



SD 75 (Mission) DPAC Meeting Minutes

Location: Held Via Zoom

April 17, 2023



Meeting Commenced: 7:02 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, Matheqwí and Qwó:tl'el First Nations.*

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

3. **Adoption of Agenda for April:** Reagan, Bunny seconds

5. **Correspondence:** Jacquelyn Wickham

- Hearing screening:
 - Fraser Health still not doing this for Kindergarteners (since COVID), does not sound like they have any intention to resume
 - Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) in the district is doing some form of hearing screening (0.2/ one day a week) , school district may be covering the cost that was once done by Fraser Health - funds could be better allocated (literacy)
 - Barriers to audiology and hearing screens in the community (No hearing tests at Mission Health Unit)
 - Important to be able to identify hearing issues at an early age
 - ***Motion put forward to be addressed on behalf of DPAC - 8 for, 0 against***

6. Reports:

Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

- Over administered their buildings, will continue into the next year, pressures on VPs/Principals during COVID was a lot, 2 additional VP/Principals, money has to come from somewhere, will see an increase in EA's to support the schools
- Canada relies on Immigration to fill in the gaps, how does this impact the districts need for resources?
- New school - good news – permission to move forward (PDR) - lots of logistics to coordinate - currently major focus for district at this time

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- next Monday April 24 - meeting after school DPAC is invited - looking at middle school years in the future - Heritage Park (on-line not in person)

Chair's Report: Jacquelyn Wickham

- COTW - discussion around new policies, had current early development instrument (EDI)- new dashboard = user friendly, easy to navigate, would be nice to see later years data, for example, kindergarten communication breakdown was very insightful and what the impact is based on areas (city vs. rural)
- BCCPAC- Townhall on Student and Families Affordability Fund:
 - fund for families in need, ministry is committed to funding food
 - Burnaby provides food delivery to families (volunteers not connected to school/student for anonymity) , N.Van - information on their website on how to apply
 - Next year's funding could be used to build capacity like upgrading kitchens,
 - Concerns re: our district - turnaround from an Administrative standpoint, Principals are the gatekeeper of this info, hard to share and support families if there is movement of the roles that are creating that trust with individual families
 - Bus strike - is having a implication on unforeseen expenses (ie: families may have to take taxis to get groceries), gas cards have been made available in other districts

Treasurer's Report: Raegan Heidt

no changes

chequing - \$2342.20

gaming - \$2388.29

7. Old Business:

- Parent Education: Angela brought forward information - White Hatter, could cost up to \$1500 depending if we need to cover accommodation costs - looking at June dates, maybe look into fall - as it may have more of an impact 'fresh start in Sept', it was felt that most parents 'check out' by June = less interest in such initiatives
- School District Budgets 101 Info session: Julia Renkema - former trustee will be presenting - all things budget related: how school districts are funded, Understand Budgets and process - Tuesday, April 25 at 7pm
- BCCPAC AGM: Cheryl resolutions committee meet weekly, AGM booklet on website - 20+ resolutions are in there - most likely will not get through them in time at the AGM
 - Books of Accounts - very tight timeframe to receive resolutions and turn them around

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- Exec Director (may be the same person), read as being transparent and hold person accountable, BCCPAC has 2 employees (1 f/t and 1 p/t) - not able to keep up with workload
- anyone can request to see the books of accounts at any time
- Role breakdown (defining clear, transparent expectations)- Director, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary - Treasurer, Indigenous Director, Executive Director
- Funding portables - advocate to Ministry - concern 'careful what you wish for' funds allocated for one thing may take away from other needs
- Not possible to hold as many meetings as outlined in the proposed resolutions with the current budget BCCPAC has

8. New Business:

- Bus Strike Impact - Angus has not heard that attendance is an issue at this point but has heard that the extracurricular end of things, has seen a slight impact. Angus will touch base with Principals to see if they are noticing students being late in relation to bus strike
- Safety is a concern
- There is funding available (affordability fund) for families that may need the support (grocery delivery, taxis, etc)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bunny, Cheryl seconds

Meeting adjourned by: 8:08pm

Next meeting will be held May 15, 2023

Attendees:

District: Angus Wilson-Superintendent

Jacquelyn Wickham - DPAC Chair, Cheryl Blondin - Previous Chair, Laura McDermott - Hatzic, Ashley MacLean - Albert McMahon Pac Chair, Angela Manno - Hillside Traditional/Heritage Park Rep, Bunny Cherry - Hill DPAC, Jamie - SFE /DPAC, Missy Casewell - CM and DPAC, Brooke Christensen - SFES DPAC Rep, Shannon Bowsfield, Michelle - CHE PAC, Veronica EC - ESR DPAC, Raegan Heidt - CM Chair and DPAC Treasurer

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