

Location: School Board Office and Zoom

November 17, 2025

Meeting Commenced: 7:00 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, of Leq'á:mel, Semá:th, Máthxwi, Sq'ewlets 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.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2025 – Moved: Chrystal, Seconded: Ashley

3. Adoption of Agenda for November – Moved: Chrystal, Seconded: Ashley

4. Correspondence:

- The Dental Team at Fraser Health is looking for support to share information about the UBC Children's Dental Program for children ages 0-12 without dental coverage – Transportation available out to UBC
- BCCPAC October Newsletter – will be hosting a BCCPAC Town Hall in early 2026
- Fraser Health: Virtual Immunization Information Session for Parents, Caregivers and Trusted Adults
- Skills Canada BC: Skills Canada BC Provincial Competition Returns April 15, 2026 at the Abbotsford Tradex - Applications being accepted for groups of students, subsidy available (including for transportation)

5. Reports (Information):

i. Superintendent's Report: Angus Wilson

- Vandalism
 - Recent vandalism in west side of district done by young person involving racist commentary, inappropriate drawings – difficult to identify culprit
 - External vandalism comes in cycles, internal vandalism (e.g., damage to washroom stalls) has dropped since Covid time

- Annual cost of vandalism in district approx. \$87,000 in labour, over \$15,000 in parts/supplies – Cost is a concern
- Messaging is a concern – We want feeling of inclusiveness and safety for all
- Social Media comments/questions about coaching
 - Elementary schools well covered, middle/secondary schools short on coaches (internal) to cover volleyball, basketball across all age groups
 - Schools will accept volunteer coaches (please pass it on) – there must be a teacher/staff member sponsor for the team
 - Discussion: Difficulties getting teacher sponsors for coaching – Angus acknowledged time constraints on teachers, workers compensation concerns around volunteer time for CUPE members
 - Discussion: Possibility of I-SPARC doing coaching modules with parents to make it easy and build confidence – Chrystal will follow up
- E-scooters in our community
 - Concerns about safety (speed, lack of helmets, multiple riders, use of cell phones while riding) and legality of e-scooters being brought to schools
 - They are illegal and thus are not allowed at schools (should be communicated to parents, Angus has relayed the message to principals), situation being monitored
 - Typically 1 or 2 e-scooters being brought to schools, up to 10 at MSS
 - Storage safety – if legalized, would have to stay outside due to battery fire risk
 - Fraser Health shared research from Vancouver Coastal Health re: risks to teens' health – significant increase in injuries related to e-scooters
 - Discussion: Importance of communicating legal distinction between e-scooters and dirt bikes/motorcycles; insurance concerns related to e-bike battery fires
- Mission Senior Secondary new building
 - Ventana Construction successful proponent for new MSS building
 - MPSD has FAQ available on website
 - Building will be 4 stories tall, capacity of 1500 with slightly increased parking, double fields, basketball courts
 - Construction to begin summer 2026 with estimated completion Sep 2028 followed by demolition of current building
 - Timeline, financial aspects looking good so far
- Discussion
 - Question about process for playgrounds update from September meeting – Corinne working on it, Angus will e-mail to check in

ii. Treasurer's Report: Crystal Lagerbom (Not yet transferred over to new Treasurer)

- Chequing Account Balance: \$10,764.64 (no change)
- Gaming Account Balance: \$7,063.09 (no change)

iii. Chair's Report: Crystal Lagerbom

- Thank you for election – open to suggestions from all via e-mail
- Planning meeting for executive at the end of the year – Will let everyone know

6. Old Business

- Discussion: Question about follow-up to letter about 3 high priority items (vaping/addictions, Feeding Futures, EA shortage) – Crystal confirmed it was on the last board meeting agenda, she will follow up

7. New Business

- Parent education ideas – e.g. white hatter, safe streets
 - Potential Gabor Mate event (Crystal will follow up)
 - Questions about Foodsafe for parents – they can do the course in person or online and apply for reimbursement (1 per PAC)
 - **Motion that DPAC approve 2 Foodsafe certifications per school with approval through DPAC rep. Moved: Rocky, seconded: Ashley**
 - **Motion carried with no opposition**
 - Feedback for parent education event in the form of learning session combined with self-care – Chrystal seeking ideas to put into practice
 - White hatter event following Gabor Mate?
 - Rocky offered to present information session on e-scooters, DPAC to host
- Crystal proposed changes to meeting agendas going forward:
 - Include a roundtable session for all school DPACs - Idea will be put to Angus for feedback. Discussion:
 - Concerns around length of roundtable for 16 schools
 - Suggestions for structure: Leave to the end of the meeting, impose a 1-2 minute timer per school, cover only 4 schools per meeting, or have each committee fill out a Google form and their concerns be addressed as correspondence from each PAC
 - Add a focus on action items – What is happening and who is doing it? (So nothing falls through cracks) Discussion:
 - Main drives this year: EA concerns, vaping, Feeding Futures – Need to continue to follow up
 - General agreement that this should be covered with Old Business

- Concerns around communications in the school district – No effective system of communication between staff, administrators, parents, students – There should be a better way than influx of e-mails / shotgun approach to communication. Suggestion to raise this as an issue – New action item
 - Examples: DPAC digital communications to PAC chairs – no easy way to communicate, e-mail same source that sends all e-mails from schools (filtered out in automated inboxes); e-mails about class placement and P/T meetings lack information about which class or student; too many different platforms used for communication
 - Discussion: What is the end goal – one platform? To share information easily, securely – Many concerns associated with sharing private information that district must observe (student grades, individual e-mail addresses, etc.)
 - Research required – How do other districts manage communication (Example: communication software that includes translation services)
 - Suggestion to look for methods and best practices to present to the board for standardized approach, ask about limitations/legislation – E-mail Rocky with findings to follow up in January

8. Action Items / Next Steps

9. Next Meeting: December 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm

10. Adjournment at 8:06 pm – moved: Chrystal, seconded: Faryel

Upcoming Events:

Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday November 18 at 6:30 pm - Riverside

Mission Child and Youth/ Early Childhood Committee – Thursday November 20 - 9 am - 10:30 Mission Public Library

Committee of the Whole – Tuesday December 2 at 3:30 pm Hybrid (Zoom and SBO)

Attendees:

(In person): Chair – Crystal Lagerbom, Vice Chair – Chrystal McCallum (Deroche), Treasurer – Michelle Hall (CHE, HM), Member at Large – Christie Lindgren (Dewdney), District Superintendent – Angus Wilson, Rocky Blondin (MSS), Ashley MacLean (AME), Faryele Danoit (CME)

(Online): Past Chair – Jacquelyn Wickham, Secretary – Sonja Strimbei (Deroche), Communication Director – Jaime Mantle, Member at Large – Alex Strozek (ESR), Member at Large – Brooke Christensen (SFE), Erin (AME), Paul Wozney, Laura McDermott (Hatzic), Peanut