

Committee Report of Resources Committee Meeting of September 19, 2023 via MS Teams

Present: Ebony Logins, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee Member)
Amanda Dowhy, Trustee (A/Committee Member)
Russ Chipps, Trustee
Cendra Beaton, Trustee
Scott Stinson, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary Treasurer
Paul Block, Deputy Superintendent
Ed Berlando, STA
Trudy Court, CUPE
Tom Davis, SPEAC
Mhairi Bennett, Director, Facilities
David Lee-Bonar, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Randy Cobb, Manager, Transportation
Aaron Foster, Manager, Minor Capital
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 June 13, 2023, at its Public Board Meeting dated June 27, 2023.

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Minor Capital Plan Submission – Mhairi Bennett



The Minor Capital Plan Submission is due to the Ministry of Education and Child Care on September 30, 2023. Staff provided an overview of the proposed projects and the Committee asked several questions before submitting the following motion going to the Board for consideration. The Committee discussed the importance of the building envelope project at EMCS.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 24/25 Minor Capital Plan submission as presented to the Resources Committee on September 19, 2023.

4.2 Transportation Update – Randy Cobb

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the school year start-up for transportation and made a presentation highlighting the following areas:

- a) Key stats;
- b) Timing of route confirmations;
- c) Capacity planning moving forward; and
- d) Initial spending plan of the Transportation Safety Committee.

The Committee discussed the points presented and thanked the Transportation Dept. for their efforts in a relatively smooth start to the school year. The discussion included the impact of the growth has on the support staff for the Transportation Department and the environmental impacts of our electric buses.

4.3 Initial 24/25 Enrolment Numbers & Space Challenges – Harold Cull

Staff provided an initial overview of the 24/25 enrolment numbers, which then led discussion into the space challenges faced by the District. SD 62 expects that it will have 13,100 students enrolled an increase of 850 students from last year. This growth is expected to continue well into the future, thus the District has begun planning its spaces for 2024/25. Staff provided a high-level look at the proposed space plan for September 2024 and will bring great details to the October Committee meeting once actual enrolment is known for this school year. The Committee discussed the need for safe spaces for students and staff and the impacts that spaces have on student success and the overall mental wellness of the system.



4.4 Inflation Financial Framework – David Lee Bonar

As a follow up to the Committee’s June meeting, staff made a presentation outlining the erosion of the District’s purchasing power due to on-going inflation. For modelling purposes, staff are using an inflation factor of 2% which creates an annual \$300,000 (compounding) impact on the budget although the actual inflation amount may be greater. Staff presented 3 mitigation approaches and is looking for Board support to provide details of revenue generating ideas to the Board during the 24/25 Budget Development process for their consideration. The Committee supported recommending to the Board that staff pursue revenue options to address the inflationary impacts during the 24/25 budget development process.

4.5 Professional Learning – Scott Stinson

As per Board direction, the Superintendent requested feedback from CUPE 459 and the STA regarding professional learning opportunities with their members. Suggestions were provided from the union executive to the Superintendent and have been included in the Committee package for tonight’s meeting. Staff recommend that the union’s suggestions be considered during the 23/24 Amended Budget process to be completed in February of 2024.

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

