

# SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

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## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

*Regular*

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

5:00 PM

School Board Office

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

*The meeting was conducted from 5:06 pm – 6:08 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."*

### REPORTS

#### 1. Draft 2022-2023 Budget

Mr. Margerm provided an overview of the 2022-2023 Draft Budget to Committee. The presentation will be presented at the regular public meeting in Houston on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The 2022-2023 Draft Budget presentation will be provided to the public on the district website after the regular committee meeting. Public electronic input on the budget will be accepted up until the Board Meeting.

***Motion: Committee recommends proceeding with the third reading of the 2022-2023 Budget Bylaw at the May board meeting unless more time is required to deliberate; the third reading would then be postponed until the June Board meeting.***

#### 2. AFG Budget

Information regarding the 2022-2023 Annual Facilities Grant was provided as part of the 2022-2023 Draft Budget presentation.

#### 3. Walnut Park Update

Mr. Margerm provided an update on the Walnut Park Elementary replacement project. The general contractor is back on site working on the new intermediate field, drainage systems and fencing. The timeline for completion of the site project is approximately two months; the project is expected to be completed by late June or early July.

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## 4. 2022-2023 Calendar Amendments

Mr. Monkman provided an update to an amendment to the 2022-2023 District Calendar. At this point, the District has received feedback on the amended calendar from a few people, including CUPE Local 2145. Mr. Monkman has been working with CUPE around the statutory holidays planned for New Year's Day and the Easter Monday while maintaining the 181 instructional days.

***Motion: Committee recommends moving the January 2<sup>nd</sup> New Year's Day holiday to December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and reinstating the Easter Monday statutory holiday as April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.***

## 5. BVTU Communications: Communication & Calendar

The Board of Education's Operational Committee reviewed and discussed a letter from the BVTU President which was critical of the Board's process for receiving feedback and communications from the public. The committee discussed the fact that the Board very deliberately moved to this communication protocol many years ago and has not had any other complaints about the process. The committee also discussed the options for the public or stakeholders to provide feedback and remain confident in our current Board process. Recommendation that the Chair send a response letter indicating the Board will not be making any changes to the communication process currently in place.

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**Date & Time of Next Meeting: June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**