



SD 75 (Mission) DPAC Meeting Minutes

Location: Held Via Zoom

May 15, 2023



Meeting Commenced: 7:05 pm

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'éwlets, Leq'á:mel, Sema:th, Matheqwi and Qwó:tl'el First Nations.*

2. **Adoption of March Minutes:** Cheryl, Michelle seconds

3. **Adoption of Agenda for May:** Cheryl, Ashley seconds

4. Guest- Sarah Van Heeswijk, Youth Development Manager Ministry of Agriculture (based Abbotsford)

Discussion on current food initiatives, student food access, and SD75's future food interests and priorities

- Agriculture educational initiatives for school, local food procurement, partnering with ministry
- Excited to learn more about SD75 and what we are doing
- Fruit & Vegetable (milk / lactose free) program - very important for schools - funding may have been precarious, logistics such as capacity to keep food preserved until it can be handed out
- Michelle CHE - farm to school grant (lunch program), breakfast club (EA's / parent volunteers), student affordability has helped some schools fund such program, they have a grow tower (produces vegetable)
- What is the role of PAC to maintain food programs in school? Priority now, will it continue to be a priority down the road?
- Gov't has made a commitment to the funding - legacy / long-term, school district will know what this amount is and a spending plan is to be created, funds / support for a dedicated person to oversee the process (deficiencies, source products), school districts have the ability to apply for infrastructure funding (tools/equipment to maintain such a program)
- Ministry of Agriculture has been running Buy BC initiative for a few years - bring BC foods into the program (keep in the economy) - 20 colleges /universities are already embracing this initiative

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5. **Parent Education Presentation** - Vaping- Fabiana Diaz, Healthy Schools Nurse, Healthy Living/Healthier Communities- Fraser Health Authority (watched presentation on Vaping)

- Does the data show that kids that vape have caregivers that do? | This is McCreary Society site with links to all there data sets https://mcs.bc.ca/about_bcahs
- Is vaping less expensive than smoking cigarettes | vape is cheaper more available at convenience stores vape is \$9.99 800 puff vape pack of cigarettes up to \$25 for 25 cigs

6. **Correspondence:** Jacquelyn Wickham

- Received an email about advocating for a Foundry in Mission. There are many different organizations working together to pull data for initial advocating steps and will be meeting later this month
- Some questions about governance and AGMs
- Invitation for new childcare at West Heights. They are doing a community engagement event, put on by Metis Nation

7. **Reports:**

i. **Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson**

- Fraser Health - great discussion re: vaping and populism (anti-government)
- Looking into providing Punjabi - surveying schools to get a sense of need / interest
- Social Media specific to comments on teachers
- Special Funds:
 - **Community Link** - to address at risk youth (counselling, EA support, youth care workers), this fund is not equitable, some districts receive less
 - **Student & Family Affordability Fund** - In the district it was distributed based on the population of schools (provided parameters on how to spend). There will be carry over and it will be redistributed based on need. This funding will not continue in 2023/2024 school year
 - **Food Programming:**
 - \$700K for food programs looking for ways to use the money and initiatives / programs to support, logistics can be a challenge (lack of kitchen spaces, refrigeration, storage facilities)
 - Will receive more money than last year but is specific for food

ii. **Chair's Report: Jacquelyn Wickham**

- COTW / BCCPAC
 - 3 new policies up on website for approval
 - French Immersion and Punjabi offerings - are they sustainable for a child's whole educational path?

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- Mission Secondary School - process will taking a long time
- Looked at growth in school district
- Attended BCCPAC with Cheryl - Integrated Child & Youth Teams
- Cheryl is the new BCCPAC Treasurer
- Literacy centres and approved, BCCPAC providing advocate training

iii. Treasurer's Report: Raegan Heidt - presented by Jacquelyn

no changes

chequing - \$2342.20

gaming - \$2388.29

8. **Old Business:**

a. Parent Education Presentations - Update:

- looking for support / have questions reach out to Jacquelyn
- The White Hatter - booked for Sept 21st
- Kindergarten transition

b. Update on Advocacy Efforts

- Based on each school to decide if they have the resources and wish to take on the responsibility of having an AED on-site
- Schools should have Joint H&S committees - can it be incorporated here
- Keep the conversation going with Principals

9. **New Business:**

a. Mission Public School Food Program

- Suggestion for next year - different phrasing - can we put something together for insight into what each school does, look for overlaps and opportunity to join forces / identify initiatives to support the whole district
- Good opportunity for food coordinator to try to make this program equitable

b. Discussion of Administration turnover and changes in the district

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Cheryl , Brooke seconds

Meeting adjourned by: pm

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Next meeting will be held June 19, 2023

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District: Angus Wilson-Superintendent, Shelley Carter-Mission Board Chair, Linda Hamel-School Trustee

Jacquelyn Wickham - DPAC Chair, Cheryl Blondin - Previous Chair, Brooke Christensen - SFES DPAC Rep, Shannon Bowsfield- MTU, Fabiana Diaz- FH, Ashley MacLean AME PAC Chair, Erin Albert McMahon Rep, Veronica Ebbs-Canavan (ESR DPAC Rep), Michelle CHE PAC Pres, Grant, Jill Vanderhoek Hillside, Jodie Stenekes, Stefany, Pascale- Sarah Frenette

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