

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

February 11th, 2020

5:00 PM

School Board Office

| Voting Members | Administration |
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| L. Kearns, Chair P. Michell, Alternate J. Krauskopf | D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer M. Monkman, Assistant Superintendent |
| Regrets J. Williams (ex officio) | M. McDiarmid, Superintendent |

The meeting was conducted from 5:10-5:42 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. Draft 2019-2020 Amended Budget: Presentation

Mr. Margerm presented the draft-amended budget. Revenues increased, as compared to projections, due to an increase in enrollment, special education funding and an unexpected trades grant. Expenses have been increasing accordingly. Therefore, the budget remains balanced.

Motion: *Committee recommends that the "Board proceed with the third (3rd) reading of the Draft 2019-2020 Amended Budget Bylaw."*

2. Funding Review Update

Mr. Margerm outlined the letter received from the Minister of Education. The letter outlined that the new funding model will be implemented in two phases. The first phase, to be implemented in the 2020-2021 year, which will include the new supplement to recognize vulnerable students, strengthening targeted funding policies for Indigenous students and accountability improvements. The second phase, scheduled for the 2021-2022 year, will include areas such as online learning and inclusive education.

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3. Cannabis Business Application to Town of Smithers

The Operations Committee discussed the new request from the Town of Smithers for input concerning a new Cannabis Store on Main Street. The Committee had no comments on the business application to the Town as the proposal does not infringe upon requirement of 150-meter exclusion zone from a school. This would be the same response as the Board provided at the last application for a cannabis store.

The timeline for a response from the Town is February 25th; this is the same day as the Board meeting. The Committee requests that Mr. Margerm respond prior to the Board meeting hearing no objections from the trustees in an email. Alternatively, if trustees would like to discuss as a Board, we can add an agenda item to February Board Meeting and respond to the Town after the response date.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: March 10th, 2020 @ 5:00pm.