

Committee Report of Resources Committee Meeting via MS Teams December 7, 2022

Present: Ebony Logins, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Amanda Dowhy, Trustee (Committee Member)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee Member)
Scott Stinson, Superintendent & CEO
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Ed Berlando, STA (virtual)
Trudy Court, CUPE

Staff: Windy Beadall, Lead Educator, Capital Planning
David Lee-Bonar, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Nicole Gestwa, IT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Committee Chair, who acknowledged that we are honoured to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation and acknowledge the three nation SD 62 works with directly in our schools; Scia'new Nation, Coast Salish, and T'Sou-ke Nation; including the West Coast Pacheedaht Nation Nuu-chah-nulth. (words gifted by the three Nations SD62 works with)

2. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Education of Sooke School District 62 (Sooke) received the Resources Committee Report dated November 15, 2022 at its Public Board Meeting dated November 29, 2022.

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Social Responsibility Objective – Harold Cull

Staff provided an overview of the District's work to date concerning the environment, truth and reconciliation, and social responsibility objectives. Further, staff noted future work planned and next steps. Trustee Watson motivated the discussion to create a Social Responsibility Fund of \$25,000 to be used as a pilot project for use at the school level to support the District's social responsibility objective. The Committee discussed the need for specific criteria to be developed to ensure the funding is used for the intended purposes and that a year end report is presented to the Committee/Board to ensure accountability.

The Committee supported the following motion going forward:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to create a one-time Social Responsibility Fund of \$25,000 to be used to advance the Strategic Plan's social responsibility objectives and to bring forward the issue of making the fund structural during the 23/24 budget development process. Furthermore, the Board directs staff to develop the fund criteria to expand the culture of social responsibility based on the following guiding principles:

- School based projects that promotes engaging opportunities for students and staff;
- Supports social and environmental matters important to the community; and
- Pursue grant/funding matching partnerships.

4.2 22/23 Expenditure Plan – David Lee-Bonar

Staff provided an update to the Resources Committee on the estimated revenue and expenditures in the District estimating a surplus of \$1,687,564. Of this projected surplus \$919K is structural and \$768K is one time. Staff presented the draft expenditure plan to be included in the Amended Budget that will be reviewed and debated by the Board of Education in February 2023. The Committee supported the proposed approach and discussed other possible funding uses such as elementary counselling, dedicated Joint Integration Implementation Committee funding and restoring previous levels of library assistants.

The Committee supported the following motion going forward:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the revised expenditure plan as presented at the Resources Committee meeting of December 7, 2022 and to include this plan as part of the 22/23 Amended Budget.

4.3 Catchment Review – Windy Beadall

Staff provided an update on catchment boundary review pertaining to Colwood/Crystal View Elementary and Saseenos/Hans Helgesen Elementary. The Committee and the public asked several questions regarding the proposed changes. Staff confirmed that the Baragar system was used to identify the impacted families on the proposed catchment changes. This system tracks enrolment by address which rolls up to the school catchment areas. Staff were asked to respond directly to the remaining questions raised by the public.

The Committee supported the following motion going forward:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve changes to the Colwood/Crystal View catchment areas to include families registered in the English language program within the Belmont Park community to be included in the Crystal View catchment.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) retain the existing catchment areas for Saseenos and Hans Helgesen Elementary Schools.

5. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** January 10, 2023