SD 75 (Mission) DPAC Meeting Minutes

Location: School Board Office and Zoom

June 15, 2026

Meeting Commenced: 7:02 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Crystal Lagerbom, Chair

1. Welcome – acknowledgement

   Mission Public School District is located on the Traditional, Ancestral, Unsurrendered, and Shared territories of Stó:lō people, stewards of this land since time immemorial.

2. Adoption of May Meeting Minutes – Moved: Tammy, Seconded: Michelle

3. Adoption of Agenda for June – Moved: Tammy, Seconded: Ashley

4. Correspondence:

   - June is National Indigenous History Month – books recommended in e-mail
   - New BCCPAC Member registration portal for this coming year – everyone is required to register should they choose to join – forwarded
   - BC Provincial Budget 2027 consultation closes June 19 – forwarded.
   - BC Team at Skills Canada competition results – 9 gold medals!
   - Reminder to PAC treasurers of June 30th Gaming Grant application deadline – it is a HARD deadline – NO EXTENSIONS!

5. PAC roundtable check-in:

   a. ***Heritage Park Middle School (Tammy Sampson)***

      - HMS, MSS, HPMS musical concerts at Clarke Theatre – final show of the year
      - Events: Grade 6 tour, parent info night, upcoming grade 7 walkaround
      - HPMS student awarded 2nd place in science fair
      - PAC AGM in September
      - Approx. 750 students enrolled next year, 19 in Late French Immersion program

   b. ***Edwin S. Richards (Alex Strozek)***

      - PAC AGM last week went well, all positions filled
      - Ongoing: Field trips, grade 6 ceremony, Sports Day next week organized by PAC with parent involvement
      - Active Transport event coinciding with Mission's Go by Bike week – successful, many students brought scooters/bikes, participation down a bit since October

   c. ***Cherry Hill Elementary School (Michelle Hall)***

      - PAC AGM last week, all spots filled
      - Carnival was highly successful with no problems, 1,500 – 2,000 people attended
      - Many field trips going on this month

   d. ***Albert McMahon Elementary School (Ashley)***

- PAC AGM last week, all positions filled
- Events: PAC Froyo Day for whole school next week, Grade 6 grad ceremony

e. ***Hatzic Middle School (Cheryl Blondin)***

- AGM new slate of members with some returning, updated constitutional bylaws
- Events: Hatzic Hawks Day on the 18th, year-end concert at the park
- New Vice Principal Kuljeet Tiwana

f. ***Mission Senior Secondary (Rocky Blondin)***

- Construction ongoing, making good progress
- Bathrooms in new building – small individual stalls
- Dry grad – discussion around discontinuing dry grad, using money to offset cost of prom (suggestion to reduce out of pocket cost for students to $50 each; school purchased 11 suits and 6 dresses for students) – while around $53,000 was raised for dry grad, barely half of graduating students attended
- Discussions around reviewing grad celebrations, students/parents/admin have been asking for change – discussion will resume in fall

g. ***Hatzic Elementary School (Laura McDermott)***

- PAC AGM June 5th, all spots filled
- Events: Grade 6 grad tomorrow, sports day on the 19th, field trips and fun events lined up this month

h. ***Hillside Traditional Academy (Kapil Patel)***

- PAC AGM, many resumed the same position
- Events: Carnival on June 4th was successful, fun day planned for June 19th, grade 6 farewell in planning

i. ***Windebank Elementary (Nicole Israelov)***

- PAC AGM upcoming
- Events: Fun/sports day with foam party was big hit with students, Freezie Fridays and popcorn days ongoing, Market days from grade 4/5 students

j. ***Deroche Elementary School (Sonja Strimbei)***

- Successful music bingo event and outdoor classroom cleanup, Sports Day with volunteers from HMS and hot dog lunch, bake sale for PAC
- Field trips: Hiking trip, beach visit, grade 6 grad canoeing, movie theatre trip
- PAC AGM upcoming and floating ideas for next year

k. ***Stave Falls Elementary School (Brooke Christensen)***

- Events: Grade 6 ceremony next week and Wild Play grad event, beef jerky fundraiser in May, fun day last week with hot dog lunch for students/staff/volunteers
- Many field trips planned this month

6. Reports (Information):

i. Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

- Cultus Lake incident
  - A dozen students were seriously injured at Cultus Lake Waterpark recently

- Two Mission schools have planned to attend the park this Friday – will be reviewed, may find alternative plans
- Other school districts are cancelling their trips to the waterpark

- Final interviews for new Secretary Treasurer, significant number of applicants
- Mission Public School website: New section for elections with PowerPoints and information on becoming a school trustee
- Preliminary budget has been approved and is tight this year – funding not keeping pace with costs
- MSS steel shipment from Korea coming next week to build the new school frame
- Student learning reports / FSA Results: Overall, results are good for our district
  - Grade 4 literacy: Up for all students including indigenous, indigenous off-reserve, and designated students. Down for indigenous on-reserve.
  - Grade 7 literacy: Up above average for indigenous, indigenous on-reserve, indigenous off-reserve. Up for designated students.
  - Grade 10 literacy: Flat. Indigenous and indigenous off-reserve down slightly but remain above average. Down for designated students.
  - Grade 4 numeracy: Flat. Up for indigenous students, flat for designated students.
  - Grade 7 numeracy: Up for all students including indigenous off-reserve, designated students. Above average for indigenous. Down for indigenous on-reserve.
  - Grade 10 numeracy: Up for all students including indigenous off-reserve, up above average for indigenous and indigenous on-reserve. Flat for designated students.
  - 5-year Dogwood: Up for all students including indigenous, indigenous off-reserve, designated students. Down slightly for indigenous on-reserve.
- STEM/Science Fair
  - Camille Anderson mentor teacher recognized as advocate for activities: science fair, slam poetry sessions, racetrack visits
  - HPMS Grade 9 student national silver level, great achievement for our district
- Will be at West Heights Pride Parade tomorrow
- Question: Attendance phone calls/e-mails from MSS coming daily?
  - Answer: Automatic communication is easy for the system. Since Covid pandemic, globally, excused absences have skyrocketed (double the absentee rate). Auto-dialler is not a good system to resolve this issue. PACs are encouraged to think about better solutions.
  - Suggestion: Chart out absences so that parents can see trends
  - Comment: Not useful to receive absence notifications at 5 pm, need to know earlier, as well as which classes were missed

ii. Chair's Report: Crystal Lagerbom

- Thank you to all PACs for your fundraising totals – these will be compiled for next fall to identify potential gaps in funding
  - Question: Purpose of collecting data? E.g., Buying Froyo for students does not seem to cover a funding gap

- Answer: Some PACs may purchase tech or art supplies for instance – goal is to take the number to the board to show funding gaps, advocate for funding
- Comment: Supplementation from parents should be documented so we can identify priorities and argue for necessities or better choices
- Comment: Food insecurity is grossly underreported; PAC funding getting food to kids is important
- Comment: Small payments are frequently asked of parents for various school fees, but education is supposed to be free
- Comment: PACs can use their own discretion and/or vote on the details of financial information shared with DPAC

- Met with Karlee Ward (Healthy Schools Nurse) re: Sex ed health material in schools
  - Age appropriate, curriculum based focused mostly on biology, facts and science. A new package is being created over the summer and will be circulated to parents in the fall
    - Fraser Health is moving sexual heath toolkit (mostly resources) to external website hopefully by fall, made mostly for educators
    - It is not a SOGi resource but does include resources for SOGI
    - There are also resources for parents, youth, curriculum resources (to see what is being taught at each grade level)
- Meeting with Tracy Loffler, Board Chair and Brooke Christensen – further discussion later

iii. Treasurer's Report: Michelle Hall

- Community account balance: $10,764.64 (no change)
- Gaming account balance: $6,622.42

7. Old Business

   i. Very successful Constitution and Bylaws workshop facilitated by Cheryl Blondin. If there is more interest, we can run another session in the fall. Please let Crystal know by email.

8. New Business

   1. Discussion with Chair Loffler:

      a. School Trustees at DPAC meetings?

- Trustees used to be invited to DPAC meetings, some have asked to be invited again
- Discussion: They should be at meetings to hear our concerns; in some past meetings they spoke too much (taking time away from parents)
- Discussion: Committee of the Whole meetings are difficult for DPAC members to attend because of timing and because they are no longer online; DPAC could get more organized to send someone to attend
- Crystal will invite school trustees to attend our meetings

b. Re: Meaningful Communication to Parents
    - General feeling that our letter to the Board was brushed off
    - Crystal expressed criticism of school district app bundled with new website (useless glorified calendar); e-mails to parents are easily overlooked – advocated for text messages
    - Tracy expressed that she would look into better communication options with parents that are more direct and timely
c. Upcoming elections – vacancies for two school trustees (information is online)
d. Meetings with executive – School trustees would like to have a couple of meetings each year with DPAC executive
    - Discussion: There used to be more communication, working together; parents should be a part of everything they are doing including budget meetings, elections
    - Crystal will tell Tracy that we are interested in attending

2. PACS needing a copy of Roberts Rules, kindly email Crystal
3. Gratitude for all our volunteers this school year – Thank you to every parent and PAC representative

9. Next Meeting: September 21st, 2026 at 7:00 PM
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm (Moved: Ashley, Seconded: Crystal)

Upcoming Events:

Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, June 16 2026, at 6:30 pm E. S. Richards Elementary School

First day of 2026-2027 school year: Tuesday September 8th (AFTERNOON only)

NEXT DPAC Meeting: September 21st at 7:00 pm

Attendees:

(In Person) Chair – Crystal Lagerbom, District Superintendent – Angus Wilson, Fraser Health Nurse – Karlee Ward, Member at Large – Alex Strozek (ESR), Treasurer – Michelle Hall (Cherry Hill, Hatzic), Tammy Sampson (HPMS), Cheryl Blondin (HMS), Rocky Blondin (MSS), Ashley (AME)

(Zoom) Secretary – Sonja Strimbei (Deroche), Member at Large – Brooke Christensen (SFE), Kapil Patel (HTA), Laura McDermott (Hatzic Elementary), Nicole Israelov (Windebank)