

Location: School Board Office and Zoom

May 12, 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:lt'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 April Meeting Minutes- Moved: Christie, Second: Alex
4. Adoption of Agenda for May- Moved: Christie, Second: Alex
5. Guest Speaker- Jessica Bermudez– Junior Achievement BC (JABC)
 - Presentation slides will be available (technical issues prevented viewing during meeting)
 - JABC is a non-for-profit organization that provides students with education/presentations targeting Entrepreneurship, Work Readiness, and Financial Health. Available for grades K-12
 - JABC is seeking interested schools/teachers that would be interested in having presentations/workshops
 - JABC is also seeking local volunteers to be presenters. They welcome anyone in the community to apply. Criminal record checks and references will be needed. Training will be provided. Volunteer commitment is very flexible.
6. Correspondence:
 - Some details in the applications regarding BcelDs may result in mail being sent to the school board by mistake; school board is aware and keeping an eye out.
 - MSS Parents Inclusion Night – May 21st 2025

7. Reports (*Information*):

i. Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

- Shortfalls project across many districts. Mission is projecting an approximate \$1.4 million shortfall

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- Lapu-Lapu Festival- In response to the tragic event that occurred at the festival; many districts came together to help support schools/community members affected by this tragedy. School districts, including Mission, will be reviewing their response strategies to include when a large-scale tragedy occurs.

ii. Treasurer's Report: No Change

Chequing Account Balance: \$15,809.64

Gaming Account Balance \$4632.09

iii. Chair's Report

Active Transportation Grant – Some unused funds are still remaining; looking into the possibility of purchasing helmets for student who need them.

MLA Reann Gasper is now the shadow minister for childcare, children and youth with support needs. She has been posting on social media platforms to organize events to seek feedback and suggestions from Abbotsford and Mission community members.

7. Old Business

Advocacy regarding Emergency Preparedness update: Letter has been sent to school board, waiting for response.

8. New Business

School Board's 2025/26 Preliminary Budget Discussion. Thank you to the school district staff for providing detailed budget information including a chart of detailed staffing levels; it was well received by DPAC attendees. Will be seeking some clarity regarding the number of counselors available at some schools, we suspect there may be a typo. Also, some ideas on how to possibly decrease the \$1.4 million shortfall (ie. Could they cancel the parking lot/playground relocation project at AME) were mentioned by a parent.



SD 75 (Mission) DPAC Meeting Minutes



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Copies of the preliminary budget available in the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda:

<https://pub-sd75.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=3542>

Special Committee of the Whole – Budget took place May 13, 2025

9. Adjournment at 8:26 PM moved:

Christie; seconded: Alex

Attendees: Jacquelyn Wickham- Chair, Ashley MacLean AME, Alex- ESR, Erin Forsyth-AME, Laura- Hatzic E, Elizabeth-AME, Christie, Superintendent Angus Wilson, Peanut-Stav Falls, Carlie, Sunny-Hillside, Susie Taylor, Jessica Bermudez, Brooke