



**Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole Report**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**  
**VIA ZOOM**  
**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.*

**Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories**

**Presentation:**  
None

**Project Updates:**

**a. Oceanside Community Track (at Ballenas) Project Update**

Trustee Young provided an update of the ongoing work of the Committee, including the new website and other fundraising efforts. The presentation to the Oceanside Services Committee of the Regional District of Nanaimo was received last week.

**b. Arrowview Elementary Child Care Space**

General Manager Dempster shared that construction is underway, with concrete for footings in place last week. Some civil work will occur during spring break to move utility lines. In the meantime, construction will continue. Some discussion on other childcare opportunities that are being pursued for Errington Elementary and Craig Street Commons.

**Items for Discussion**

**a. Capital Planning Update**

Secretary Treasurer Amos and General Manager Dempster provided an overview of planning timelines that cover the various aspects of capital planning. Considerations that go into planning for short term and longer term needs was discussed. The Annual Facility planning is underway now with consideration from the asset inventory database as well as from Administrators and Senior staff. The spending plan will come forward next committee for review prior to its submission to the Ministry.

**b. IT Planning Update**

Principal Rowan presented an overview of the District's Technology review. An update was provided on the wiring work occurring at Oceanside, Springwood and Craig Street Commons. Also highlighted were the Data center/server upgrades that are occurring at both Kwalikum and Ballenas Secondary Schools. Additional information was provided on the ongoing work of the Evergreen project which supports the refresh cycle of the computers being used by staff and students. In determining the needs, the department works with the schools so that devices match the needs and this can vary from site to site.

## **Recommendations to the Board of Education**

### **a. BCSTA – The Case for Increased School Life Cycle Funding**

This document was shared last meeting as was brought forward for discussion and a recommendation to the Board.

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) write a letter of support for the BC School Trustees Association's recommendations to the Government of British Columbia for increased school life cycle funding

### **Information Items:**

None

### **Next Meeting Date/Location:**

- Monday, April 19, 2021 at 10:30, via Zoom