

# SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

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## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

*Regular*

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

5:00 PM

School Board Office

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

*The meeting was conducted from 5:03 pm – 6:10 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. **Public Vaccine Requirements Update**

Mr. McDiarmid updated the committee on vaccine requirements. The District continues to recommend double vaccination. There is still disagreement with the BVTU about whether volunteer teacher coaches must be vaccinated - the District has guidelines in place that say they must. The District also asks for PAC members to be vaccinated in order to meet in schools.

#### 2. **COVID-19 Update & Functional School Closure Protocols**

Mr. McDiarmid reported that letters with COVID-19 updates are being issued to parents. Attendance is currently down a little, but are being monitored on a daily basis. Some schools have higher levels of absenteeism due to illness and some schools reporting low levels. Functional closure parameters are outlined in the briefing note. Teachers have been preparing for the "continuation of learning" scenario given a functional closure. In the event of a functional closure, the District would still work with schools and staff to provide in-school supports to students of essential service parents and vulnerable students. The school would remain open the day that the functional closure was declared.

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**3. 2021-2022 Draft Amended Budget Funding Update**

Mr. Margerm presented the December recalculation of funding as part of draft 2021-2022 Amended Budget. The December recalculation provides an increase to funding of \$155,529 due to an increase of 12 student FTE and an increase to salary differential. The final amended budget, including expenses, will be discussed at the February 2022 committee and board meetings.

***Motion: It is recommended that the Board proceed with the first two readings of the 2021-2022 Draft Amended Budget Bylaw.***

**4. Draft 2022-2023 District Calendar**

Mr. Monkman provided a review of the policy and guidelines for determining the 2022-2023 District Calendar. Days of Instruction comparison with other school districts was provided. Subsequent discussion covered the requirement to maintain 181 instructional days, movement of statutory holidays around Easter and New Year's Day, impact to CUPE, two-week vs. one-week spring break and instructional time in the last week of June. The committee reviewed four options presented and settled on two for the Board to discuss.

**5. Village of Telkwa – OCP Amendment Bylaw 746, 2022**

The committee made no recommendations given the briefing letter and recommended that Mr. Margerm respond to the Village of Telkwa as such.

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**Date & Time of Next Meeting: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00pm**