



SD69 QUALICUM

**Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole Report**  
**Monday, January 17, 2022**  
**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 reported that while the fundraising committee would continue to meet monthly, the steering committee would likely move to quarterly meetings as the project has now shifted fully to the fundraising component. She also reported that the committee was looking into the creation of a society noting that in pursuing grants there was confusion on the role of the School District and which grants could be pursued.

**4. Items for Discussion**

**a. 2022/2023 Annual Budget Process - Budget Survey**

Secretary Treasurer Amos shared an outline of the 22/23 survey that would include historical data, backgrounder Q&A's and some questions for respondents to provide feedback on. The survey would be housed on our website and open for 60 days to provide addition feedback for the Board's deliberations. There was some discussion on how to include students into the budget process and it was noted that Secondary school principals would reach out to leadership clubs to take them through budget conversations.

**b. District Long Range Facilities Review**

Some general discussions on the recent townhall event. It was felt that there was good attendance and good comments were received for the first forum. Superintendent Jory noted that the next forums would be more targeted with themes in order to pare down the discussions. An FAQ section would be setup on the website next week to start responding to questions that were posed.

**c. Carbon Free School**

Further to an idea arising from the Climate Action Task Force, Trustee Kurland opened a discussion of what was meant by a carbon free school and whether there was an avenue for the Board to continue these efforts and what it would look like to pursue this concept. It was felt that some of the concepts are being addressed presently through electric school bus initiatives, solar panel installations, new energy efficient boilers, LED lighting replacements and better management of DDC HVAC controls. It was considered that this topic had some merit with the

Committee but it was asked that the discussion go back to Climate Action Task Force to frame what it meant to be “carbon free” as opposed to the carbon neutrality perspective mandated by the Province of BC. Chris Dempster, General Manager of Operations/Transportation reported on the work being pursued with Prism Engineering to find other energy savings within the schools. A report is expected this spring once they do their on-site visits to identify what is the possible.

**5. Items for Recommendation to the Board of Education**

**a. 2021/2022 Amended Annual Budget**

Secretary Treasurer reviewed the attached summary documents, highlighting the impact of the recent Ministry operating grant recalculations and a \$387,000 reduction due to funded student enrolment as well noting that the international student program is rebounding with better than expected enrolment of fee-paying students. Some new grants have been announced in the fall and helps to balance the budget and are included in the budget documents.

The Board will receive the 2021/22 Amended Annual Budget document at the January public board meeting and it will include statements and schedules that provide more detail of the operating fund and other associated funds.

**6. Information Items**

**a. Financial Summary (December 31 actual)**

The summary was shared with the committee and represents the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial summary. Some information was also shared regarding the distribution of Rapid Antigen tests to districts and a December Federal announcement regarding funding support for ventilation in schools. Attendees also had discussion about what other financial Information would be shared at future meetings, including the International Student Program, rentals and other thresholds that might warrant inclusion.

**7. Future Topics**

**8. Next Meeting Date/Location:**

- Monday, February 14, 2022 at 10:30 – Via Zoom Until Further Notice