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Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole Report
Tuesday, February 18, 2019
Library – Qualicum Commons
10:30 a.m.

Mandate: *To discuss and make recommendations to the board on financial matters and matters pertaining to facilities, maintenance, technology and transportation.*

Attendees:

Trustees Young (Chair), Kurland, Austin, and Godfrey
Keven Elder, Superintendent
Ron Amos, Secretary Treasurer
Gillian Wilson, Associate Superintendent of Schools
Chris Dempster, General Manager of Operations
Debbie Comer, MATA President and Judith Stewart, MATA Representative
Sherrie Brown, CUPE Local 3570 President
Don Bold, District Principal, CEAP

Presentation:

None

Project Updates:

- PowerSchool (Atrieve)
 - Secretary Treasurer Amos provided a background of the project for new members of the committee. There is still work to be done for staff who hold two assignments in different locations and the reporting implications. It was shared that as individuals review the information captured within Atrieve, that they advise HR if the data is incorrect.
- Ballenas Track Renewal
 - Trustee Young and Superintendent Elder gave a summary of the recent presentation to the RDN's Oceanside Services Committee. The presentation went well but still some work to be done to inform the Committee. There will be a letter from RDN requesting further information on the project.

Items for Discussion

- Childcare BC New Spaces Fund Application
 - Secretary Treasurer Amos provided background for the recent submission for a childcare space at Arrowview Elementary. The proposal was submitted in early December and is now in the review process with the Ministry. Last week the Ministry staff reached out to the District staff for clarifying information to which we responded. Further information included better understanding of the work of the Society, and expanding on how the programs would include the priorities of the Ministry's initiative, such as accessibility, indigenous services and young parents.
- Electric School Bus
 - Secretary Treasurer Amos and GM of Operations Dempster provided details to the Ministry's initiative to replace diesel buses with electric. It was shared that the Ministry is looking for purchase commitments from School Districts by the end of February. The cost for electric buses is about 3 times that of diesel buses, but the

Ministry of Energy and Mines is supported some of the difference with School Districts being asked to find the remaining. Depending on the class of bus the SD portion is between \$75-95 K. There was general discussion on the merits of electric but also some limitations due to travel distances. Also discussed was the need for charging stations, with some costs covered by Ministry. With the Boards commitment to Climate Action and the establishing of an energy projects reserve, it was felt that the District could commit to the purchase of one electric bus for the 20/21 Capital year.

Items for Recommendation:

- 2019-20 Amended Budget
 - Secretary Treasurer Amos shared information on the December funding recalculation and the recently announced support staff labour settlement funds. Current cost pressures include exempt staff leaves, support staff, substitutes and homestay. The committee recommended the budget be forwarded to the Regular Board meeting recognizing that there are some minor adjustments to additional funds that will be reflected on the amended budget being adopted.

INFORMATION ITEM

- Budget Process Schedule
 - The Budget schedule was attached for information

Future Topics:

Next Meeting Date/Location:

- Tuesday, April 20 at 10:30; Qualicum Commons