

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

October 4th, 2016

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, Facilities and Maintenance

The meeting was conducted from 5:01-5:47 pm

REPORT

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."

1. LIF & Ed Fund

Mr. van der Mark updated the committee on LIF & Ed Fund. The total funding of \$441,000 has to be divided 80% BCTF (\$350,000), 12.5% CUPE (\$55,000) and balance of 7.5% to be used as necessary. Better planning has allowed for allocation earlier in year; this would suggest that issues were addressed in spring. Mr. van der Mark will provide update at October Board meeting.

2. Communicating Student Learning Update

Mr. McDiarmid updated the committee on Communicating Student Learning. Four out of five elementary schools are participating in enhanced reporting methods. Both high schools are not participating. A new reporting order should be received from the Ministry soon. The reporting committee will advise the Board as to new policy required. If parent request letter grades, they will be provided by schools.

3. Calendar 2017-2018

Mr. van der Mark introduced the Draft 2017-2018 Calendar. Most immediate issue is the placement and duration of the spring break. Easter holidays fall early on March 30th and April 2nd, 2018. We know there is interest from some stakeholders for a 2 week break. The Board has established principles of minimizing impact on students and families, particularly for those where 3 or 4 additional days out of school create additional challenges. Discussions revolved around 'what is best for kids'. Simply adding minutes to the day does not mitigate the above concern, though it does ensure minimum instructional time legislation is met.

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4. Smithers Town Request for Trail Access

Mr. Margerm advised the Committee on questions or concerns that the school district may have with the Town of Smithers request for discussions on a community path through Smithers Secondary. It is recommended that Mr. Margerm draft a letter to the Town of Smithers requesting additional information relating to the Committee's questions and concerns before formal meetings are scheduled.

5. December Board Meeting Adjustment

Mr. Margerm advised the Committee that December 12th, 2016 is the most opportune day for the December Board meeting given school Christmas concert dates and other trustee obligations. ***It is recommended that the December Board meeting be moved to Monday December 12th, 2016 at 7:00 pm.***

Date & Time of Next Meeting: November 1st, 2016 @ 5:00pm