

April 8, 2014 – Committee of the Whole Meeting Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report

1. Head Count Student Enrollment at April 8, 2014 – 491 students

DL: 35
 EES: 23
 LESS: 87
 NES: 186
 NSS: 160
 TOTAL: 491

2. Shared Services Agreement Update

- a. We have decided not to renew the Shared Services Agreement with SD 20
- b. Three factors precipitated this decision:
 - 1) greater efficiencies due to closer communication and teamwork and
 - 2) bringing financial jobs back to the community and district and
 - 3) cost savings or cost neutral impact
- c. Thanks to SD 20 for 12 years of positive collaboration in sharing staffing and costs of SDS (School District Systems) software resources
- d. Two financial support positions will be filled in the next few weeks and months; Payroll/HR/Benefits Professional and Director of Finance

3. 2014-15 Budget Process Update

- a. Budget process on track
- b. Impact of funding protection on the district analysed by Secretary-Treasurer and Financial Comptroller; with current spending, within 5 years (2018-19) our budget will be \$486,022 less due to withdrawal of funding protection, and increased costs

4 Scenarios for Budget discussion will presented at our April 15 Finance Committee meeting:

 - 1) Status Quo (including increased costs for CUPE wage increases, teacher increments, and BC Hydro rate increases)
 - 2) Burton School Academy (one day per week)
 - 3) Burton School Academy (two days per week)
 - 4) Balanced Budget to Offset Loss of Funding Protection and Other Increased Costs

4. Principal at Lucerne

- a. Drew Neilson, current principal at Lucerne has resigned effective July 31, 2014 as position was not the best fit for him; he has expressed a desire to go back to the classroom
- b. Principal search underway – meeting on April 14th at 7 pm at Lucerne with any interested parents and staff to help finalize criteria

5. ACE-IT Carpentry Program

- a. Conference call with Selkirk College/Ken Barisoff/Pat Dion/Superintendent

regarding possible ACE-IT program in 2014-15 scheduled for April 15th

6. Alternative Energy Discussions

- a. Maintenance Lead Hand and Superintendent met Friday with a consortium regarding Biomass heat generation
- b. Possible fuel savings (\$3/KWH biomass vs \$11/KWH for propane)
- c. Solar Energy study underway – CNCP Engineering Study is examining costs and benefits of installing solar panels on SD 10 buildings to save Hydro

6. May 5th Pro-D Plans

- a. Unfortunately Maker Day is cancelled this year as Susan Crichton from UBC-O is now scheduled to be in Kenya and ITA funding has not yet been renewed post March 31 budget year; aim for Maker Day in 2014-15
- b. School-based Pro-D (new curriculum planning; school restructuring; school growth planning)
- c. Bus Driver training in safe and defensive driving

9. Operating Grant – 6 year Budget Forecast – 2013-2019

- a. Attached are two spreadsheets showing impact of decrease in funding protection over the next 6 years
- b. One spreadsheet details a status quo (same # of schools and same # of students) while the second itemizes impact of operating grant given 6 FTE students at a secondary Burton Academy
- c. Note that Small Community Supplement for Burton School replaces funding protection; and that overall Burton generates \$116,508 more per year from 2015/16 onwards
- d. NSS is examining two cross-enrolled value-added secondary programs at a potential Burton Academy – an Outdoor Education program and a Forestry/Sustainability program