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

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
May 12, 2025

PRESENT:
Board - Committee Members:

Andrea Hensen	Trustee	Committee Chair
Linda Kerr	Trustee	Committee Member
Wendy Clark	Trustee	Non-Voting Observer
Wendy Colman-Lawley	Trustee	Non-Voting Observer

Representatives:

Greg Lawley	Principal	FCPVPA
Shane Wiseman	Principal	FCPVPA
Karl Koslowsky	Principal	FCPVPA
Diana Stromquist	IEC	IEC Rep
Jan Morris	Representative	CMAW
Alicia James	Representative	CMAW
Tara Nickerson	Representative	FCTA
Anders Lunde	Representative	FCTA

Staff:

Balan Moorthy	Superintendent
Gerry Slykhuis	Secretary Treasurer
Renge Bailie	Assistant Superintendent
Doug Templeton	Director of Facilities & Transportation
Crystal Medlock	Executive Secretary
Antigone Snider	Executive Secretary

Regrets:

Amanda Lasser	Representative	CMAW
Margot Haworth	Representative	FCTA
Vacant	Representative	Student
Vacant	Representative	DPAC

1. **Call to Order and Acknowledgement**
   Trustee Andrea Hensen opened the meeting at 4:32 pm and shared her personal acknowledgement and appreciation that the meeting was being held on the traditional ancestral and unceded shared territories of the Cheam, Sts'ailes, Sq'éwlets, Seabird Island, Shxw'owhamel, Nlaka'pamux, and the Chawathil people.

2. **Approval of Agenda – May 12, 2025**

   KERR/MORRIS
   THAT the agenda for May 12, 2025, be amended to include the updated finance documents sent out on the afternoon of May 12, 2025.

   Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes – Operations & Facilities Meeting – April 7, 2025**
   KERR/MORRIS

THAT the Minutes of the Operations & Facilities meeting held on April 7, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

4. **Facilities Update:**
   a. **Annual Facilities Grant (AFG)** – Doug reviewed the five-year process for AFG grants in the district. By mid-January, Doug meets with the school administrator after they have consulted with their school staff. Together, they come up with a combined list for upgrades/renewal items for their site and an agreement is put in place that is then sent to the Ministry of Education and Childcare for approval. Upon receiving approval and funding from the MOEC, the work will be carried out over a span of 12 months.

   This year's AFG plan – Silver Creek Elementary, The Maintenance Department and The School Board Office.

5. **Finance Update:**
   a. **2025/2026 Preliminary Budget –** Gerry spoke about the targeted goals for SD 78 – Literacy, Numeracy and Transitions with an additional focus on Indigenous and Inclusive Ed Students.

   There is a $234,000 shortfall in Unique Geography funding, largely due to the decrease in grade 11 and 12 students in our rural schools.

   Gerry revised the district's enrolment trend data from the April meeting, noting initially there was a projected overall increase of 10 students. Following the recent update of our enrollment data for this year, we now anticipate a decline of 10 students in Distributed Learning for the upcoming year. This updated data means our estimated enrolment figures for the 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget are expected to be comparable to this year's student enrolment.

   We expect a rise in Level 2 and 3 Inclusive Education students, along with a slight increase in Indigenous Education students for the upcoming year.

   The Preliminary Budget, which Gerry presented as balanced for the 2025-2026 school year, will get approved by the Board of Education and is due to the Ministry of Education and Childcare by June 30, 2025.

<u>Adjournment</u>

HENSEN/

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Carried

Notice of Next Meeting: October 6, 2025
4:30 pm
Via Zoom Video Conference