



SD 75 (Mission) DPAC Annual General Meeting Agenda

Location: Held Via Zoom

June 13 , 2022



1. Welcome - acknowledgement
2. Adoption of May Meeting Minutes - *action*
3. Adoption of Agenda for June- *action*
4. Correspondence - *information*
5. Reports (*Information*):
 - i. Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson
 - ii. Chair's Report : Cheryl Blondin
 - iii. Treasurer's Report: Jacquelyn Wickham
6. Old Business
 - a. Middle School Survey - *information*
7. New Business
 - a. MSS Replacement Deferral - *discussion*
 - b. Governance Training - October 2022 - *action/motion*
 - c. DPAC Meeting Schedule 2022/23 - *discussion/information*
 - d. Maintenance/Operations Update - *information*

Upcoming events:

June 14 - Special COTW Budget

June 21 - Special COTW Budget/Board Meeting

Executive Members:

Chair: Cheryl Blondin **Vice Chair:** Katelynn Pankratz

Secretary: Raegan Heidt **Treasurer:** Jacquelyn Wickham **Communications:** Candace Koch

Members at Large: Veronica Ebbs Canavan, Alicia Hurd,
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June 1, 2022

The Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia
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Dear Premier Horgan,

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am writing to express our frustration that Project #127813 Ecole Mission Senior Secondary seismic replacement has been deferred indefinitely, and that we must resubmit this project alongside our other 5-year capital priorities. ([page2 Capital Plan Bylaw](#))

On October 13, 2020, the NDP government made an election promise to replace Mission Senior Secondary School, which was built in the early 1950s. There was no mention of a seismic upgrade or retrofit, but a promise for a full replacement. NDP MLA Candidate Pam Alexis said at the time, "A John Horgan government will put the needs of Mission students, their families, and our community first. We need a new school that provides quality learning environment and helps deliver the best education possible for our students."

After the NDP were elected, we were advised that we had to submit the business case for a seismic upgrade, retrofit or full replacement. The cost of creating this business plan to date is \$193,789.57 and is to be reimbursed by the province once the project has been approved. We received notification that the project has been dropped from our capital plan with a note that it is now delayed. The board is now burdened with carrying the cost of the business plan for an undetermined number of years. This is money that will not be available for other local capital projects and maintenance.

Our district is experiencing extremely rapid growth and anticipate the need for 4 new elementary schools within the next ten to twenty years. We estimate the cost of creating 4 new business plans for these schools to be in the range of one million dollars. We do not have the local capital funds to proceed with creating the business plans, and then carrying these costs potentially for years.

While we understand that there are significant capital cost pressures for the province, our community was promised a replacement school during the 2020 Provincial election by the NDP party. It is now 2022 and we are further behind on this project than we were two years ago. Your government made a promise to the community of Mission, and we are asking you to keep that promise and move the Ecole Mission Senior Secondary School replacement to the top of the list for Major Capital projects.

Sincerely,



Tracy Loffler

On behalf of the Board of Education

CC:

Minister Jennifer Whiteside
MLA Pam Alexis
MLA Bob D'eith
Treasury Board
Mission City Mayor and Council
BCSTA

Trustees: R. Cairns, S. Carter, J. Renkema, R. McKamey
Mission DPAC
MTU
Mission CUPE
Mission PVPA

June 1, 2022

Honourable Jennifer Whiteside
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045, Station Provincial Government
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
Via email Minister.educ@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Whiteside,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Education to request that a) capital funding for new schools and additions be consistently and proactively provided based on a five-year projection for enrollment rather than on current enrollment numbers, and b) that the Ministry of Education update the Capital Policy Framework, which was last updated in 2012, when the province was experiencing significant declining enrolment.

The current funding model of waiting for schools to be over-capacity before approving new schools and expansions does not serve students or communities. Many new schools are over capacity by the time they are completed and require portables at brand new buildings. Further, in the years before a school is complete, large numbers of portables are required to serve students. Ecole Mission Senior Secondary has 11 portables, Albert McMahon Elementary has 1 portable and another on order, Hillside Elementary has 3 portables, Edwin S. Richards Elementary has 1 portable and Windebank Elementary has 1 portable on order, and we are still looking to add more.

Mission is a rapidly growing city, (Development plans/applications will double the population) and most of our school sites currently exceed Ministry Operating Capacity numbers. We anticipate an increase of at least one thousand students within the next fifteen years. For our community, this means two to four new elementary schools, plus a middle school and high school. Based on the current approval and funding model we will be housing hundreds of students in portables until new schools are complete. At the current cost of portables, the Mission School District will need to take millions of dollars out of our operating funds.

We wish to again address the issue of the costs of business cases for new schools not being reimbursed until the project gets approved. We estimate the cost of creating business cases to be between \$150,000 - \$200,000 for each build. We do not have the local capital funds to proceed with creating these business plans, which could range from \$600,000 - \$1,000,000 for four new schools. Carrying these costs are a burden on the school district, potentially for years.

While we appreciate the need to balance enrolment projections with actual enrolment numbers, being pro-active in the City of Mission to build in the construction of new schools is prudent and in the best interest of student achievement.

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