

# SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

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## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

*Regular*

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

3:00 PM

School Board Office

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

**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. AQG Chinese Exchange Program Update**

Mr. McDiarmid informed the committee that Mr. Margerm will be travelling to the Guangdong region in China as a representative three school districts, SD54 (Bulkley Valley), SD91 (Nechako Lakes) and SD27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin). This trip is to sign a memorandum of understanding with Chinese 'sister districts' in order to organize international student exchanges. It is hopeful that this will promote international student exchanges or fee-based international students.

**2. 2018-2019 Trustee Stipend**

Stipends will increase on an annual basis based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for British Columbia as at December of each year unless the Board, by majority vote of those present at the annual March Board Meeting, resolve to not take the increase. The vote requires a 2/3 majority to decline the stipend increase. ***The committee recommends the trustees not receive a stipend increase as of July 1, 2018.***

**3. Unions salary increases**

McDiarmid updated the committee on unionized wage increases including economic stability dividend and general contractual wage increases for 2018.

Teachers: May 1 – ESD=0.4%, 1% general wage increase, 0.5% as of July 1

Support Staff: May 1 – ESD=0.4%, 1% general wage increase, 0.5% as of July 1

**4. Smithers Library Request for Funding Support**

***The committee recommends a \$5,000 grant to the Smithers Library for a Teen Program on a one-time basis.***

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**Date & Time of Next Meeting: 3 pm – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

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