

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 3rd, 2016

Regular
5:00PM

School Board Office

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

The meeting was conducted from 5:06-5:35 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. 2016-2017 Draft Budget

Mr. Margerm provided an overview of the Draft 2016-2017 Budget to Committee. It will also be presented at a public meeting on May 10th, 2016 at the school board office and again at the public board meeting on May 17th. Details of a balanced draft budget were presented. Mr. Margerm also noted that this would have been a more difficult process to balance a budget if the Board had not decided on the closure of Lake Kathlyn. **Committee recommends proceeding with the 3 readings of the 2016-2017 Budget Bylaw.**

2. Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment

Mr. Margerm provided an OCP letter from the Town of Smithers asking for any input on a rezoning application. Trustees may provide any comment they have to Mr. Margerm, and he will forward on to the Town.

3. Lake Kathlyn Transition

Mr. McDiarmid discussed that senior staff had met with Mr. Hildebrandt and it would appear that there will be minor renovations required for Walnut Park and additions can be easily accommodated. A transition committee has been formed to help oversee planning and transition of LKE students to Walnut. First meeting was April 28th where the committee received input into the transition process.

4. AFG request update

Mr. Margerm gave an overview of the proposed AFG plans for \$654,140. Significant facility expenditures include new roofs, a new boiler at Twain Sullivan, in which the District has applied for \$110,000 carbon neutral grant. The other possible project would be a

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renovation to the water supply plumbing at Twain and SBO as a long-term solution to reduce lead levels. Currently lead levels are below Recommended Canadian Guidelines at Twain and SBO due to flushing.

5. Post and fill update

Mr. van der Mark updated the Committee on the current post-and-fill process. The first round of teacher posting went out today. The Telkwa Principal position has been posted and remains open to May 13th.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: June 7th, 2016 @ 5:00pm