

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

October 13th, 2020

5:00 PM

School Board Office

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

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. Surplus Management

Mr. Margerm advised the committee on the consideration of Surplus Management Policy. The committee discussed the finances and options pertaining to the district surplus.

Motion: *The Committee recommends the Board approve a resolution to allocate up to \$700,000 from district surplus towards a new SSS foods and apprenticeship preparation facility.*

2. COVID Funding Update

Informational Item: Mr. Margerm advised the committee in regards to new COVID funding received for the 2020-2021 year. Federal funding, through the Province, for the period of September 1- January 31st is \$357,000. The District is projected to receive slightly less than the \$357,000 in the second term of school year. District senior administration are currently planning out the use of this funding: including staffing, supplies, equipment, possibly some facility improvements. The Provincial Safe Return to Schools Grant for the 2020-2021 year is \$196,820. This has been allocated directly towards custodial staffing, supplies, equipment, masks and some technology.

3. Enrollment vs Budget Update

Mr. Margerm updated the Committee on projected versus enrollment as of September 30th snapshot as compared to last year’s enrollment.

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4. Primary-Intermediate Configuration in Houston

Informational Item: Mr. McDiarmid advised the committee that on October 29th the District will engage the Houston school staff in a preliminary discussion around the option of a primary configuration at Silverthorne School and an intermediate configuration at Twain Sullivan School. This change in configuration seems to make sense. Administration will provide options and benefits/challenges of that change to a primary and intermediate scenario. The District plans to engage the public in January or February.

5. Rainbow Sidewalk at SSS Request

A letter was sent to the Board from the Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GAS) requesting approval to move ahead with painting a Rainbow Sidewalk at Smithers Secondary in support of 'tolerance' and the 2SLGBTQ+ movement.

Motion: *The Committee recommends the Board respond to the Gender-Sexuality Alliance group at SSS and support the painting of a Rainbow Sidewalk at Smithers Secondary.*

Date & Time of Next Meeting: November 10th, 2020.