

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

5:00 PM

February 20th, 2024

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
L. Kearns, Chair F. Krishan J. Williams (ex officio)	M. McDiarmid, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer J. Fox, Assistant Superintendent
Regrets: P. Michell	

The meeting was conducted from 5:04 pm - 5:32 pm

Acknowledgement: *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. Draft 2023-2024 Amended Budget Review

Mr. Margerm discussed the Draft 2023-2024 Amended Budget with the Committee. There were increases in revenues, as compared to projected, creating gains of \$148,000. Projected expenses decreased by \$32,000. The net gain to the District income statement is \$180,000. The amended 2023-2024 budget is balanced. Consequently, Mr. Margerm will review the 2023-2024 Amended Budget update at the February Board Meeting.

Motion: *Subject to the Draft 2023-2024 Amended Budget presentation, the Committee recommends the Board approve the Draft 2023-2024 Amended Budget as presented.*

2. 2024-2025 Budget Update

Mr. Margerm updated the Committee on the current timelines for 2024-2025 Annual Budget.

- February: Generation of class configurations, department budget meetings;
- March: District staffing budget meetings, receive preliminary budget revenues, generate initial budget;
- April: First two bylaw readings for the Draft 2024-2025 Budget, consultation with Indigenous Council, Unions and other educational stakeholders;
- May: Continue stakeholder consultation and third bylaw reading.

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3. Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Fox updated the Committee on the consultation progress in regards to the renewal of the strategic plan. Ms. Fox is currently organizing student, parent and staff consultations and has been going in to schools to interview students. The District has found that surveys and interviews have been more informative than general feedback meetings. There will be meetings with the Board in April to discuss the proposed new strategic plan.

4. Cell Phones in School

Mr. McDiarmid discussed the recent public announcement by the Government on the proposed banning of cell phones in schools. This would seem to be a political announcement without consultation with other educational entities. Discussions should occur with educational staff in order to consider whether policies or administrative procedures are necessary and if so, the need for flexible rules.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: April 9th, 2024 at 5:00 pm