

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

5:00 PM

May 14th, 2024

School Board Office

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

The meeting was conducted from 5:03 – 5:40 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 2024-2025 Budget

Mr. Margerm provided an overview of the 2024-2025 Draft Budget to Committee. The presentation will also be held in Houston at the regular board meeting on May 28th, 2024.

The 2024-2025 Draft Budget presentation will be provided to the public on the District web page after the regular public meeting. Public electronic input on the budget will be accepted up until the Board Meeting. The third reading of the 2024-2025 Budget can be conducted at the May Board meeting unless more time is required to deliberate.

Motion: *Committee recommends proceeding with the third reading of the Draft 2024-2025 Budget Bylaw at the May Board meeting.*

2. Letter RE: SSS Theatre Succession Plan

The Committee felt that the Smithers Secondary theatre staffing succession plan letter written to the Board should be regarded as an operational staffing issue which is dealt with by school and school board office staff. Providing the proposed funding, in excess of \$100,000, for a special program would be inequitable as many programs and learning environments are also important. Superintendent McDiarmid will respond to the letter.

3. Muheim Before & After School Childcare Application

Mr. Margerm updated the Committee that the District has applied for funding of \$495,000 to support a renovation at Muheim Elementary to provide the appropriate facilities for a 48 seat before-and-after school child care program. The funds would be used to support a classroom revitalization, door access and controls for childcare entrance and an upgrade to the gymnasium washrooms and plumbing upgrade.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: June 11th, 2024 at 5 pm