

**MINUTES** of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **COUNCIL** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION** held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on November 5, 2009 commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor James Atebe  
Councillor Terry Gidda  
Councillor Paul Horn  
Councillor Danny Plecas  
Councillor Jenny Stevens  
Councillor Heather Stewart

Council Members Absent: Councillor Mike Scudder

Staff Members Present: Glen Robertson, chief administrative officer  
Dennis Clark, director of corporate administration  
Kelly Ridley, deputy director of corporate administration  
Carmelle Jullion, executive assistant

Superintendent Frank Dunham, Roy Daykin, Curriculum & Instruction Manager, School District Board Chair Carol Hamilton, Trustees Cindy Miller, Randy Cairns, Karen Petty, and Pam Alexis, were in attendance.

## **1. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

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### **Civics Educational Opportunities**

Mayor Atebe addressed the topic of "Junior Council for a Day" and asked if the School District would be interested in re-establishing this program which involves students re-enacting a council meeting. Superintendent Dunham agreed that the initiative is a good way to encourage student interest in local government, and stated that providing he is able to find a teacher who is willing to champion the program and there is sufficient student interest, the idea will be pursued. He suggested that one way of garnering student interest would be to offer course credits for those who participate.

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### **Vision 2020**

Superintendent Dunham provided a brief overview of a document entitled "Vision 2020 – Adaptive Schools Enabling Student Success" and stated that the purpose of the report is to initiate discussion between the Board of Education and the community about transforming the manner in which education services are currently delivered in Mission public schools. He stated that this report formed the basis for public consultation meetings and from these meetings, the following 6 themes emerged:

- Changing the annual school year;
- Delivering education services in a more flexible way; i.e. use of technology;
- Leveraging technology, tools and resources to meet demographic and enrolment challenges;
- Through the use of technology, develop more flexible and open learning spaces and places;
- Developing ways to best provide support for children with unique learning needs and disabilities; and

- Developing a different way of grouping students; for example, is grouping Kindergarten to Grade 7 or Grade 8 through 12, the best and most effective use of resources?

Mr. Dunham stated that the final public consultation meeting will be held on November 10, 2009 at which time the six dominant themes will be explored further. He stated that the next step will be to prepare a summary report on the findings of all the public consultation meetings for presentation to the Board of Education in December, 2009.

A general discussion ensued regarding the various opportunities available to change the way in which education is delivered in Mission and council expressed its appreciation to the School District for undertaking this important initiative and for keeping council informed.

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### **Transportation**

Mr. Daykin reported that a working group comprised of representatives from BC Transit, the School District, and the District of Mission has been formed to explore ways to eliminate duplication of transit and school bus routes in order to provide improved transportation services for the community.

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### **UBCM Resolution A8 – Disposal of School Properties**

Trustee Alexis raised the topic of a resolution at the 2009 UBCM convention regarding the disposition of school properties. Mayor Atebe clarified that the resolution was deferred pending further collaboration with School Boards in BC.

A discussion ensued regarding the disposition of school properties and whether or not local governments should have the first right of refusal to purchase these properties. Trustee Cairns noted that the BC Teachers' Association should also be consulted in any discussions regarding school properties.

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### **Community Use of Schools**

Superintendent Dunham addressed the topic of community use of schools in Mission and the perception of some residents that schools are not being used enough for community purposes. Following a discussion about clarifying that schools and school sports fields are extensively used, it was agreed that part of the problem might be that the public is not sure where to look for information or how to book school facilities. It was agreed that both the School District and the District of Mission would ensure that a link to booking school facilities is prominently displayed on both websites.

Trustee Cairns expressed his concern that Mission does not have an artificial turf sports field and suggested that the School District and the District of Mission work together to seek funding for an artificial turf playing field.

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**Meeting Venue**

It was agreed that future meetings between the School District and the District of Mission would be held at a school and that dinner meetings would be paid for by the School District or the District of Mission on an alternating basis.

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**Meeting Schedule**

It was agreed that meetings between the School District and the District of Mission would be held on a quarterly basis and that the next meeting would be held in February, 2010.

**2. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Gidda, and

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



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JAMES ATEBE, MAYOR



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DENNIS CLARK, DIRECTOR OF  
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION