

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

November 9th, 2021

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	

Meeting was conducted from 5:04 – 5:21 pm (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. Vaccine Requirements Update

Mr. McDiarmid updated the committee on the new vaccine requirements for volunteers which were put into place last week. Some confusion comes from new Northern Health regulations which differ from Provincial regulations. Consistent flipping of policy by the health department has become quite frustrating for District. SD54 can regulate policy for volunteers as we see fit; though, SD54 would like to be consistent with other neighbouring school districts.

Mr. McDiarmid also updated the committee on mandatory vaccinations for employees. This is a complex matter that the Government has left up to school boards. A zoom meeting with health officials has been arranged for the Superintendent and Board Chair. The District will also be meeting with BVTU and CUPE Presidents soon to discuss the option of mandating the requirement of employee vaccinations.

2. Facilities Review Update

Mr. Margerm updated the committee that a Facilities Review for 2021 will be presented at the November Board meeting.

3. Strategic Plan Review

Mr. McDiarmid updated the committee that a short review for the Board Strategic Plan for discussion will be presented at the November Board meeting.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: January 11th, 2022.