

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)**

**MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
January 14, 2020**

PRESENT:

Board Representatives:

Linda Kerr	Trustee	Trustee
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Committee Representatives:

Lynne Marvell	President	FCTA
Karl Koslowsky	Vice Principal	FCPVPA
Brad Bourel	Maintenance	
Gord Kearns	CMAWBC	
Peter Flynn	Vice Principal	FCPVPA

District Staff:

Karen Nelson	Superintendent
Natalie Lowe	Secretary-Treasurer
Kevin Bird	Assistant Superintendent
Jenny Veenbaas	Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Doug Templeton	Director of Facilities & Transportation
Laurie Bjorge	Recording Secretary

Regrets:

John Koopman	Trustee	Chair
Marilyn Warren	Trustee	Trustee
Wendy Clark	Parent Rep	
Leanne Bowcott	AEC	
Franco Linza	President	CMAWBC
Diana Savoie	AEC	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Kerr at 4:34 p.m. in the boardroom of the District Education Office.

- 2.** It was acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the shared territory of the Chawathil people.

3. Approval of Agenda

MARVELL/FLYNN

THAT the agenda of the Operations and Facilities Committee meeting for January 14, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Previous Minutes – October 8, 2019**KEARNS/MARVELL**

THAT the minutes of the Operations and Facilities Committee meeting held on October 8, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

5. Child Care Spaces

The Superintendent reported on the government's announcement of a three year \$1 billion investment through the Childcare BC plan. The committee reviewed the provided examples of what other districts have used the funding for ie, Strongstart, child care centres, out of school care and preschool and youth programs. Districts are able to apply for up to \$ 3 million. Funding is available to public sector organizations, including local governments, school boards, health authorities, and public post-secondary institutions.

The Director of Facilities and Transportation discussed the next steps if the district is interested in participating. Speaking from experience with other school districts, he suggests discussing potential projects with the municipalities, as they may have projects in mind that they are initiating. Any project must be revenue neutral for the district. It is a large commitment, where the district would lead the building and implementing of the projects and then would hand it over to the operators to manage.

6. Capital Plan

The Director of Facilities and Transportation reviewed the Capital Plan. There have been no changes since the last Operations and Facilities meeting.

The requests for replacement of Harrison Hot Springs Elementary and Agassiz Elementary-Secondary schools have been submitted.

Seismic upgrade priorities are Harrison Hot Springs Elementary School, Agassiz Elementary-Secondary School and Kent Elementary School.

School Enhancement Program (SEP) include boiler upgrades to Hope Secondary, Silver Creek Elementary, Coquihalla Elementary, as well as roofing and flooring upgrades for Silver Creek Elementary, and an upgrade for dust collector system for Agassiz Elementary Secondary. Not all requests will be granted, but hoping for two or three of the requests.

The Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCPP) projects have helped decrease the district's carbon footprint considerably over the past few years. In the last five years, there hasn't been an increase in the utility costs due to the ongoing work done in the district such as building automation controls, boiler replacements, and lighting upgrades.

Playground equipment replacement requests have been submitted for Harrison Hot Springs Elementary, Coquihalla Elementary, and Silver Creek Elementary.

7. Annual Facilities Grant Plan

The Director of Facilities and Transportation reported that the AFG projects are mostly completed. The practice has been to do substantial work on a particular site so that improvements are noticeable. Hope Secondary was the recent beneficiary of funding this year – Silver Creek Elementary and the Maintenance building and Board office will be next.

8. Boston Bar Elementary Secondary Playground & Washroom Update

Significant work has been done in Boston Bar over the past couple years, including mechanical upgrades, installation of a new playground, basketball court, and public washroom. Grounds crew are aiming to reclaim the grass field this year.

9. Instalment of Menstrual Products Dispensers

The ministry provided grants to districts to have dispensers supplied. All dispensers have been installed in all schools.

10. Buses

The district received three new buses with seatbelts. The Secretary-Treasurer reported she had met with CMAW and assured the union the drivers, while driving, are not responsible for policing students. Some bus routes have staff monitors on buses because of certain students, so they will be able to help. Assured the union that the district will stand behind the drivers in case of accident. Drivers will have an initial orientation with students.

11. Cameras

The Director of Facilities and Transportation reported that all schools have been outfitted with cameras. The video footage can be viewed remotely by staff. Law enforcement is able to view the footage as well.

12. New snow removal equipment

The Director of Facilities and Transportation reported the district staff is doing a great job with snow removal with district owned equipment. The Superintendent thanked the transportation and maintenance department for an outstanding job, mentioning the work done over the weekend to keep parking lots and sidewalks clear.

Next Meeting

Date: February 25, 2020

Location: District Education Office

Adjournment

Kerr/

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:30p.m.