

Committee Report of Resources Committee Meeting via MS Teams March 8, 2022

Present: Bob Beckett, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Wendy Hobbs, Trustee (Committee Member)
Bob Phillips, Trustee (Committee Member)
Scott Stinson, Superintendent & CEO
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
Laura Schwertfeger, District Principal, International Program
David Lee-Bonar, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Mhairi Nicolson, Manager, Minor Construction
Randy Cobb, Manager, Transportation
Pete Godau, Director, Facilities
Ceilidh Deichmann, SPVPA
Michelle MacIntosh, SPEAC
Ed Berlando, STA
Trudy Court, CUPE
Nicole Gestwa, IT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by the Committee Chair, Bob Beckett acknowledged that we are honoured to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation and acknowledge the three nation SD 62 works with directly in our schools; Scia'new Nation, Coast Salish, and T'Sou-ke Nation; including the West Coast Pacheedaht Nation Nuu-chah-nulth. (words gifted by the three Nations SD62 works with)

2. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Education of Sooke School District 62 (Sooke) received the Resources Committee Report dated February 8, 2022 at it's Public Board Meeting dated February 22, 2022.

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. BUSINESS

4.1 22/23 Fees – Paul Block/Harold Cull/Laura Schwertfeger

4.1.1 School Based Fees

Paul Block provided an overview of Middle, Secondary and Westshore Centre and JDFDL School fees to the Committee. Further, the Committee discussed the process of renting band equipment from schools. The Committee supported the following motion:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 22/23 school fees as presented at the March 8, 2022 Resources Committee Meeting.

4.1.2 Transportation Based Fees

Harold Cull provided an overview of the transportation-based fees to the Committee. The Committee also discussed the cost of gas, insurance and the impact of these inflationary costs on the transportation budget. The Committee supported the following motion:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the current transportation safety fee of \$25/rider and a late registration fee of \$100/family for the 22/23 school year.

4.1.3 Academies Fees

Paul Block provided an overview of the academy fees to the Committee, explaining in further detail those variances in fees from last years amounts. Paul also introduced the new Belmont Rock Climbing Academy and associated fees. The Committee supported the following motion:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed 22/23 academy fees as presented at the March 8, 2022 Resources Committee Meeting.

4.1.4 International Fees for Summer 2022 and Program Fees for 23/24

Laura Schwertfeger provided an overview of the proposed summer program fees for 2022 as well as the international program fees for 23/24. The Committee supported the following motion:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the proposed Summer 2022 Program Fees and the 23/24 International Student Program Fees as presented at the March 8, 2022 Resources Committee Meeting.

4.2 Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) and Minor Capital Program – Mhairi Nicolson

The Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) is funding received from the MoE to fund minor capital projects. The proposed AFG spending plan for April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 was discussed and the Committee recommends the Board review and consider approving the plan at their March meeting.

The Committee asked for a summary of the health and safety projects that had been completed in the current year. The Committee also discussed the importance of bringing back a detailed list of minor capital projects and the improvements of the system through collaborations with schools and departments when creating the proposed project lists. The Committee supported the following motion:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve in principle the District's Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for the 22/23 fiscal year as submitted to the Resources Committee on March 8, 2022.

4.3 Program Review Recommendations – Scott Stinson

Scott Stinson provided an overview of the Program Review Process. The Committee discussed the three multi-year recommendations brought forth by the Review which will form part of the overall budget discussion to be undertaken by the Board of Education.

4.4 22/23 Budget Development Process – Harold Cull

Harold Cull provided an overview to the Committee of the 22/23 Budget Development Process and provided options for the Committee to consider in reducing the budget by \$1.892 m. The Committee discussed the previous meeting's discussion of the waiting until Q3 forecast prior to making any financial decisions. Staff presented clarification on a decision made to support the system prior to the Q3 forecast being provided.

4.5 Transportation Policy & Regulations Update – Harold Cull

Staff provided an update on the proposed policy and regulation changes.

As part of the process of advising the public, a Thought Exchange has been created and public feedback is requested. Significant changes to the Policy and Regulation are:

- Eligible Riders to include in-catchment only (English and French Immersion);
- Start the Registration Period on March 1st instead of February 1st;
- Make posting of routes by June 30th dependent on timing of registrations; and
- Allow the Board to consider fees during the annual budget development process.

The Committee requested the feedback from the Thought Exchange and public come back to the Resources Committee for discussion at their April meeting.

5 **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 12, 2022