

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

September 14th, 2021

5:00 PM

Walnut Park School

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

The meeting was conducted from 5:10 to 6:05 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. 2020-2021 School District Financial Statements

Margerm updated the Committee that the auditors are still working on the district draft financial statements. The financial statements will be provided in the board package for the September 28th Board meeting. At that time Carlyle Shepherd should be able to provide an opinion. The 2020-2021 Financial Statement Analysis and Reporting presentation will also occur at the board meeting.

2. Walnut Park Capital Project

The new school and childcare buildings have now been completed for start-up. The District team and Koralta were working right up to the Wednesday opening for students. School opening went extremely well for the students and staff with a great deal of excitement about the new facility.

District is currently working with contractors concerning asbestos abatement and demolition. The formal school opening celebration will be Saturday September 18th at 1 pm followed by tours. COVID protocols will be in place for the tours.

3. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning - FESL

McDiarmid will provide his FESL report at the board meeting and how it relates to the Board strategic Plan. This report synthesizes, assesses and compares data sources against educational or achievement outcomes.

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4. COVID Update

McDiarmid updated the Committee on new COVID protocols and restrictions: return of sports, community users can rent our facilities, masks and other protocols will continue, more ventilation questions. Mr. McDiarmid has been working with Northern Health and received information that exposures have been steadily increasing, but mostly to people that have not been vaccinated. There have been some contentious issues with Health Clinic in Houston over opportunities to utilize schools for vaccinations. District has clearly communicated that Northern Health may book school facilities outside educational time. Allowing drop in COVID vaccination clinics within instructional time have been seen to be too controversial. The School District will be subject to any future restrictions by Northern Health Department

5. September BC Stat Holiday – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

There is a recommendation for the Board to approve the necessary revision to the District Calendar to acknowledge the new September 30th National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Statutory Holiday.

Motion: The Board approves the addition of the September 30th, 2021 statutory holiday, National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

6. October Committee Meeting date change

The date for the October Committee meeting has been changed to October 5th, 2021 as Mr. Margerm will be away.

7. Draft Board Annual Cycle Work Plan

The Draft 2021-2022 Board Work Plan was provided to Committee and Board for consultation. This plan provides a year in advance resource for trustees; though, it is a flexible document that can be revised throughout the year.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: October 5th, 2021 at 5 pm.