

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

November 6th, 2017

5:00 PM

School Board Office

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

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. 2017-2018 District Facilities Review

Mr. Margerm presented the initial review on school district facilities. The Review looks at enrollment, enrollment trends, capacity utilization, costs and asset management issues. This facility review will be presented at Board meeting as a consultation meeting for Smithers community, and a meeting in Houston.

2. Report to the Board: Configuration and Sustainability of the Three Houston Schools

Mr. Margerm introduced a report to the Board outlining the current configuration and sustainability of the three Houston schools. The Board requested the report at the 2016-2017 facility review. The committee discussed different aspects of the report involving enrollment, capacity, financial aspects, and options for consideration. There were two recommendations:

It is resolved that the School District 54 Board of Education direct senior administration to explore and pursue the option of requesting financial support from the Ministry for a modular annex in Houston.

It is also resolved that the School District 54 Board of Education direct senior administration to apply for funding from the 2018/19 Rural Education Enhancement Fund in regards to a potential school reconfiguration/closure.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: **January 9th, 2018 @ 5:00 pm .**