

# SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

*Regular*

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

5:00 PM

School Board Office

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

The meeting was conducted from 5:00 pm – 6:15 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. Auditors Opinion 2019-2020 Draft Financial Statements

Mr. Margerm provided the committee with summary presentation of Draft 2019-2020 Financial Statements. Mr. Margerm also noted that Carlyle Shepherd intends to issue an unqualified and positive opinion of the Draft 2019-2020 Financial Statements.

**Motion:** *The Committee recommends the Board approve the audited Draft 2019-2020 Financial Statements as presented.*

#### 2. Draft Board Annual Cycle

Mr. McDiarmid provided the draft Annual Board Cycle calendar for input.

#### 3. Walnut Park Capital Project Update

Mr. Margerm provided an update to the Committee noting that at this point the school rebuild remains on schedule. This school capital project is still within budget funding parameters and, consequently, reducing financial risk to the board in the event of cost overruns.

#### 4. COVID Update

Mr. McDiarmid provided an update on school startup with the new Phase 2 COVID regulations. It was generally a good startup; administration is trying to deal with issues and complexities on an ongoing basis. Changes to Government and BCCDC regulations are

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continually being updated; this is creating a challenge for administration. The regional health officers will manage any COVID cases/clusters. The District takes direction from PHO on any cases of COVID and contact tracing. SD54 admin will not receive many details regarding any exposure cases.

## **5. Local Education Agreement**

Mr. Monkman provided an update on the Local Education Enhancement Agreement. Over the course of the 2019-2020 school year, the District and the Kyah Wiget Education Society undertook a renegotiation of the Local Education Agreement. Starting with a very dense compliance document supplied by FNEESC, the two parties engaged in rich conversations about how to best support the learners from Witset who attend SD54. The resulting document provides realistic terms to satisfy the requirements of both parties with the underlying objective of supporting each individual student from Witset with the optimal conditions for learning success.

Due to COVID19, the document could not be signed at the April board meeting in Witset as originally planned. A smaller gathering to sign the document took place at the board office on July 9, 2020. The Board and the Kyah Wiget Education Society will plan a celebration of the new LEA when conditions allow for a larger gathering sometime in the future.

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**Date & Time of Next Meeting: October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**