teaching on call - when it comes to planning
  - Lots of great uncertified teachers - just did not complete accreditation
  - Although we are understaffed, we are in a much better position than this time last year
  - Just hired 9 new teachers from SFU
  - Would like to see consistency re: who is teaching in the classroom, uncertified or not vs. disruption of TOC's, how can students possibly connect with their school/adults in the school if they do not have regular and consistent teachers?
  - Ideally we have trained educators in place
  - UFV Teacher Ed program will be right here in Mission at Heritage, creates early exposure opportunities
  - Challenge - the number of young students that do not want to work is something to note

### Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Cheryl, Ashley seconds

Meeting adjourned by: 8:50pm

Next meeting will be held February 13, 2023

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Board: Shelley Carter - #75 Board Chair, Linda Hamel - #75, Randy Cairns #75,

Cheryl Blondin-Previous Chair, Jacquelyn Wickham-DPAC Chair, Raegan Heidt-Christine Morrison, Veronica Ebbs-Canavan - ESR DPAC, Angela Mano - HTA/ EHPM Rep, Candace K, Chrystal, Ashley MacLean - Abert McMahon PAC, Brook Christesen - SFES, Missy Caswell - CME DPAC, Shannon Bowsfield MTY President, Sheneal Anthony - ESR/Hatzic Middle DPAC, Jamie - Vice Chair, Kristine Matthysen - MMS, Pascale-Sarah Frenette, Jolle Reynolds - Fraserview, Alicia Hurd, Bunny - Churchill DPAC, Michelle - CHE PAC President

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