

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Regular

February 7th, 2017

5:00PM

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
F. Farrell, Chair J. Williams P. Michell L. Kearns (ex officio)	C. van der Mark, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent
Regrets:	E. Hildebrandt, Director, Facilities and Maintenance

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. 2016-2017 Amended Budget

Mr. Margerm provided a synopsis of the 2016-2017 Amended Budget. Mr. Margerm will also provide this synopsis at the February 21st Board Meeting. ***The committee recommends the motion that the Board give all 3 readings to the 2016-2017 Amended Budget Bylaw.***

2. 2017-2018 Draft Calendar

Mr. McDiarmid provided information regarding the 2017-2018 Draft Calendar with reference to the proposed Christmas break from December 18th-January 1st, and the one-week spring break March 5th-9th, 2017. The committee discussed feedback concerning the Christmas break and spring break. ***The committee recommends that a revised 2017-2018 Draft Calendar be sent out for public consultation.***

3. 2017-2018 Bell Schedules

Mr. McDiarmid updated the committee that the consultation process for changing the bell schedules for a later start was proceeding. Recent feedback has been positive and supportive of the change, or at least worth trying. The committee asked that Mr. McDiarmid report back to committee in March, in consultation with the schools, and provide more specific information, examples of new draft schedules and how time might be made up.

4. Economic Stability Dividend Update

Mr. Margerm updated the committee on future wage increases to teachers and support staff. An economic stability dividend of 0.35% will come into effect May 1, 2017 for both the teachers and support staff. Support staff will additionally receive the contractual 1% increase as of May 1, 2017. As of July 1, 2017, teachers and support staff will also receive a wage increase of 0.5%. These wage increases will be funded by the Ministry.

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5. 2017-2018 Enrollment Projection Update

Mr. Margerm updated the committee on projected enrollment for the 2017-2018 year. We are projecting an enrollment of 1,985 student fte. This is down from 2016 September 1701 enrollment count by 32 fte.

6. Number of Board Trustees

It was recommended at the January Board meeting that the committee discuss a venue for a board retreat to discuss a possible reduction in the number of board trustees. ***The committee recommends a board retreat on Tuesday, February 28th at 5 pm at the school board office.*** Other possible agenda items for a retreat may be forwarded to Chairperson Kearns.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: March 7th, 2017 at 5 pm