

Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole Report Monday, May 16, 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. ACKNOWLDEGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

2. **PRESENTATION -** None

3. **PROJECT UPDATES**

a. Fundraising - Oceanside Community Track at Ballenas

Trustee Young provided an update on various topics related to the Track project including new grants, fundraising events and the recent steering committee meeting. The committee is proposing that the project put out to tender for a general contractor to start work on the project with the interest in showing the community that work has begun. Discussion then followed on the risks associated with not having all the funds lined up, on an updated cost estimate of the project, the school district's ability to direct the work or whether a project manager would be better suited, and the ability to phase the project over time as the funding is secured. It was generally felt that a more robust discussion at the next Regular Board Meeting was warranted.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. 2021 Climate Change Accountability Report (CCAR)

Secretary Treasurer Amos provided a background to the recent change of name for this annual report in order to broaden the emphasis from Carbon Neutral reporting to Climate Change reporting. The latter is meant to include consideration of the effects of recent forest fires and floods as examples and their impact on School District decision making. The report was shared and discussed highlighting the most recent Solar (SV) installations, the new electric bus and the work of Prism Engineering. Additional information was shared with regard to the first report supplied by Prism for Oceanside Elementary and solar installation data that was provided by Hakai Energy. Also included with the CCAR was a graph showing 6 years of data noting that up to 2020 steady reductions of consumption were being achieved. However, in 2021, due to WorkSafe requirements to circulate more air and the increased use of MERV 13 filters, there has been an increase in building energy consumption.

b. 2022-23 Annual Facilities Grant Expenditure Plan

Secretary Treasurer Amos reviewed the projects as detailed in the expenditure plan, highlighting how the work comes forward for planning purposes. The various projects include considerations from the Ministry's asset management system (VFA), discussions with administration and discussion with Operations staff to determine what priorities are needing to be addressed with these funds. It was shared that these funds address maintaining the life of the facilities and do not include their use for new equipment or new and additions to buildings. This document will be presented at the May public board meeting to be supported prior to submission to the Ministry of Education.

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

6. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- i. Oceanside Community Track to go to tender for a general contractor for the Oceanside Community Track 6-Lane Upgrade
- ii. 2021 Climate Change Accountability Report (CCAR) to receive the Report as presented.
- iii. **2022/23 Annual Facilities Spending Plan** to receive and support the Plan as presented
- 7. FUTURE TOPICS

8. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, June 20 at 10:30; Via Zoom