



SD 75 (Mission) DPAC Meeting Minutes

Location: Held Via Zoom

September 18, 2023



Meeting Commenced: 7:05 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Jacquelyn Wickham

Attendees Present: see below

1. Welcome – Acknowledgement:

2. Adoption of June Minutes: Michelle, Ashley seconds

3. Adoption of Agenda for September: Angela, Mindy seconds

4. Correspondence:

New Land Acknowledgement has been changed for the district:

Il stl'i kw'els spipetstexw kw'eset ite xwelmexwelh stexwlaq temexws ye Stó:lō mestiyexw.

Mission Public School District is located on the Traditional, Ancestral, Unsurrendered, and Shared territories of Stó:lō people, of Leq'á:mel, Semá:th, Máthxwi, Sq'éwlets and Qwó:ltl'el First Nations, stewards of this land since time immemorial. Halq'eméylem is the language of this land and of Stó:lō ancestors. The place from where Halq'eméylem (Upriver dialect) originates is Leq'á:mel. The language comes from the land, and it has been this way since time immemorial.

Le Conseil scolaire de Mission est situé sur les terres traditionnelles, ancestrales, non cédées et partagées du peuple Stó:lō, des Premières nations, Leq'á:mel, Sema:th, Matheqwí, Sq'éwlets et Qwó:ltl'el, peuples de cette terre depuis des temps immémoriaux.

5. Reports:

i. Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

- Enrollment as of Friday afternoon up to 171 students - budgeted 127, 45 over projections
 - which is good = more money into the system (hired 8 additional since the start of the year EA's)
 - a challenge - people we were not expecting, common theme throughout the valley
 - Hiring based on need (due to newly enrolled students)

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- Does it take longer to receive testing / assessment's with more students in the system?
- Teacher shortage - shut down Late French immersion class at Windebank - could not staff
- 4 shortages due to COVID or otherwise, 15 - 20 is when we board starts to worry
- Summer school - on-line only - 88 vs 173 success rate 82%
- Integrated Child and Youth Team - gov't initiative centered around child and child family - district responsibility to hire adequate staff to support students/staff
 - Currently we are providing some space but not enough for them to sufficiently run
 - hired 2 clinical counselors
- Director of Operations: traffic, sidewalks, j-walking - a few changes made last year around schools to ensure safety and on-going
- School district will be putting a fence on Stave / Prentis to discourage j-walking (on Stave Lake at the corner of Prentice until just North of the first vehicle entrance) - working on a series of sidewalk initiatives throughout the city over the next few years
- Build police presence when feasible
- Middle School Changes-
 - There is no movement / plan to change or eliminate middle school in the imminent future.
 - District looking for school monitors at middle school - many positions not filled
 - Hatzic - new basketball court - less students going to the office (less student issues)
 - Opportunity for on-line, families opting out of the school district altogether as middle school is considered a concern
 - Does it makes sense to address the rumors that are circulating around middle school merging - messaging must be concise and not open up the topic to additional questions/concerns
 - Maybe focus communication to All Staff in the school district

ii. Treasurer's Report: Raegan Heidt

- Chequing 1853.91
- Gaming - \$735.60
- \$150 - BCCPAC
- Applied for Gaming Grant in June - submitted gaming report in Sept with focus on carryover due to continued limited numbers due to covid

ii. Chair's Report: Jacquelyn Wickham

- Attended Committee of the Whole Meeting last week

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- Remaining Affordability fund was allocated - Chair has the report to see allocations for 2023/24 carryover
- If people have issues or concerns - direct to the Chair and issues will be brought to district. Confidentiality is maintained.

6. Old Business:

Student Services - what services are available in the district

- a. Parent Education Presentations:
 - White Hatter - Digital Literacy & Internet Safety for Parents and Caregivers - Thurs Sept 21 - Heritage Middle School
- b. Portable Installation Delays
 - Security guard to monitor maintenance issues in school district - Is this a cost that should incur as the district does not have enough personnel
 - Agnus to create a full checklist of the portable needs - who will be doing this - Michelle - Operations Manager (under Director Dana Maclean)
 - Most portables to not have AC, in Surrey, some do not have water

7. New Business:

- a. Diversity in PAC representation
 - Some have shared that they do not feel currently represented in PAC's or that there is not equal representation
 - DPAC is not proportionally represented - which speaks to who has the privilege to attend
 - Would we like to reach out organizations that can create awareness on such topics
 - Shelley shared suggestions on how to create relationships:
 - Important for PACs to engage, invite, create coffee groups bring people into the PAC circle vs. a night of educations
 - Worked with diverse groups creating opportunities to bring stakeholders together
 - Candace - consider having a liaison to support marginalized individuals (ie: letter writing, create safe space for participation)
 - On-line can create barriers for individuals as well
 - ***ACTION ITEM: Chair to look into more options for education, translation***
 - Surveys can be a useful tool to identify barriers, needs ie: language

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b. Outside Contractor Best Practices for District:

- In relation to the basketball court at Hatzic - how does our school district approach outside contractors - is there a best practice, policy or procedure?
- CUPE vs. outside contractor - good guidelines in place to support individual needs ie: bussing (outsourced), contractor to build school
- How does school district determine what deemed a worthwhile (painting lines of a basketball court vs. lines for hopscotch), sometimes it is a specific paint that needs to be durable and maintained, similar with colours that are on-brand to district
- If we have a long line of things that need to be done - why do we not hire accordingly - to keep projects moving forward? due to union contracts and obligations
- Communication to PAC is important so that they can plan accordingly when it comes to fundraising for initiatives

c. Safe Walking to School

- Cheryl - created an active transportation review for Albert McMahon. It maps safe routes.
- Safety Committee- consider those who may want to be involved
- Maybe DPAC could invite the Mayor to one of the safety reviews of the school, they need to be at the table too.
- Should not just be 'professionals' apart of the safety committee, all stakeholders should have a say

Accessibility Plan - Mission did a great job in putting a plan together

- multiple types of barriers were included
- easy to read and actionable

d. Community Wellness Strategy

- Looking for ways to improve community wellness in Mission - by looking at campaigns to reduce stigma around mental wellness
- If you are interested in participating reach out to Jacquelyn

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Michelle, Ashley seconds

Meeting adjourned by: 9pm

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Next meeting will be held October 16, 2023 - AGM (online only)

Attendees:

DPAC - VIRTUAL

Cheryl Blondin- Albert McMahon ;Veronica Ebbs-Canavan - Secretary; Bunny Cocar- Cherry Hill
Laura McDermott - Hatzic: Brook Christensen - SFES: Erin - Albert McMahon Rep; Crystal L:
Candance Koch- MSS; Susie

DPAC - IN-PERSON

Jacquelyn Wickham - DPAC Chair; Jaime - Vice Chair; Michelle- Cherry Hill; Ashley MacLean-
Alber McMahon; Raegan Heidt - Treasurer; Angela Manno - Hillside; Karly Bergen- Hillside;
Missy Caswell- CME; Christie Lindgren- Dewdney

DISTRICT

In-person: Angus Wilson-Superintendent ; Shelley Carter - School Board Chair; Randy Cairns-
School Trustee

Online: Shannon Bowsfield- MTU

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