



**SD 75 (Mission) DPAC Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: School Board Office and Zoom**  
**January 20, 2025**



1. Call to order 7:00am
2. Welcome - acknowledgement

*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.*

3. Adoption of December Meeting Minutes- Moved: Ashley, Second: Crystal
4. Adoption of Agenda for December- Moved: Christie, Second: Alex
  - a. Amendment to agenda to move new Business First Item to the beginning of the agenda
5. Advocacy For Punjabi Language Classes/Courses in the School District  
Presentation by Ashok Sharma  
Motion to advocate for Punjabi Language Classes/Courses in the School District-  
moved: Jacquelyn; Seconded: Ashley  
11 Yes; 0 No- **Motion Passes**

6. MLA Meeting- Reann Gaspar and Tony Luck  
Chair gives presentation on some information about the school district  
Discussion follows  
MLA Luck: Finances are going to be a challenge in the province (evidence in Ministry Mandates)  
MLA Gaspar: Keeping government accountable a priority and expressed that one high school in Mission is insufficient  
Parent brings forward issues of not enough resources for students and students falling through the cracks.  
MLA Luck asks about the International Program and if changes to visa requirements has impacted the school district.

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Superintendent: No impact, International Program is currently capped and at capacity  
MSS Replacement Progress discussed and it is ahead of schedule and there are some concerns about inflationary pressures.

7. Correspondence

- BCCPAC- new board members filled
- Mandate Letter for the Ministry of Education and Childcare:  
[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/premier-cabinet-mlas/minister-letter/mandate\\_letter\\_lisa\\_beare.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/premier-cabinet-mlas/minister-letter/mandate_letter_lisa_beare.pdf)
- Graduation date for MSS- last day of school; time of graduation TBD by venue

8. Reports (*Information*):

- i. Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson  
Assistant Superintendent Alvarez has retired  
Attended Y.E.S. Graduation  
Accessibility Committee  
Long Range Facility Survey open for responses  
Meeting with Metro Vancouver superintendents  
Reduction in enrolment growth  
Vancouver school district goes 100-200 EAs short per day  
Communication Guidelines Document- updated  
Presentation to UFV
- ii. **Treasurer's Report: No Change**  
Chequing Account Balance - \$16,664.81 - Vision Zero Grant included  
Gaming Account Balance - \$2332.09 - \$271.92 coming out for Zoom License  
General - \$15,809.64  
Gaming - \$4632.09
- iii. Chair's Report- covered in presentation and correspondence

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- a. EDI update- working on a district wide document for what is PAC/DPAC to be translated into multiple languages.

10. New Business

a. Liability Concerns

- i. District cannot approve or condone anything that includes alcohol (or other controlled substances like marijuana)
- ii. School Protection Plan insures activities that take place at school
- iii. PACs cannot raffle or sell alcohol or insurance is invalid and personal liability. (note raffles are gaming activity and cannot include alcohol in a raffled item, please check with gaming branch for specific questions)
- iv. Adult themed baskets are not to be held at the school
- v. Members asked whether there could be a district policy that covers this

b. Ombudsperson Investigation into Exclusion in Schools

Collecting data until April 2025

Question about supporting parents to fill out information, or if there are alternative ways to complete the survey?

<https://bcombudsperson.ca/school-exclusion>

Alternatively, it can be completed by email: [systemics@bcombudsperson.ca](mailto:systemics@bcombudsperson.ca) or telephone: 1-800-567-3247

9. Adjournment at 8:47PM

moved: Crystal; seconded: Alex

Attendees: Jacquelyn Wickham- Chair; Ashley MacLean- AME; Christie Lindgren- Dewdney/Hatzic Middle; Crystal Lagerbom- Treasurer; Michelle Hall- Cherry Hill Chair/HM Rep; Sunny Brar- Hillside; Susie Taylor- HPMS; Tammy Sampson- HPMS; Yvonne P; Ashok Sharma; Angela, Brooke Christensen; Erin F; Laura M- Hatzic E; Melanie; Elizabeth B (AME); Peanut-SFE Chair Chrystal M- Vice Chair; Shelley Carter- Trustee; Angus Wilson- Superintendent;

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Karlee Bergen- Hillside; Alex- ESR; Linda Hamel- School Trustee; Shannon B- MTU; Raeann Gaspar- MLA Abbotsford Mission; Candis- Constituent Assistant to MLA Raeann Gaspar; Tony Luck- MLA Fraser Nicola; Corally Delwo- Constituent Assistant to MLA Tony Luck

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