



**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE NOTES
Held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.
At the School Board Office – Gibsons, BC

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Dave Mewhort, Chair; Lori Pratt; Greg Russell; Betty Baxter
STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; Phil Luporini, District Principal; Rob Collison, Manager of Facilities; Allyson Fawcus; Louise Herle; Ruth Emerson; Carolyn Smith; Janice Budgell

Called to order at 12:32 pm

1. Community Partnerships – Rentals / Joint-Use

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided an update on the YMCA agreements for daycare space at the Sechelt Learning Centre and Gibsons Elementary school. In regards to the Joint-Use agreement with SCR D, Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that staff continue to work towards an updated joint-use agreement. The next steps involve meeting with the current governing bodies to review the guiding principals for development of an agreement as well as the direction set at previous meetings. The committee asked for clarification on which municipalities were involved in joint-use and for additional information on funding by the municipalities. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated both Gibsons and Sechelt have a participation agreement through the SCR D but was not aware of the level of funding they provided. Committee members suggested that consideration should be made for school facilities where user groups could potentially rearrange a teacher's arranged learning environment or make use of personal staff supplies and equipment.

2. Amended Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that higher than expected enrollment under funding protection had a substantial impact on the years budget. As a result, all items that had been flagged as contingent during the budget approval process would not receive funding in the current year. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reviewed the district's revenue and expenses and reported that the district's expects to see a net loss of approximately \$470,000, which will be supplemented by unrestricted surplus funds. The final amended budget will be provided to the board in advance of the February regular meeting.

3. Preliminary Budget Feedback

SCTA president, Louise Herle, and CUPE president, Carolyn Smith spoke to budget submissions submitted on behalf of their respective unions. The SCTA has flagged English Language Learner needs and supports for international students as potential items for expenditure, along with equitable growth in the district Specialist Non-enrolling teacher positions, support for teacher mentorship and training, and the hiring of additional teaching staff as priorities. CUPE Local 801

has flagged additional clerical and administrative assistant support, a change in the utilization of site maintenance workers, centralized purchasing for supplies and technology and library assistants in all schools as items of priority. The committee discussed the submissions and the SCTA's support for an extended spring break. CUPE presented concerns regarding potential loss of wages during an extended break. Both budget submissions will be considered in the creation of the preliminary budget.

4. Carbon Neutral Capital Program Submission

Rob Collison, Manager of Facilities and Transportation, reported that a submission has been made to fund a new efficient boiler plant at Madeira Park Elementary, noting that the school currently uses propane for heating. The boiler plant encompasses pumping, transfer units and the boiler itself. Additional plans will address the current lack of fresh air ventilation in the school's gymnasium.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm

Next meeting: February 19, 2015 at the School Board Office