

DPAC Meeting Minutes December 12th, 2022 held via Zoom

Meeting Commenced: 7:01pm

Meeting Facilitator: Jacquelyn Wickham

Attendees Present: (See Bottom) *[13-21 at high point]*

Acknowledgment by the chair that the meeting takes place within the traditional, ancestral, unceded Sto:lo territory. There are four first nations band within the boundaries of the Mission School District: the Leq'a:mel, Matheqwi, Qwo:ltl'el and Sq'ewlets peoples.

Adoption of minutes:

Motion to accept November meeting minutes by Raegan, Missy seconds.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt December agenda by Raegan, Cheryl seconds.

Correspondence: Jacquelyn Wickham

- Concern re: closure of Summit Elementary; next year Mission will focus on 7-12 at MSS; if in elementary, will fall under provincial hubs (i.e. Abbotsford, Maple Ridge etc).

Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

- a. Lot of bargaining days with CUPE; not much time spent elsewhere (clarification – are in negotiations; not favouring/advocating for one side or the other).
- b. Snow day

Reasonably well run; experienced treacherous roads himself.

- c. Safe schools meeting had to be cancelled due to snowstorm (will be rescheduled bc area of concern (i.e. proto gangs).
- d. More flight team training

String of unfortunate incidents with students or recently graduated has been difficult for teachers/staff.

- e. Spent time at end of school day observing HPMS and Windebank

Noticed children darting across roads at end of school day – some to catch city bus.

City looking at timing of traffic lights; also changed timing of bus.

Also concern re: reliance on vehicles – leads to far more cars/trucks on/around school property.

- *Another project for the new year.*

Chair's Report: Jacquelyn Wickham

- a. Nov 22 – attended BC Communities Ending Poverty Community of Practice meeting

Discussed daily living wage; various organizations united to provide advocacy and inform policy and help to set thresholds.

A family defined as 2 parents both working FT, two kids 4 and 7.

FV has lowest required liveable daily wage; one of highest was Golden, BC.

Biggest cost increase in medical cost; lowest increase in childcare.

Changed to better reflect renters; factors in additional costs of renters having to move etc rather than average rents. Also recognized shifting costs associated with transportation across different areas.

- *Noted: 25% of renters had to move in last 12mos – speaks to vulnerability.*

- b. COTW meeting

SOGI rep spoke about work – push for intersectionality, need for safe space in bathrooms.

Discussed completion rates; went up this year (yay!).

District working on new indigenous course re: relationship to land; not yet approved, going forward to Board tomorrow.

Some push to reduce # of teachers students are shuffling between; also rise in vandalism in school (esp. bathrooms).

Treasurer's Report: Raegan Heidt

Gaming balance (↓\$11.86)

\$2388.29 (final meet and greet cheque for \$11.86 cleared on December 5th)

Chequing balance remains unchanged.

\$2342.20

Old Business

- a. Illness in schools and protocols: information and discussion

Discussion re. rising rates of illness, alarming rise in fatalities linked to influenza, need to remain vigilant in maintaining safe schools.

New Business

- a. New Minister of Education and Childcare - Rachna Singh - Information

Also updated mandate letter; included on Mission DPAC website for anyone who might be interested.

- b. Parent Education Topics - discussion

Considering putting out survey to measure interest on a selection of topics and how to best reach target audience and ultimately to extend reach of parent education.

- c. Food Programs and Access to Food in School – discussion

As DPAC we could reach out to Pam Alexis (write a letter) to inquire what food plans will look like; could advocate that our school district could be potential model to illustrate rising food vulnerabilities amongst students and their families/caregivers.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jamie, Alicia seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Next meeting is January 16th at 7pm via Zoom

Attendees:

District: Angus Wilson; Board: Linda Hamel, Jash Bains, Randy Cairns, Shelley Carter; MTU: Shannon Bowsfield; Albert McMahan:: Christine Morrison: Raegan Heidt, Missy Caswell; ESR:: Hillside:: HPMS: Cheryl Blondin, Alicia Hurd, Candace Koch; Windebank: Pascale-Sara Frenette; MEC – Christine Babuik, Jen Wooley; West Heights: Jacquelyn Wickham; Cherry Hill:: Dewdney:: MSS:: Stave Falls: Crystal; Jamie Mantle; Hatzic Elementary – Laura McDermott; Silverdale: Melissa Wright School Unknown/Guests: Fabi Diaz (FHA), Gillian (school unknown)