

Committee Report of Resources Committee Meeting of June 11, 2024 via MS Teams

Present: Ebony Logins, Trustee (A/Committee Chair)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee
Paul Block, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary Treasurer
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
Ceilidh Deichmann, SPVPA
Ed Berlando, STA
Trudy Court, CUPE
Tom Davis, SPEAC
Laura Schwertfeger, District Principal, International Student Program
Mhairi Bennett, Director, Facilities
Randy Cobb, Manager, Transportation
Ben Macklin, Manager, Capital Planning
Nicole Gestwa, IT

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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)

2. **COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Board of Education of Sooke School District 62 (Sooke) received the Resources Committee Report dated May 14, 2024, at its Public Board Meeting dated May 28, 2024.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

4. **BUSINESS**

4.1 International Fees (Online course) – Laura Schwertfeger

Students in the International Student Program do not take many online courses, as it is more appropriate for them to be in face-to-face learning environments. However, there are times when, due to factors such as timetable conflicts or inability to take a course such as Career



Life Education when students are in senior grades, it may be necessary for students to take a course online. Requests are vetted through the International Program Office. As the school district does not receive funding for these students, they are required to pay fees for online courses. Staff are proposing a fee of \$1,500/course for the 24/25 school year.

The Resources Committee supported the following motion going forward to the Board of Education for consideration:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the International Program Fee for Online Courses for the 2024/2025 school year as presented at the Resources Committee meeting of June 11, 2024.

4.2 25/26 Capital Plan Submission – Mhairi Bennett

As a follow up discussion to the May Committee meeting, staff presented the 25/26 Capital Plan Submission to the Resources Committee for any input. Ben Macklin was introduced as the Manager, Capital Planning as a key resource in the capital program including the annual capital plan submission and delivery of the projects. The Committee asked several questions regarding the use of internal or external resources to deliver approved projects and the potential timing around the phasing of the EMCS building envelope project.

The following is a summary of the plan (as identified on the presentation included with this report):

Capital Program	Project Details	
	Descriptor	Location
New Schools	New Elementary School	North Langford
	New Elementary School	South Colwood
	New Elementary School	Sooke (River)
	New Middle School	Langford
Additions	Replacement (seismic) at Expanded Capacity	Sooke Elementary
	Prefabricated Addition	Edward Milne Secondary, Sooke



	Replacement at Expanded Capacity	Millstream Elementary, North Langford
	Prefabricated Addition	Dunsmuir Middle, Colwood
	Prefabricated Addition	Spencer Middle, Langford
Site Acquisitions	Millstream Replacement, New Site	North Langford
Seismic	John Muir Elementary	Sooke
	Saseenos Elementary	Sooke
	Millstream Elementary	Langford
	Savory Elementary	Langford

Replacement	Millstream Elementary	North Langford
	Sangster Elementary	Colwood
	Spencer Middle	Langford
Building Envelope	Edward Milne Phase 1	Sooke
	Edward Milne Phase 2	Sooke
	Edward Milne Phase 3	Sooke
	David Cameron Elementary	Colwood
	Willway Elementary	Langford

The Resources Committee supported the following motion going forward to the Board of Education for consideration:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the 25/26 Major Capital Plan submission as presented to the Resources Committee on June 11, 2024.



4.3 Energy Sustainability Plan – Mhairi Bennett

Staff provided a report to the Resources Committee on energy consumption and Green House Gas (GHG) emissions. The District will continue to look at ways of reducing emissions to accomplish the 2030 targets. The Committee heard that the District is on track to meet the 2030 target reduction of 40% from the 2010 baseline and that annual reporting will be provided to the Board to provide assurance that the targets will be met. Staff committed to include a copy of the presentation with the Committee report so all trustees would be able to see the information provided to the Committee.

4.4 Transportation Fee Model Update – Harold Cull

As part of the 24/25 budget development process, the Board passed the Annual Budget Bylaw with two transportation impacts included:

- 1) Transportation Fee of \$300/rider.
- 2) Reduced routes to better serve younger students and/or rural routes per Board policy/regulation.

Staff provided an update to the Committee on the plans to operationalize the decisions of the Board noted above. The Committee discussed the need for the District to work closely with BC Transit based on the projects identified in their presentation to the community last week. The Committee also discussed the need to provide clarification to families on the changes to the transportation service delivery levels (routes) and reinstated transportation fee model. Staff confirmed that formal messaging will be going out to impacted families beginning on June 12.

The Committee also raised concerns with the timing of the payment schedule and the potential impacts that it could have on families. Staff noted these concerns and will address them in the revised fee model that is communicated to families.

5. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** September 17, 2024

