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Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole Report
Monday, June 14, 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.*

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

2. Presentation:

None

3. Project Updates:

a. Oceanside Community Track (at Ballenas) Project Update

Trustee Young provided a verbal report on the work of the committee. There have been no new meetings but a good news story was shared about Alycia Butterworth having won a National Steeplechase event this past weekend and she announced her financial support of the project and talked about her experience as a BSS Track athlete alumni. Grants continue to be pursued with limited success and contributions from the Municipalities are now committed.

b. Arrowview Elementary Child Care Space

General Manager of Operations Dempster gave an update on the progress of the construction, indicating that the building itself will be completed by early July with fencing and the outside play area being planned for later in the summer. Additionally, some work on replacement flooring is planned within the school to accommodate additional childcare space inside the school itself.

c. Craig Street Commons Update

General Manager of Operations Dempster shared that he had a recent meeting with potential contractors to renovate a wing of the Craig Street Commons over the summer with an opening date of September. This is to accommodate the new Primary Learning Community Program in the east wing. The project will have potential phases that could be split off to allow for scheduling conflicts that may come up, in order to prioritize the instructional space over the meeting spaces.

4. Items for Discussion

a. Financial Planning/Reporting Policy and Operating Surplus Policy

Secretary Treasurer Amos reviewed the recent Ministry Policy announcement reminding the committee of the Funding Review recommendations and other School District reviews that provided good practices. He also mentioned the work the Board has done to revise its policies in recent years. The two new Ministry policies are in response to the three themes heard; equity, accountability and financial management. The Board will need to review its Policy to reflect some of the new language but otherwise it is fairly current. One other theme needing reflecting is the inclusion of First Nations stakeholders within the planning and reporting context.

5. Information Items

a. Update-Green House Gas Emissions Study by Prism Engineering

General Manager of Operations Dempster updated the committee on the work to date with Prism. Feedback has been received about some BC Hydro grants that are available to pay for energy surveys, with the understanding the District commits to reducing the GHG emissions at those facilities over the following 2 years. Six schools have been identified for inclusion and the names of those sites will be forwarded to Prism as part of the application.

b. Capital Planning

Secretary Treasurer Amos reviewed the draft Capital Plan that was included in the agenda. He reminded the committee that with the Ministry's new submission dates, the major and minor project lists are not due until late August and September. As a result, the final Capital Plan will come back to the committee after the summer for formal support. There was general discussion on the bus replacement program as well as the revised response letter that is coming forward to the next Regular Board meeting.

c. BCTEA Indigenous Education Transportation Funding

Secretary Treasurer Amos provided an update on the 2020/21 funding that was applied for and received in the current year. He indicated that any unspent funds would be carried over to next year as allowed in the latest instructions and that the plan is for the proposed services to be operational in September.

6. Recommendations to Board of Education

None

7. Future Topics

a. Land and Facilities Review – for Fall 2021

b. Exploration of Community Schools Concept – Superintendent Elder shared that a report will be included at the next Regular Board meeting outlining the next steps necessary in reviewing this concept.

8. Next Meeting Date/Location:

- Monday, September 20, 2021 at 10:30 - TBD