



SD69 QUALICUM

Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole Report
Monday, May 15, 2023
In Person - Craig Street Commons
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. SITE TOUR** – Director of Operations Phil Munro and Manager of Operations Brent Prunkl led a tour of the facility, highlighting work that has been done recently as well as concerns and problems that are being monitored.

3. PROJECT UPDATES

a. Oceanside Community Track at Ballenas

Director of Operations Phil Munro updated the committee on the planning work that is occurring to proceed with this project with the expected completion in Fall 2024. He highlighted that discussions are underway that include the DRC portables and moving the department to within the Winchelsea School and consideration of where the Ballenas Whalers trailers might be relocated to on the site. It was acknowledged that staff at Ballenas will continue to be informed of the work as the project progresses. Trustee Young shared that she would be stepping down as Chair of the Oceanside Track Society to allow others to continue with fundraising efforts.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Proposal for Installation of Heat Pumps at Kwalikum Secondary School

Trustee Barry Kurland opened the discussion on the need to do more if the district is to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and meet the targets as required by the Province. He indicated that one way would be to install heat pumps at district schools in order to move away from fossil fuel to cleaner fuels.

There were some thoughts on what a motion could be to support this effort considering that there would be more related content shared later in the meeting. The wording of a motion would be considered later on in the meeting.

b. 2023-24 Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) Expenditure Plan

Phil Munro, Director of Operations, 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 the 23/24 Minor Capital project funds are allowing districts to shift traditional AFG projects out of AFG to the capital programs SEP/CNCP. This shift frees up AFG funds for other projects, highlighting a significant bathroom project at Ballenas Secondary School can now be undertaken within the AFG plan. Other

discussion considered the need for outdoor play areas like basketball courts This document will be presented at the May public board meeting to be supported prior to submission to the Ministry of Education.

c. BC Hydro Small School District Energy program

Phil Munro, Director of Operations, shared a recent conversation with BC Hydro that led to the opportunity for the School District to access an Energy Manager Program. Since small school districts did not have the funding or need for a full time Energy Manager, BC Hydro launched a program for smaller school districts to support one manager. Director of Operations Munro will reach out to the Coordinating Manager at BC Hydro to arrange for an opportunity hear about the planned work.

d. 2022 Climate Change Accountability Report (CCAR)

Secretary Treasurer Amos provided a background to the report, highlighting the most recent Solar (SV) installations, and the work that came from the Prism report. It was noted that some of the reductions achieved in previous years has dissipated due to WorkSafe requirements to circulate more air and the increased use of MERV 13 filters during the pandemic resulting in an increase in building energy consumption. Superintendent Peter Jory shared that new administrative procedures would outline new expectations on staff to work to reduce energy usage through efforts in lighting, energy systems and behavior, such as closing windows and doors so as to not overload the HVAC systems.

e. Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB)

Trustee Julie Austin discussed the recent information that was shared after the April Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole meeting regarding initiatives of sustainable projects. She indicated that there is a CIB program in place to help School Districts finance the local portion associated with purchasing electric buses. There was some additional discussion on whether there were other programs but; however, none are known at this time.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

6. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- AFG Expenditure Plan
- 2022 Climate Change Accountability Report
- Request staff draft a carbon reduction strategy for School District 69 schools, to be provided to the Board by September 2023

7. FUTURE TOPICS

8. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, June 20 at 10:30; Via Zoom