

Committee Report of Resources Committee Meeting of October 10, 2023 via MS Teams

Present: Ebony Logins, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Christine Lervold, Trustee (Committee Member - virtual)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee Member- virtual)
Russ Chipps, Trustee (virtual)
Cendra Beaton, Trustee (virtual)
Scott Stinson, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary Treasurer
Paul Block, Deputy Superintendent
Ed Berlando, STA (virtual)
Ceilidh Deichmann, SPVPA
Nevada Kaludjer, SPEAC (virtual)
Nicole Gestwa, IT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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 September 19, 2023, at its Public Board Meeting dated September 26, 2023.

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Updated Enrolment Estimates and Financial Impacts – Harold Cull

Staff provided an update on enrolment for the 23/24 school and the projected impacts on budget as the District finalizes the actual enrolment for September 2023 through the 1701 process. Currently, the District is looking at an enrolment growth of 500 FTEs (12,250 to 12,750) for the K-12 Standard funding category. This amount is slightly less than the 12,900 FTEs that was used as a projection during the budget development



process. A summary of the other major funding categories was provided to the Committee that reflected increases in the Continuing Education, Alternate Schools, Online Learning and Home-Schooling funding categories. The net impact on the budget is expected to be approximately \$800,000 and it was confirmed this reduction will be absorbed in staffing adjustments based on the smaller enrolment numbers.

4.2 Space Planning for 24/25 – Harold Cull

As committed at last month's Committee meeting, staff presented a space plan for the 24/25 school year based on estimated enrolment growth of 575 FTEs. Staff have begun the planning earlier this year to increase the likelihood that new spaces will be ready for September 2024. The Committee was reminded that the District is projecting deficits of \$3.300 m as at June 30, 2025 and \$5.200 m as at June 30, 2026 due the projected costs to acquire portables for the enrolment growth expected.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has provided notional approval on funding for 16 modular classrooms. The initial plan is to expand Ruth King (RK) Elementary School by 10 classrooms and David Cameron (DC) Elementary school by 6 classrooms. Further reallocating 7 portables from RK and DC Elementary Schools will help with the overflow to other schools. This additional capital funding will minimize the need for the District to use operating funds to address the space challenges for the District.

The Committee discussed the proposed plan for the next two school years and asked a number of questions regarding the plan.

4.3 Community Use of Facilities – Harold Cull

Staff made a presentation on the community use of school district facilities and the Committee asked several questions regarding the use of facilities by schools and the need to ensure Board policy clearly classifies different users of our spaces. This policy work will be conducted shortly with the goal of confirming the Board's direction on having a cost recovery model or a revenue source to support District operations. The Committee supported the following motion going to the Board for review and consideration.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Facility rental rates for the 23/24 school year as presented to the Resources Committee on October 10, 2023.

5. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** November 14, 2023

