

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

April 13th, 2021

5:00 PM

School Board Office

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

The meeting was conducted from 5:09 pm to 5:29 pm. (VIA: Zoom)

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 2021-2022 Budget

Mr. Margerm provided the initial draft 2021-2022 Budget and Bylaw to the committee. A few general highlights were presented to the committee. The draft 2021-2022 Budget and public presentation will be held in May for stakeholder consultation.

Motion: Committee recommends proceeding with the first two readings of the 2021-2022 Budget Bylaw as outlined at the April Board meeting.

2. 2021-2022 Capital Plans Response

Mr. Margerm provided an update to Ministry funded capital plans for the 2021-2022 year. The District has received a response letter from the Ministry authorizing the funding of \$731,406 towards the new HVAC system at Silverthorne Elementary. The District has also applied for additional funding through a Carbon Neutral grant.

3. Walnut Park Rebuild Update

Mr. Margerm provided a short update on the Walnut Park rebuild. The project continues to be within budget; though, costs are increasing given change orders and new requests for additional work. The project is still on schedule and expected to be completed by the end of July 2021.

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4. Walnut Park Totem Pole

Mr. McDiarmid updated the Committee on the proposed totem pole at the Walnut Park rebuild. The District is continuing to work with community partners in order to raise funds for the new totem pole, which at this point seems quite positive. The cost of the pole and installation is expected to be approximately \$300,000. Ms. Markert is working with a formal proposal with regards to creating support for funding from other organizations. The District has ordered two C-cans and Koralta will install them with roof system in order to create a carving shed with storage.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: May 11th, 2021.