

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

COMMITTEE REPORT
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OF
October 5, 2011

In attendance:

Committee Members: Chair: K. Martinsen, S. Browne, S. Yaremco

Administration: S. Richards, Secretary Treasurer, C. van der Mark, Superintendent; M. McDiarmid, Asst Superintendent

Regrets: S. Yaremco

Ex Officio: L. Kearns

The meeting convened at 5:00 and moved *in-camera* to discuss items relating to labour relations, collective bargaining, an arbitration and a procurement contract and several other agreements. The committee returned to regular session at 5:45 to discuss the items below.

REPORT:

1. Formula Funding

The committee reviewed and discussed a submission prepared by administration for a BCSTA committee struck to provide input to the Technical Review Committee on the subject of Formula Funding. Chairperson Kearns has been selected to sit on the committee and he noted that it will meet for the first time on October 12.

2. Enrolment Update

Information was provided to the committee relating to September 30 enrolment figures. It was noted that at 2,303 FTE, enrolment was higher than the February projections of 2,273. Mr. Richards noted that changes to the 1701 reporting process, particularly with respect to DL (BVEC), will cause some minor change to the final number. Due to eSIS problems elsewhere in the province, the deadline for the submission of district data has been extended from Oct 7 to Oct 14, 2011. Final 'refinement' of enrolment numbers is ongoing, especially with respect to Special Needs and DL and the district will be fully prepared to submit the numbers prior to the deadline.

3. Election 2011

Mr. Richards provided a brief verbal update on preparations for the November 19 election. He noted that agreements were in place with the District of Houston and the Town of Smithers. He also noted that the Candidates' Information Session, was held in Smithers on Tuesday October 4, but, apart from Chairperson Kearns, no one showed up.

4. BCSTA Northwest Branch Meeting

Mr. Richards provided the committee with draft report from the meeting in Terrace on September 30 – October 1, 2011.

The committee adjourned at approximately 6:10 PM

Date & Time of Next Meeting: November 2, 2011 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

K. Martinsen Chairperson, Operations Committee