

Committee Report of Resources Committee Meeting of November 12, 2024

Present: Christine Lervold, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Ebony Logins, Trustee (Committee Member)
Amanda Dowhy, Trustee
Paul Block, Superintendent
Harold Cull, Secretary Treasurer
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
Ceilidh Deichmann, SPVPA
Ed Berlando, STA
Tom Davis, SPEAC
Trudy Court, CUPE
David Lee-Bonar, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Mhairi Bennett, Director, Facilities
Mark Kaercher, District Principal, Capital Planning
Nicole Gestwa, Network Analyst, 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)

2. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Education of Sooke School District 62 (Sooke) received the Resources Committee Report dated October 8, 2024, at its Public Board Meeting on October 22, 2024.

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Catchment Changes – David Cameron Catchment – Mark Kaercher

Mark Kaercher spoke to the continued growth in student enrolment and subsequent new school construction and expansions that prompted this review of school capacities and catchment areas. Staff are proposing to change the pathway for David Cameron students from Centre Mountain Lellum to Spencer Middle School to balance enrolment in our middle schools. The process will follow Board policy with a full consultation process and transition period to



provide options for families to consider with full implementation targeted for September 2026.

4.2 Quarter 1 Financial Forecast – David Lee-Bonar

David Lee-Bonar presented a financial forecast based on actual revenues and expenditures as at September 30, 2024. Due to a significant number of outstanding items to be estimated, forecasting accurately is difficult and is historically understated in this quarter. Staff estimate a surplus of \$2.453 million (1.38%) which is \$850,982 less than the budgeted surplus but does include space mitigation strategies as we begin planning for the spaces required for September 2025. Assumptions used in the forecast and next steps were explained.

The Committee discussed several items of the forecast and supported the following motion going forward to the Board for their consideration:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Quarter 1 Financial Forecast Report as presented at the Resources Committee meeting of November 12, 2024.

4.3 Quarter 1 Minor Capital Update – Mhairi Bennett

Mhairi Bennett provided an updated on the minor capital projects that have been supported by the Ministry of Education and Child Care for 2024/25. A video of the kitchen upgrade at Savory was highlighted which reflected the great partnerships between many groups.

The Committee supported the following motion going forward to the Board for their consideration:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Quarter 1 Minor Capital Report as presented at the Resources Committee Meeting of November 12, 2024.

4.4 Community Rental Strategy – Mhairi Bennett

Mhairi Bennett presented options of school rental strategies to the community, and summarized challenges and benefits associated with each. The Committee discussed the challenges in renting spaces and the previous discussions of the Board and Committee on this issue. The Committee also discussed the differences between renting out gyms, classrooms and fields. Trustees recommended reaching out to our municipalities to discuss the space needs of our communities and how we can continue to address those needs. The intent of the discussions is for staff to receive confirmation from the Board on which rental strategy to pursue and will create a rental fee schedule necessary to support it for implementation in 2025/26.

The Committee supported the following motion going forward to the Board for their



consideration:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve the Sustainable Rental Strategy as presented at the Resources Committee Meeting of November 12, 2024.

5. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE: December 10, 2024

