

School District 54
(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

January 9th, 2018

3:00 PM

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
L. Collingwood, Chair D. Hanson J. Williams (ex officio)	C. van der Mark, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent
Regrets: L. Kearns	

Meeting was conducted from 3:04-4:15 pm

Welcome: *Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan."*

REPORT

1. Amended Budget: Bylaw

Mr. Margerm presented the December recalculation of funding as part of draft 2017-2018 amended budget. This will also be presented at the January board meeting. The December recalculation funding was basically as budgeted with little variance from February projections. ***It is recommended that the Board proceed with the first two readings of the 2017-2018 Draft Amended Budget Bylaw.***

2. 2017-18 Calendar Amendment

Mr. McDiarmid updated the Committee on the need to add a Ministry required curriculum day to the 2017-2018 School Calendar. ***It is recommended that the Board approve the addition of June 28th, 2018 as a non-instructional curricular day, and amend June 27th, 2018 to become the last day of classes.*** This revision should be sent out for consultation.

3. 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 School Calendars

The 2018-2012 Draft calendars were sent out for consultation. Responses ranged from support for both two-week and one-week spring breaks. It will be difficult to appease all stakeholders. Certain employee groups will benefit and some may lose earnings. The question for the Board may involve an ethical question of whether students should be out of school for an extra week. The consultation will continue for one more month.

4. Heating Agreement (ESCO) with Telkwa Village Update

Mr. Margerm updated the committee on cancellation of the heating agreement between the Telkwa Village (ESCO) and School District #54. A renegotiated contract is being considered. This contractual issue was brought into public setting by the Mayor of Telkwa through an article in the media. The specifics of the issues with the contract and subsequent cancellation will be addressed in in-camera operations.

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5. Smithers Public Library letter

A letter from the Smithers Library was received requesting up to \$5,000 annually to support the library Teen Program. The committee discussed the merits of a letter including: Smithers Library programs are worthy of support, but how much funding does SD provide to other jurisdictions; Town of Smithers is responsible for the Smithers Library; money spent on our own programs?

It is recommended to write a response letter thanking the Smithers Library for their letter, acknowledging their important cause, and letting the Library know we will consider their request.

It is recommended that the Superintendent initiate a letter to the Town of Smithers to open dialogue into future capital partnerships with regards to facilities.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: 3 pm – February 6th, 2018.