

Committee Report of Resources Committee Meeting of September 17, 2024

Present: Christine Lervold, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Ebony Logins, Trustee (Committee Member)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee
Trudy Court, CUPE
Tom Davis, SPEAC
Ceilidh Deichmann, SPVPA
Ed Berlando, STA
Paul Block, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary Treasurer
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
Mhairi Bennett, Director, Facilities
Ben Macklin, Manager, Capital Planning
Randy Cobb, Transportation Manager
Nicole Gestwa, Digital Solutions

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Committee Chair, who 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).

The Chair welcomed the partner groups and staff back to the Committee and another school year and thanked the staff that worked over the summer to prepare the schools for the return of our students. The Chair also provided a brief overview of the Committee meeting from June and the motions that were approved by the Board.

2. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Education of Sooke School District 62 (Sooke) received the Resources Committee Report dated June 11, 2024, at its Public Board Meeting dated June 25, 2024.

3. PRESENTATIONS



4. BUSINESS

4.1 Minor Capital Plan Submission – Mhairi Bennett

Staff provided a summary of the proposed Minor Capital submission that is due to the Ministry by September 30th. The Committee asked several questions of the projects and supported the plan, as presented, going to the Board for their consideration per the following motion:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 25/26 Minor Capital Plan submission as presented to the Resources Committee on September 17, 2024.

4.2 Transportation Update – Randy Cobb

Staff presented a table of key transportation data points of the 24/25 school year and some of the issues that have arisen at the beginning of the school year. The Committee discussed a few of these issues specifically around bell schedules and partnering with BC Transit to improve the transportation services to the students of our District. Staff are also presenting to SPEAC on September 18th when many of these issues will be discussed with our parent group.

4.3 North Langford Secondary School Planning Update – Ben Macklin

The Project Definition Report (PDR) process for the North Langford Secondary School site was discussed, along with potential variations in processes. Consultants have been engaged to help develop the PDR for Ministry's consideration. The consultation process, including with the First Nations that we serve, was also discussed. The initial draft of the PDR is expected to be completed by the end of September and the final PDR submitted by November 30, 2024.

4.4 Initial Enrolment Update – Monica Braniff

Staff reported that enrolment is expected to modestly exceed projections. K-12 regular FTE was projected to be 13,065 and is currently estimated at 13,250. A breakdown of enrolment by elementary, middle and secondary was provided for the K-12 Standard Enrolment amount for September.

5. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE: October 8, 2024

