



SD69 QUALICUM

Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole Report
Monday, February 14, 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. Fundraising - Oceanside Community Track at Ballenas

Trustee Young provided an update of the fundraising activities of the Committee. It was reported that the committee will be creating a charitable society for the purposes of raising funds and allowing for independence from the School District when applying for grants. It will be called the Oceanside Community Track Society. Next meeting is planned for February 23.

b. Letter re Child Care from Ministers Whiteside and Chen

Secretary Treasurer Amos provided a background to the recent announcement that child care will move to the portfolio of Minister of Education starting April 2022. It was shared that this transition was known and planned for beginning 2 years ago with Legislation and Policy being changed to prepare for the move. Associate Superintendent Wilson also provided some background on how the Seamless Day and Childcare (two different initiatives by government) fit well into the instruction day provided for children.

- **Child Care Projects Update**

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Hung provided a financial update on the Seamless Day program running at Errington Elementary. Some discussion on the program as being one of 24 pilot programs that the Ministry initiated for 20/21 and 21/22. It was reported that staff continues to learn from the pilot including the delivery of the program and the administrative needs.

- The newly opened Arrowview Kids Club expense to build was also reviewed. The District received a \$1.6M grant from the Ministry to build this facility.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. **2022/2023 Annual Budget Survey Update**

Secretary Treasurer Amos shared some early information that has been received after 2 weeks of the survey being open. It was reported that there have been 86 respondents with a large portion (58%) of those being parents. The survey will continue until at least the end of February with it being extended if necessary.

b. **Long Range Facilities Planning Update**

Superintendent Jory provided an update on the planning work to date. The 2 townhall events have been well supported with good discussion on the topics presented. It was shared that the Board would be given some areas to consider at the next Board meeting in order to provide as much information and communication to the district as possible. It was recognized that the most pressing concern is the overcapacity at Springwood Elementary.

c. **Zero Carbon School Proposal**

Trustee Kurland introduced the concept of a Zero Carbon project that was discussed at a recent CAT Force meeting. It was shared that the district could support this project and that more would be shared at the Board meeting. The committee felt the idea had merit so supported it moving to the Regular Board meeting for further discussion.

d. **Funding Requests to Ministers of Education and Environment and Climate Change Strategy**

Trustee Austin provided a background to this request of support. The recent CAT Force meeting discussed the need for additional funding to support zero carbon projects and felt it was necessary to ask both federal and provincial governments to act on their own commitments for Climate Action. The committee supported moving the motion on to the next Regular Board meeting.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) begin the process of creating a “zero carbon” educational site in School District 69. The process would include, but not be limited to:

- Analysis of Prism data and recommendations
 - Identification of a site for this pilot project, possibly new construction, renovation or retrofits to existing buildings.
 - Costing and potential funding and financing options.
 - Educational opportunities for students, staff and the community; and,
- though one site may be identified as a zero carbon project, retrofits and renovations going forward at all sites would work towards being zero carbon ready. The long term goal is the creation of all learning sites to be zero carbon.

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) SD69 write letters to provincial and federal bodies reminding them of their commitments to climate action and requesting that resources be made available to help move all school districts in BC to zero carbon facilities. Though targets at both levels of government are to be in place by 2050, the letter would request an expedited process and a target of much sooner than 2050. The federal-provincial Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth Climate Change (PCF) calls for all new buildings to be Net-Zero Energy Ready (NZEr) by 2030. This concept could be expanded to include all buildings.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Revenue Sources

Secretary Treasurer Amos provided a financial update on the International Student program with information on the revenues and expenditures and the contribution it makes to other programming within the district.

b. Capital Planning Update

GM of Operations Dempster shared recent information on the ongoing capital work within the District. While the 22/23 capital plan submission is still being reviewed with an expected announcement in March, he was able to share that there will be more funding for CNCP projects in 22/23. He also shared that he continues to be hopeful on our being able to replace a problematic bus earlier than usual.

7. FUTURE TOPICS:

i. Revenue Sources - Rentals

8. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, April 19th at 10:30; Via Zoom (date change due to Easter weekend)

9. ADJOURNMENT