



negotiate a new collective agreement with the BCTF. The last PLC session was held on April 7<sup>th</sup> and the next one will be held on May 26, 2025 which will encompass their year-end celebration.

- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the district-based initiatives to the Board. Mr. Richmond provided an overview of all the Career, Trades and Technology programs happening this year and what is planned for next school year. There is a lot of trades programming scheduled for our students next year.
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the school-based initiatives to the Board. Schools throughout the district have hosted a wide variety of activities for students and staff throughout the month of April. Congratulations to the MME and TES Elementary Choir for receiving a Gold Standing at the Burns Lake Performing Arts Festival.

### **Field Trip Proposals**

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
  - TSE – 44 +/- Grade 5 students from Twain Sullivan Elementary School to travel to Fort. St. James National Historical Site on June 13, 2025. The purpose of this trip is to support the social studies curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - HSS – 20 +/- Grade 9-12 Outdoor Education students from Houston Secondary to travel to Nourse Creek on April 30, 2025. The purpose of this trip is to support the Physical Health Education curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.

### **7.a) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Operations Committee Chairperson Kearns presented the Operations Committee's Report from the April 8, 2025 committee meeting. Two items were moved to the New Business portion of the meeting.
- Next meeting date Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 3:30pm.

### **7.b) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Policy Committee Chairperson Farrell presented the Policy Committee's report from the April 8, 2025 committee meeting.
- **Policy 11.140 Student Transportation** – The Committee recommended that draft policy language for Policy 11.140 Student Transportation be provided to the committee in May for discussion and approval.
- Next meeting date Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 5:00pm.

### **7.c) TRUSTEE REPORTS**

- Trustee Williams submitted a Trustee Report this month from her trip to Vancouver for the Board chairs and Annual Partner Liaison Meeting in March.

### **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- There was no unfinished business this month.

### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- **9.1) 2025 – 2026 Draft Annual Budget** - Secretary Treasurer Margerm – provided an overview of the draft 2025 – 2026 Annual Budget. The strategic plan has been instrumental in developing the 2025-2026 Annual Budget. The final draft 2025-2026 Budget presentation and public stakeholder consultation opportunities will be provided in May.

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**MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Farrell.***

*"That the Board requests that the Secretary Treasurer reduces current planned spending by an additional \$283,000 or find alternate funding sources to increase revenues for operations or capital spending.*

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Michell and seconded by Trustee Kearns.***

*"That the Board proceed with the first two readings of the 2025 - 2026 Annual Budget Bylaw."*

**CARRIED**

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- **9.2) Capital Plan Bylaw – Capital Plan 2025 – 2026** – Secretary Margerm provided a brief overview of where the \$1,332,500 in Capital Bylaw Funds will be spent.
  - The operations committee recommended that the 2025-2026 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 25/26-CP-SD54-01 be approved in three readings.
  - Chairperson Williams asked for unanimous consent to do all three-reading tonight for 2025-2026 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 25/26-CP-SD54-01. Unanimous consent was given.
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**MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Michell.***

*"The Board approved the three readings of 2025 - 2026 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 25/26-CP-SD54-01."*

**CARRIED**

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## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

- April expenditure summary was provided to the Trustees in their April board packages.

## **11. READING FILE**

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**MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Kearns.***

*"That the information contained in the Trustee Reading File be received and filed."*

**CARRIED**

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## **12. CLOSING REMARKS**

- The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, commencing at 5:30 p.m. at the Houston Secondary School in Houston, BC.

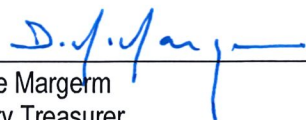
## **13. ADJOURNED**

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Approved by:



Ms. Jennifer Williams, Chairperson  
of the Board of Education



Mr. Dave Margem  
Secretary Treasurer