

Board of Education

Regular Public Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:00pm

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) 607 Cumberland Road, Courtenay, BC V9N 7G5 250-334-5500

Vision

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS - INNOVATIVE * INQUISITIVE * INCLUSIVE

An inclusive learning community that embraces diversity, fosters relationships and empowers all learners to have a positive impact on the world.

Mission

To inspire engaged, compassionate, resilient lifelong learners and cultivate a collaborative community together.

We Value and Believe In

Trusting relationships based on A correspect, integrity and ethical Recobehaviour peop

Equity, inclusion, dignity, and acceptance for all

Innovation, creativity, problemsolving, and critical thinking

Open and engaging communication

A commitment to Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples

Global awareness and environmental stewardship

Accountability and shared responsibility

Celebration of learning

Strategic Priorities

Educational Excellence
Community Engagement
Organizational Stability & Environmental Stewardship
Physical Health & Mental Well-Being





Comox Valley Schools

School District No. 71

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:00pm

A copy of the Public Board Meeting Agenda is available on the School District website at: http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca

Alternatively, copies are available on request from heidi.bell@sd71.bc.ca

Public Board Meetings are recorded and live streamed on the School District's YouTube channel.

Questions pertaining to current agenda items can be submitted to boardmeetings@sd71.bc.ca, this allows staff to provide thorough answers.

The Board of Education acknowledges that we are on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of working with their children.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No.71 (Comox Valley) adopt the February 28, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

3. Board Meeting Minutes

Pages 1-5

Motion:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No.71 (Comox Valley) adopt the January 31, 2023, Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

- 4. Unfinished Business None
- 5. Record of In-Camera Meeting Minutes / Reports

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- January 31, 2023 Regular In-Camera Meeting
- January 31, 2023 Special In-Camera Meeting

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- February 14, 2023 Closed Committee of the Whole Meeting
- February 23, 2023 Special In-Camera Meeting

6. Board Chair's Report

7. Presentations / Delegations - None

8. Open Committee of the Whole – For Information Only

Next Open Committee of the Whole Meeting:

TOPIC: International Program/Environmental Stewardship Update

DATE: March 7, 2023 TIME: 4:30 pm

LOCATION: School Board Office, Board Room

9. Strategic Direction

A. Superintendent

- i. Superintendent District Report
- ii. Volunteer AP's For Information Only

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- Draft AP 490 Volunteers in District Schools
 - AP 490 Appendix A Criminal Record Check Volunteers
 - Draft AP 490 Appendix B Volunteer Code of Conduct
 - AP 491 Student Transportation by Volunteer Drivers
- iii. Student Affordability Fund Briefing Note Director of Inclusive Education, Sean Lamoureux

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B. Assistant Superintendent

i. Student Registration Update - Verbal

C. Secretary-Treasurer

i. Cumberland Enrollment – New Modulars

ii. 2022-23 Amended Annual Budget and Bylaw Presentations by: Secretary-Treasurer, Brenda Hooker and the Director of Finance, Candice Hilton Pages 17-46

Recommendation:

THAT School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) approve and adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2022-23 receive its first reading.

Recommendation:

THAT School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) approve and adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2022-23 receive its second reading.

Recommendation:

THAT in accordance with Section 68 (4) of the School Act, all three readings of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2022-23 be given at tonight's meeting.

Recommendation:

THAT School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2022-23 be given third and final reading.

D. Human Resources

i. Retirements and Recognition

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10. Board Standing Committee Reports

Pages 48-49

i. Open Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 14, 2023
 Literacy/Numeracy Assessment, Director of Instruction, Vivian Collyer

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) receive the Open Committee of the Whole Report as presented.

ii. Committee of the Whole Schedule

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11. Board Business

i. Trustee Report: Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) – Written Report, Susan Leslie, Trustee (Town of Comox)

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- ii. Notice of Motion: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay)
 - THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) direct the Superintendent to form a working group to review the current trustee remuneration and bring back a recommendation to the board.
- iii. Motion to Rescind: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay)

Motion CARRIED June 21, 2022:

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) establish a district wide committee to address the issues of gender-based violence amongst students. [Caton/Howe]

Motion to Rescind:

THAT the Board of Education for School District No 71 (Comox Valley) rescind the motion, which was carried at the June 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

iv. Notice of Motion: Susan Leslie, Trustee (Town of Comox)

THAT the Board of Education of School District No.71 (Comox Valley) directs the Superintendent to review all the District Policies and Administrative Procedures related to Student Health and Student Safety, with a focus on Student Health and Wellness, and provide a comprehensive report, including recommendations, to the Board.

12. Board Correspondence

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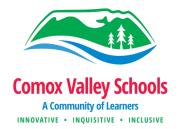
 i. Correspondence: from The Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) to The Honourable Rachna Singh.

13. Public Question Period

14. Adjournment

Motion:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) adjourn this meeting.



Comox Valley Schools

School District No. 71

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, January 31, 2023 7:00pm

Attendance In Person:

Trustees:

Michelle Waite, Board Chair Susan Leslie, Vice Chair Chelsea McCannel-Keene, Trustee Cristi May Sacht, Trustee (via Zoom) Shannon Aldinger, Trustee Sarah Jane Howe, Trustee Janice Caton, Trustee

<u>Regrets:</u> Ian Heselgrave, Director of Operations **Recording Secretary:** Heidi Bell, Sr. Executive Assistant

Staff:

Tom Demeo, Superintendent of Schools Brenda Hooker, Secretary-Treasurer Geoff Manning, Assistant Superintendent Candice Hilton, Director of Finance Vivian Collyer, Director of Instruction Jay Dixon, Director of Instruction Sean Lamoureux, Director of Inclusive Education Josh Porter, Director Information Technology Craig Sorochan, Manager of Communications

1. Call to Order

Board Chair, Michelle Waite called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No.71 (Comox Valley) adopt the January 31, 2023, Regular Public Board Meeting Agenda as presented.
[Howe/Leslie]

CARRIED

3. Board Meeting Minutes

Pages 1-7

Motion:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No.71 (Comox Valley) adopt the December 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
[May Sacht/Howe]

CARRIED

4. Unfinished Business - None

5. Record of In-Camera Meetings / Reports

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- December 13, 2022 Regular In-Camera Meeting
- January 10, 2023 Closed Committee of the Whole

6. Board Chair's Report – Written Report

Pages

Board Chair, Michelle Waite spoke to her written Board Report

7. Presentations / Delegations - None

8. Committee of the Whole – For Information Only

Next Open Committee of the Whole Meeting:

TOPIC: Literacy/Numeracy Assessment, Director of Instruction, Vivian Collyer

DATE: Feb 14, 2023 TIME: 4:30 pm

LOCATION: School Board Office, Board Room

9. Strategic Direction

A. Superintendent

Superintendent District Report – Written Report
 The Superintendent spoke to his written District Report

Pages

ii. Equity Scan Update - Verbal Update

The Superintendent spoke to the Equity Scan in his District Report

B. Assistant Superintendent

i. Kindergarten Registration Enrolment - Verbal Update

Kindergarten registration opened on January 16, 2023. As of now we have 489 new K registrations and 535 in all K-12 programs. The Manager of Communication has been sending out targeted reminder emails to certain locations within the district. We are 85 students away from our break-even point, after that the district will be considered growing.

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the need of 2 new modulars at Cumberland, which is in alignment with our enrollment projections and an application was submitted to the Ministry for an expansion and seismic upgrade.

An extra cohort has been added at Ecole Robb Road.

Our Indigenous Education Kindergarten program at Ecole Puntledge Park is full.

C. Secretary-Treasurer

i. Clean BC – Go Electric Fleets Program – Verbal Report

The Secretary Treasure gave an updated on the Clean BC – Go Electric Fleet Program. Director Heselgrave applied for a grant to help fund an assessment on transitioning our fleet to electric vehicles. The district received \$18,720. Staff answered questions from trustees.

D. Human Resources

i. Retirements and Recognition

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11. Board Standing Committee Reports

A. Open Committee of the Whole – No Meeting in January 2023

12. Board Business

A. Notice of Motion: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay)

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) write a letter extending our invitation to the Minister of Education and Child Care, the honourable Rachna Singh to visit our district.

Trustee Caton moved a motion to waive the 48 hours' notice to the board, in order to vote this motion at tonight's meeting. The new Minister announced her want to visit School Districts; this would be our formal invitation.

Motion:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) waiver the 48-hour written notice on the Notice of Motion from Trustee Caton. [Caton/May]

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) write a letter extending our invitation to the Minister of Education and Child Care, the honourable Rachna Singh to visit our district.

[Caton/McCannel-Keene]

CARRIED

B. Notice of Motion to Rescind: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay) Will be brought to the February's Board Meeting

Motion to Rescind:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No 71 (Comox Valley) rescind the motion below that was carried at the June 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion CARRIED June 21, 2022:

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) establish a district wide committee to address the issues of gender-based violence amongst students. [Caton/Howe]

C. Comox Valley Food Policy Council (CVFPC) to School District 71 Board of Director – Request to the School District, to appoint a school trustee to sit as a member for one, two-year term onto the Comox Valley Food Policy Council. Pages

Motion

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) appoint a trustee to be a representative in the Comox Valley Food Policy Council (CVFPC) Committee for a one-year term.

[Caton/Howe]

CARRIED

D. Board Committees 2022-23 – Trustee Appointments For information only.

Pages

E. Trustee Report: Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) - Written Report, Susan Leslie

Pages

Trustee Leslie spoke to her written Indigenous Education Report.

F. Trustee Report: BCPSEA AGM, January 26-27, 2023 – Verbal Report, Cristi May Sacht, Chelsea McCannel-Keene

Trustee May Sacht and trustee McCannel-Keene gave an overview of the BCPSEA AGM, which was hosted in Vancouver on January 26 & 27.

13. Board Correspondence - None

14. Public Question Period

A member of the public asked: Will the Open Committee of the Whole be a hybrid model?

Answer: Staff are looking into this as this is the first Open Committee of the Whole the district has had.

15. Meeting Adjourned – 8:07 pm

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) adjourn this meeting.

[Caton/Howe]

CARRIED

Board Approved on: February 28, 2023	Certified Correct:
	Brenda Hooker, CPA, CGA
	Secretary-Treasurer
	Michelle Waite
	Board Chair



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School District No. 71
Office of the Secretary Treasurer

RECORD OF IN-CAMERA MEETINGS

TO: Board of Education **DATE:** February 28, 2023

FROM: Office of the Secretary-Treasurer

RE: Record of In-Camera Meetings

RECORD PURSUANT TO SECTION 72 OF THE SCHOOL ACT

Matters discussed and decisions reached at the Special and Regular In-Camera meetings held since the last such report:

January 31, 2023 - Regular In-Camera Meeting

- 1. Receipt of and updates on three land/property matters
- 2. Receipt of and updates on no legal matters
- 3. Receipt of and updated on five other matters

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm and adjourned at 7:04 pm.

January 31, 2023 - Special In-Camera Meeting

- 1. Receipt of and updates on no land/property matters
- 2. Receipt of and updates on no legal matters
- 3. Receipt of and updated on one other matter

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm and adjourned at 6:28 pm.

February 14, 2023 - Closed Committee of the Whole Meeting

- 1. Receipt of and updates on no land/property matters
- 2. Receipt of and updates on no legal matters
- 3. Receipt of and updated on thirteen other matters

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm, suspended at 4:27 pm, resumed at 5:30 pm and adjourned at 6:03 pm.

February 23, 2023 - Special In-Camera Meeting

- 1. Receipt of and updates on no land/property matters
- 2. Receipt of and updates on no legal matters

3.	Receipt of and updated on two other matters	

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm and adjourned at 8:17 pm.

VOLUNTEERS IN DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Background

Volunteers can be of valuable assistance to school staff in support of school activities. Involvement of volunteers is, therefore, encouraged in activities for which the volunteer is qualified, and which do not interfere with or replace employees performing their regular duties.

Procedures

- 1. The establishment of a volunteer program shall be at the discretion of the Principal in consultation with the staff in each school.
- 2. Teachers wishing to participate in a volunteer program shall notify the Principal.
- 3. Before they can begin to work in a school, volunteers shall be required to provide a Criminal Records Search by the RCMP, good for 3 years. (See AP490 Appendix A) as well as complete and sign the Volunteer Code of Conduct (AP 490 Appendix B).
- 4. Volunteers shall be subject to the authority of the Principal and the staff member with whom they are working. The degree of supervision, direct or indirect, to be provided by the staff member shall be determined by the staff member and the volunteer, subject to the approval of the Principal.
- 5. Volunteers may be asked to discontinue their service if their help is no longer needed, if they prove to be counter-productive, or if they fail to keep their commitment.
- 6. Parents, volunteers, teachers, other staff members and students are to fully understand the function of volunteers in the school. Volunteers shall not, in whole or in part, perform work that falls within the scope of a bargaining unit.
- 7. Principals using volunteers shall provide appropriate orientation training as required, and ongoing supervision.
 - 7.1 The staff of the school shall define in general terms and the supervising staff member in specific terms those tasks to be assigned to volunteers.
- 8. If volunteers deal with children they shall follow protocols developed by teachers.
- 9. Basic insurance coverage for volunteers will be provided under the District's blanket insurance policy for injury sustained while and in consequence of performing regular and assigned duties of the volunteer occupation with the District, while under the direction and control of the District.
- 10. Volunteers are to be regarded as an integral member of the team working with students, but they may not undertake tasks requiring educational decisions.

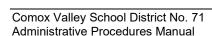
- 11. Volunteers can not be paid/employed or receive any compensation (including self-fundraising) by third party organizations to volunteer in schools in Comox Valley School District.
- 12. Any volunteers who publicly display or communicate a belief contrary to the beliefs of the School District as outlined in either a District Policy, Administrative Procedures or the School Act may be asked to discontinue their service pending an investigation into said concerns.
- 13. Volunteers will not promote or recruit students or staff for any specific ideology or religious belief.

Reference: Section 7.1, 17, 20, 22, 26.1, 65, 85 School Act

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Adopted: May 19, 1992

Amended: June 25, 2019, February 2023



CRIMINAL RECORD SEARCH - VOLUNTEERS

Background

Volunteers who fall into one or more of the following groups will be asked to complete a criminal record check through the Criminal Records Review Program as directed by the Principal.

- Non-parents those who do not have children attending the school where they will be volunteering;
- Long-term volunteers those who have volunteered to take part in activities with students which will extend over a significant period of time (in excess of one month);
- Independent volunteers those whose activities would have them working with students without the direct supervision of a teacher or other authorized District employees.

Procedures

- 1. The Principal will adjudicate questions about whether or not a volunteer is to be required to have a criminal record check.
- 2. The Principal of the school involved will receive in confidence directly from the law enforcement agency conducting the search all criminal record check results, which will indicate whether or not the individual is cleared for volunteer work.
- 3. The criminal record check will be valid for three years. If there are any changes to the volunteers CRS status in the 3 years, it is the responsibility of the volunteer to disclose the changes to the Principal.
- 4. If an individual has not been cleared for volunteer work, they may request a meeting with the Principal.
- 5. If the law enforcement agency levies a fee for performing the criminal record check, the Principal will reimburse the volunteer upon submission of a receipt.

Reference: Section 7.1, 17, 20, 22, 26.1, 65, 85 School Act

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Adopted: March 5, 2002

Revised: June 25, 2019, September 2022



Comox Valley Schools

School District No. 71

VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

This document defines the District's expectation for all school volunteers.

Name (please print)

Date

Home Phone

Work Phone

Email Address

As a volunteer, I agree to abide by the following code of volunteer conduct:

- 1. I agree only to do what is in the best personal and educational interest of every child with whom I come into contact.
- 2. I will maintain confidentiality outside of school and will share with teachers and/or school administrators **any** concerns that I may have related to student welfare and/or safety.
- 3. I will not disclose, use, or disseminate student photographs or personal information about students, myself or others without permission from the principal.
- 4. I agree not to exchange telephone numbers, home addresses, e-mail addresses or any other home directory information with students for any purpose unless it is required as part of my role as a volunteer. I will exchange home directory information only with parental and administrative approval.
- 5. I will not contact students outside of school hours without permission from the students' parents and/or the principal.
- 6. I agree to never be alone with individual students who are not under the supervision of teachers and school authorities.
- 7. I agree to not transport students without the written permission of parents or guardians or without the expressed permission of the school or District and will abide by District Administrative Procedure 260-02 (Volunteer Driver Application).



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School District No. 71

- 8. Immediately upon arrival, I will sign in at the main office or the designated sign-in station.
- 9. I will wear or show volunteer identification whenever required by the school to do so.
- 10. I will not be involved in or assist in the promotion or recruitment of any student or staff for any specific ideology, political organization or religious belief.
- 11. I have read, understand, and agree to abide by:
 - Policy 17 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)
 - Policy 24 Equity and Non-Discrimination
 - Administrative Procedure 170 Equity and Non-Discrimination
 - Administrative Procedure 490 Volunteers in District Schools

(The above Policies and Administrative Procedures are found on our District Website under the Parent Information Tab – Volunteers Section)

I agree to follow the Volunteer code of 0	Conduct at all times.
Name (please print)	Date
Signature	Name of School
Principal Signature	Date

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION BY VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Background

The District values the involvement and commitment of volunteer drivers. Student transportation is the responsibility of the Principal who may designate a "supervisor" to assume overall responsibility for travel arrangements and supervision of travel for a particular school activity, or for all activities.

Procedures

In accordance with guidelines in the Schools Protection Program Reference Manual and the regulations of the Motor Vehicle Branch, any volunteer driver willing to provide transportation where needed for organized school activities, must review and comply with the following conditions:

- The driver must hold a valid British Columbia driver's licence (Novice Stage or Full Privilege only). Drivers obtaining Novice designation may not carry more than one passenger unless they have a qualified supervisor twenty-five (25) years or older with a valid full privilege driver's licence in the vehicle (this restriction does not apply to immediate family members, e.g. mother, father, sister, brother, child, spouse, grandparent, including step and foster relationships).
- 2. The vehicle must have standard insurance coverage with I.C.B.C.
- 3. The vehicle must have one (1) seatbelt available for every passenger, including the driver. Drivers are responsible for complying with all child restraint requirements.
- 4. Booster seats are for children over eighteen (18) kg. (40 lbs) until they are nine (9) years old unless they have reached the height of 145 cm (4'9" tall).
- 5. The number of persons being transported in the vehicle must not exceed the normal carrying capacity of that vehicle.
- 6. The vehicle must be maintained in sound mechanical order.
- 7. Children under the age of thirteen (13) must not be transported in the front passenger seat in vehicles equipped with a front airbag on the passenger side.
- 8. The driver must authorize a Criminal Record Check.
- 9. All incidents of injury or vehicle accidents must be reported to school staff and an Incident Report must be completed and provided to the District Office.
- 10. A vehicle with a seating capacity of more than ten (10) persons, including the driver, is classified by the Motor Vehicle Branch as a "bus". A "bus" used to transport students is

required to have a valid school bus permit issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch. This will include volunteers' vehicles and rental vehicles used for student transportation.

- 11. Volunteers who rent vehicles to transport students for school-approved functions must be aware of the appropriate requirements for driver's license classifications, Third Party Liability insurance limits, and School Bus Permits, particularly when renting vehicles which have a capacity to carry more than ten people, including the driver. Vehicle capacity, and not the number of passengers being carried, is the determining factor. Only drivers who are declared to the rental agency are allowed to drive (confirm minimum age requirement for operating a rental vehicle with the rental agency). Insurance coverage is voided if an undeclared driver drives the vehicle.
- 12. The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia considers drivers to be "volunteers" as long as they are reimbursed only for reasonable expenses. A volunteer who is paid a wage or is reimbursed for his/her time, is no longer considered a "volunteer" and is to contact his/her Autoplan agent as it may be necessary for the volunteer's vehicle to be rated for "business use".
- 13. Actions by volunteers on behalf of the District are covered by the School Protection Program while participating in any District or school-authorized and supervised activity. However, not all situations that occur during off-site school activities will be considered part of the approved activity. For example, if the volunteer decides to leave the premises of the school activity for personal reasons and is involved in an accident, the School Protection Program may not respond on the volunteer's behalf. Volunteers are to be aware that they may have some personal legal liability exposures. These exposures may be insured under the liability section of homeowners' or tenants' insurance policies, or under an ICBC Policy. Volunteers are advised to check with their own insurance agents.
- 14. Third Party Liability coverage above two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) basic personal coverage is provided by the Schools Protection Program, however, no comprehensive or collision coverage is provided beyond your own personal vehicle insurance.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 26.1, 65, 85 School Act

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Adopted: June 25, 2019 Revised: September 2022



Comox Valley Schools

School District No. 71
Office of the Director of Finance

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Board of Education DATE: February 28, 2023

FROM: Sean Lamoureux, Director of Inclusive Education

RE: Student Affordability Fund Update

August 2022: The Ministry of Education and Child Care allocates 60 million to BC Schools in one time funding to increase food security for students and their families.

<u>Purpose:</u> To make life more affordable for families who are facing financial challenges and need temporary assistance with the current costs of school supplies, education related fees and dealing with food insecurity that impact children's learning.

SD 71 allocation from the Student Affordability Fund \$980,354.00

September 2022: Stakeholder meeting occurred involving Komox First Nations, Metis Society, Indigenous Education Council, CUPE, CDTA, DPAC and Senior Leadership.

A multi tiered system was discussed to distribute the funds.

Tier 1: ~ 500,000.00 School Based Initiatives
 Tier 2: ~ 350,000.00 District Based Initiatives
 Tier 3: ~ 100,000.00 Specialized Initiatives

October 2022: Schools were allocated funds based on a variety of factors such as FTE, SSI (Social Service Index), school composition and complexity.

January 2023: Interim spending report was submitted to the Ministry.

February 2023: The Ministry of Education and Child Care announce that unspent amounts from the Student Affordability Fund can be carried forward for the following school year.

Expenditures to January 3, 2023

Field Trips / Fees		6,560.52
Salaries		10,734.68
Supplies		37,147.47
Equipment Replacement		136,363.42
Home Economics		244,242.51
TIE	R 1	\$435,048.60

Lush Valley150,000.00Cumberland Comm Schools10,000.00Denman Food Bank2000.00Lake Trail Comm School10 000.00

Hornby Food Bank	2,000 00	Courtney Elem Comm School	10,000.00
Cumberland Food Bank	5,000.00	Denman Comm School	5,000.00
Black Creek Food Bank	5,000.00	Hornby Island Comm School	5,000.00
Indigenous Education Council	4,500.00		

Tier 2 \$213,000.00

Tier 3 \$0

Total \$648,000.00

Students Supported with Fund

Estimated number of students supported by all food programs	4,129.00
Estimated number of additional students accessing food and meal programs	1,372.00
Estimated number of students supported through offset supplies relief	262.00
Estimated number of students supported through offset fee relief	979.00

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Lamoureux

Sean Lamoureux Director of Inclusive Education Amended Annual Budget

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

June 30, 2023

June 30, 2023

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*NOTE - Statement 1, Statement 3, Statement 5 and Schedules 4A - 4D are used for Financial Statement reporting only.

AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 (COMOX VALLEY) (called the "Board") to adopt the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2022/2023 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "*Act*").

- 1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the *Act*, Ministerial Orders, and Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies respecting the Amended Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
- 2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2022/2023.
- 3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2022/2023 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$138,578,618 for the 2022/2023 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the *Act*.
- 4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2022/2023.

read a first time the 28th day of february, 2023;

Read a second time the 28th day of february, 2023;

Read a third time, passed and adopted the 28th day of february, 2023;

Chairperson of the Board

(Corporate Seal)

Secretary Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true original of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2022/2023, adopted by the Board the 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Secretary Treasurer

Amended Annual Budget - Revenue and Expense Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023 Amended Annual Budget	2023 Annual Budget
Ministry Operating Grant Funded FTE's		
School-Age	10,368.748	10,442.625
Adult	25.375	32.938
Total Ministry Operating Grant Funded FTE's	10,394.123	10,475.563
Revenues	\$	\$
Provincial Grants		
Ministry of Education and Child Care	122,529,182	115,388,252
Other	217,000	160,000
Tuition	2,976,750	2,736,750
Other Revenue	2,309,722	1,940,461
Rentals and Leases	130,000	120,000
Investment Income	954,793	190,100
Amortization of Deferred Capital Revenue	5,476,854	5,306,029
Total Revenue	134,594,301	125,841,592
Expenses		
Instruction	107,311,038	99,613,564
District Administration	4,503,261	4,137,564
Operations and Maintenance	21,222,602	19,697,431
Transportation and Housing	2,715,511	2,303,166
Total Expense	135,752,412	125,751,725
Net Revenue (Expense)	(1,158,111)	89,867
Budgeted Allocation (Retirement) of Surplus (Deficit)	4,679,104	
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year	3,520,993	89,867
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year comprised of: Operating Fund Surplus (Deficit) Special Purpose Fund Surplus (Deficit)		
Capital Fund Surplus (Deficit)	3,520,993	89,867
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year	3,520,993	89,867

Amended Annual Budget - Revenue and Expense Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023 Amended	2023
	Annual Budget	Annual Budget
Budget Bylaw Amount		
Operating - Total Expense	110,379,392	103,202,327
Operating - Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	271,000	500,000
Special Purpose Funds - Total Expense	17,319,541	14,523,636
Capital Fund - Total Expense	8,053,479	8,025,762
Capital Fund - Tangible Capital Assets Purchased from Local Capital	2,555,206	3,250,000
Total Budget Bylaw Amount	138,578,618	129,501,725

Approved by the Board



Amended Annual Budget - Changes in Net Financial Assets (Debt) Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023 Amended	2023
	Annual Budget	Annual Budget
	\$	\$
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(1,158,111)	89,867
Effect of change in Tangible Capital Assets		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets		
From Operating and Special Purpose Funds	(271,000)	(500,000)
From Local Capital	(2,555,206)	(3,250,000)
From Deferred Capital Revenue	(5,607,122)	(4,473,039)
Total Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(8,433,328)	(8,223,039)
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	8,053,479	8,025,762
Total Effect of change in Tangible Capital Assets	(379,849)	(197,277)
		-
(Increase) Decrease in Net Financial Assets (Debt)	(1,537,960)	(107,410)

Amended Annual Budget - Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus (Deficit) by Fund Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Operating Fund	Special Purpose Fund	Capital Fund	2023 Amended Annual Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit), beginning of year	6,742,852	-	44,340,238	51,083,090
Changes for the year				
Net Revenue (Expense) for the year	1,132,914		(2,291,025)	(1,158,111)
Interfund Transfers				
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	(271,000)		271,000	-
Local Capital	(5,541,018)		5,541,018	-
Net Changes for the year	(4,679,104)	-	3,520,993	(1,158,111)
Budgeted Accumulated Surplus (Deficit), end of year	2,063,748	-	47,861,231	49,924,979

Amended Annual Budget - Operating Revenue and Expense Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023 Amended Annual Budget	2023 Annual Budget
	\$	\$
Revenues		
Provincial Grants		
Ministry of Education and Child Care	106,699,641	102,317,616
Other	217,000	160,000
Tuition	2,976,750	2,736,750
Other Revenue	835,222	492,961
Rentals and Leases	130,000	120,000
Investment Income	653,693	160,000
Total Revenue	111,512,306	105,987,327
Expenses		
Instruction	90,429,153	85,516,929
District Administration	4,503,261	4,137,564
Operations and Maintenance	12,818,629	11,321,175
Transportation and Housing	2,628,349	2,226,659
Total Expense	110,379,392	103,202,327
Net Revenue (Expense)	1,132,914	2,785,000
Budgeted Prior Year Surplus Appropriation	4,679,104	<u>-</u>
Net Transfers (to) from other funds		
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	(271,000)	(500,000)
Local Capital	(5,541,018)	(2,285,000)
Total Net Transfers	(5,812,018)	(2,785,000)
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year		-

Amended Annual Budget - Schedule of Operating Revenue by Source Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023 Amended Annual Budget	2023 Annual Budget
	\$	\$
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care	Ψ	Ψ
Operating Grant, Ministry of Education and Child Care	101,681,310	101,331,334
ISC/LEA Recovery	(181,007)	(154,961)
Other Ministry of Education and Child Care Grants	(101)(01)	(10.,501)
Pay Equity	451,831	451,831
Funding for Graduated Adults	135,000	135,000
Student Transportation Fund	421,375	421,375
Support Staff Benefits Grant	112,481	114,396
FSA Scorer Grant	14,464	15,964
Early Learning Framework (ELF) Implementation	1,795	2,677
Integrated Child and Youth (ICY) Teams	179,640	2,077
Anti-Racism Grant	6,429	_
Equity Scan Grant	2,381	_
Labour Settlement Funding	3,852,346	_
February 2023 Enrolment Count	21,596	_
Total Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care	106,699,641	102,317,616
Provincial Grants - Other	217,000	160,000
Tuition		
International and Out of Province Students	2,976,750	2,736,750
Total Tuition	2,976,750	2,736,750
Other Revenues		
Funding from First Nations	181,007	154,961
Miscellaneous		
Instructional Cafeteria	120,000	120,000
Miscellaneous	534,215	218,000
Total Other Revenue	835,222	492,961
Rentals and Leases	130,000	120,000
Investment Income	653,693	160,000
Total Operating Revenue	111,512,306	105,987,327

Amended Annual Budget - Schedule of Operating Expense by Object Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023 Amended	2023	
	Annual Budget	Annual Budget	
	\$	\$	
Salaries			
Teachers	45,884,902	43,362,976	
Principals and Vice Principals	5,881,597	5,604,946	
Educational Assistants	7,082,391	7,152,543	
Support Staff	10,137,916	9,042,512	
Other Professionals	3,689,995	3,329,888	
Substitutes	3,883,817	3,040,518	
Total Salaries	76,560,618	71,533,383	
Employee Benefits	18,027,872	17,607,755	
Total Salaries and Benefits	94,588,490	89,141,138	
Services and Supplies			
Services	3,905,138	3,776,937	
Student Transportation	2,600,841	2,202,000	
Professional Development and Travel	920,993	797,480	
Rentals and Leases	235,894	-	
Dues and Fees	99,444	92,700	
Insurance	220,800	189,800	
Supplies	5,456,834	4,694,674	
Utilities	2,350,958	2,307,598	
Total Services and Supplies	15,790,902	14,061,189	
Total Operating Expense	110,379,392	103,202,327	

Amended Annual Budget - Operating Expense by Function, Program and Object Year Ended June $30,\,2023$

Teachers Salaries	Principals and Vice Principals Salaries	Educational Assistants Salaries	Support Staff Salaries	Other Professionals Salaries	Substitutes Salaries	Total Salaries
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
37,075,376	1,189,107		60,000		2,869,817	41,194,300
642,619	47,177	44,044	177,778		15,000	926,618
248,693			772,654		38,000	1,059,347
1,747,958			97,063	197,584	8,000	2,050,605
4,598,160	212,547	5,785,569	213,382	191,362	375,000	11,376,020
262,016		31,101				293,117
355,276	150,725	1,221,677	159,243	67,309	5,000	1,959,230
	4,130,710		2,008,910		363,000	6,502,620
954,804				226,425	30,000	1,510,253
,	,			,	•	191,475
45,884,902	5,881,597	7,082,391	3,828,198	682,680	3,703,817	67,063,585
				030 407		939,497
				,		212,522
			132 603	,	5,000	1,543,491
	-	-	432,693	2,257,817	5,000	2,695,510
				53. 1.0.1 5		-2404
				734,917	.==	734,917
			, ,		175,000	5,567,151
			484,874			484,874
	-		5.877.025	734,917	175,000	6,786,942
			2,011,022	,		3,133,5
				14,581		14,581
						-
	-	-	-	14,581	-	14,581
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45,884,902	5,881,597	7,082,391	10,137,916			76,560,618
	\$ 37,075,376 642,619 248,693 1,747,958 4,598,160 262,016 355,276 954,804 45,884,902	Teachers Salaries Vice Principals Salaries \$ \$ 37,075,376 1,189,107 642,619 47,177 248,693 1,747,958 4,598,160 212,547 262,016 355,276 150,725 4,130,710 954,804 151,331 45,884,902 5,881,597	Teachers Salaries Vice Principals Salaries Assistants Salaries \$ \$ \$ 37,075,376 1,189,107 44,044 642,619 47,177 44,044 248,693 1,747,958 5,785,569 4,598,160 212,547 5,785,569 262,016 31,101 355,276 1,221,677 4,130,710 954,804 151,331 7,082,391 45,884,902 5,881,597 7,082,391	Teachers Salaries Vice Principals Salaries Assistants Salaries Staff Salaries \$ \$ \$ \$ 37,075,376 1,189,107 60,000 642,619 47,177 44,044 177,778 248,693 772,654 1,747,958 97,063 4,598,160 212,547 5,785,569 213,382 262,016 31,101 355,276 150,725 1,221,677 159,243 4,130,710 2,008,910 954,804 151,331 147,693 191,475 45,884,902 5,881,597 7,082,391 3,828,198 432,693 - - - 432,693 - - - - 5,392,151 448,874 - - - 5,877,025	Teachers Salaries Vice Principals Salaries Assistants Salaries Staff Salaries Professionals Salaries \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 37,075,376 1,189,107 60,000 624,619 47,177 44,044 177,778 4248,693 772,654 772,654 772,654 174,7958 97,063 197,584 4,598,160 212,547 5,785,569 213,382 191,362 262,016 31,101 355,276 150,725 1,221,677 159,243 67,309 4,30,710 2,008,910 954,804 151,331 147,693 226,425 191,475 45,884,902 5,881,597 7,082,391 3,828,198 682,680 682,680 939,497 212,522 432,693 1,105,798 734,917 5,392,151 484,874 734,917 734,917 734,917 734,917 734,917 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581 734,581	Teachers Salaries Vice Principals Salaries Assistants Salaries Staff Salaries Professionals Salaries Substitutes Salaries \$

Amended Annual Budget - Operating Expense by Function, Program and Object Year Ended June $30,\,2023$

	Total	Employee	Total Salaries	Services and	2023 Amended	2023
	Salaries \$	Benefits \$	and Benefits	Supplies \$	Annual Budget \$	Annual Budget \$
1 Instruction	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ
1.02 Regular Instruction	41,194,300	9,550,790	50,745,090	4,393,878	55,138,968	52,672,426
1.03 Career Programs	926,618	210,991	1,137,609	310,270	1,447,879	1,390,546
1.07 Library Services	1,059,347	257,924	1,317,271	361,353	1,678,624	1,624,358
1.08 Counselling	2,050,605	525,167	2,575,772	81,674	2,657,446	1,958,079
1.10 Special Education	11,376,020	2,786,210	14,162,230	316,075	14,478,305	13,876,503
1.30 English Language Learning	293,117	75,899	369,016	,	369,016	304,026
1.31 Indigenous Education	1,959,230	464,217	2,423,447	519,066	2,942,513	2,450,789
1.41 School Administration	6,502,620	1,481,046	7,983,666	910,382	8,894,048	8,531,081
1.62 International and Out of Province Students	1,510,253	374,323	1,884,576	542,375	2,426,951	2,339,960
1.64 Other	191,475	47,869	239,344	156,059	395,403	369,161
Total Function 1	67,063,585	15,774,436	82,838,021	7,591,132	90,429,153	85,516,929
4 District Administration						
4.11 Educational Administration	939,497	220,781	1,160,278	159,800	1,320,078	1,238,706
4.40 School District Governance	212,522	49,943	262,465	155,700	418,165	411,487
4.41 Business Administration	1,543,491	365,536	1,909,027	855,991	2,765,018	2,487,371
Total Function 4	2,695,510	636,260	3,331,770	1,171,491	4,503,261	4,137,564
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5 Operations and Maintenance	724 O17	172 705	007 (33	450.062	1 266 694	1 245 052
5.41 Operations and Maintenance Administration	734,917	172,705	907,622	459,062	1,366,684	1,245,952
5.50 Maintenance Operations	5,567,151	1,324,575	6,891,726	1,449,307	8,341,033	7,015,593
5.52 Maintenance of Grounds	484,874	116,469	601,343	158,611	759,954	752,032
5.56 Utilities		1 (12 740	0.400.601	2,350,958	2,350,958	2,307,598
Total Function 5	6,786,942	1,613,749	8,400,691	4,417,938	12,818,629	11,321,175
7 Transportation and Housing						
7.41 Transportation and Housing Administration	14,581	3,427	18,008	9,500	27,508	24,659
7.70 Student Transportation	-		-	2,600,841	2,600,841	2,202,000
Total Function 7	14,581	3,427	18,008	2,610,341	2,628,349	2,226,659
9 Debt Services						
Total Function 9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Functions 1 - 9	76,560,618	18,027,872	94,588,490	15,790,902	110,379,392	103,202,327
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Amended Annual Budget - Special Purpose Revenue and Expense Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023 Amended	2023	
	Annual Budget	Annual Budget	
	\$	\$	
Revenues			
Provincial Grants			
Ministry of Education and Child Care	15,829,541	13,070,636	
Other Revenue	1,474,500	1,447,500	
Investment Income	15,500	5,500	
Total Revenue	17,319,541	14,523,636	
Expenses			
Instruction	16,881,885	14,096,635	
Operations and Maintenance	350,494	350,494	
Transportation and Housing	87,162	76,507	
Total Expense	17,319,541	14,523,636	
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year		-	

Amended Annual Budget - Changes in Special Purpose Funds Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Annual Facility Grant	Learning Improvement Fund	Scholarships and Bursaries	School Generated Funds	Strong Start	Ready, Set, Learn	OLEP	CommunityLINK	Classroom Enhancement Fund - Overhead
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Deferred Revenue, beginning of year		89,957	759,143	768,112				71,788	
Add: Restricted Grants									
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care	350,494	357,806			159,735	39,200	414,618	615,774	1,526,752
Other			62,500	1,300,000					
Investment Income	250 404	257.005	15,000	1 200 000	150 525	20.200	414.610	<15 FF.1	1.506.550
	350,494	357,806	77,500	1,300,000	159,735	39,200	414,618	615,774	1,526,752
Less: Allocated to Revenue Recovered	350,494	447,763	65,000	1,300,000	159,735	39,200	414,618	687,562	1,526,752
Deferred Revenue, end of year		-	771,643	768,112	-	-	-	-	-
_									
Revenues	250 404	117.760			150 525	20.200	414.610	50 7.5 50	1.506.550
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care Other Revenue	350,494	447,763	50,000	1,300,000	159,735	39,200	414,618	687,562	1,526,752
Investment Income			15,000	1,300,000					
investment income	350,494	447,763	65,000	1,300,000	159,735	39,200	414,618	687,562	1,526,752
Expenses	,	,	,	-,,	207,100	,	,		-,,
Salaries									
Teachers							105,160		
Principals and Vice Principals							53,985		277,261
Educational Assistants		361,226							673,449
Support Staff	254,496				126,802	26,452		380,913	158,800
Substitutes							69,048		117,483
	254,496	361,226	-	-	126,802	26,452	228,193	380,913	1,226,993
Employee Benefits	66,169	86,537			30,433	6,348	51,962	83,448	299,759
Services and Supplies	29,829	,	65,000	1,300,000	2,500	6,400	134,463	223,201	-
••	350,494	447,763	65,000	1,300,000	159,735	39,200	414,618	687,562	1,526,752
Net Revenue (Expense)									
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School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

Amended Annual Budget - Changes in Special Purpose Funds Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Classroom Enhancement Fund - Staffing	Classroom Enhancement Fund - Remedies	First Nation Student Transportation	Mental Health in Schools	Changing Results for Young Children	Student & Family Affordability	SEY2KT (Early Years to Kindergarten)	ECL Early Care & Learning	Professional Development
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deferred Revenue, beginning of year		7,110	9,459	46,773	27,723				140,062
Add: Restricted Grants Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care Other Investment Income	10,892,178	192,623	52,703	51,000	11,250	980,354	19,000	175,000	75,000
	10,892,178	192,623	52,703	51,000	11,250	980,354	19,000	175,000	75,000
Less: Allocated to Revenue Recovered	10,892,178	192,623 7,110	62,162	97,773	38,973	720,000	19,000	175,000	100,000
Deferred Revenue, end of year	-	•	•	-	•	260,354	-	-	115,062
Revenues									
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care Other Revenue	10,892,178	192,623	62,162	97,773	38,973	720,000	19,000	175,000	100,000
Investment Income	10,892,178	192,623	62,162	97,773	38,973	720,000	19,000	175,000	100,000
Expenses Salaries Teachers	8,198,811	20,203	. , .	,		,	.,	,	,
Principals and Vice Principals Educational Assistants	0,170,011	20,203						141,413	
Support Staff				40,000		24,090			
Substitutes	356,701	128,632			28,851		15,322		
	8,555,512	148,835	-	40,000	28,851	24,090	15,322	141,413	-
Employee Benefits Services and Supplies	2,336,666	29,388 14,400	62,162	10,000 47,773	7,503 2,619	6,264 689,646	3,678	33,587	100,000
Services and Supplies	10,892,178	192,623	62,162	97,773	38,973	720,000	19,000	175,000	100,000
Net Revenue (Expense)						-	-	-	

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

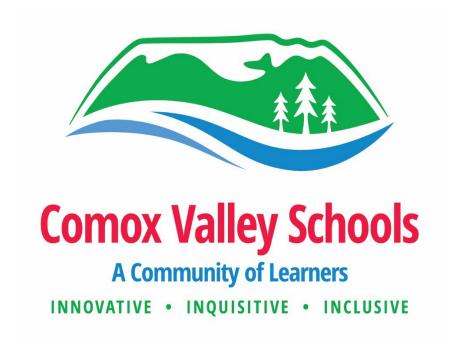
Amended Annual Budget - Changes in Special Purpose Funds Year Ended June 30, 2023

	CVCF Travel	MHIS Resources	Dual Credit Program Grant	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deferred Revenue, beginning of year	36,076	5,708	•	1,961,911
Add: Restricted Grants				
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care			40,000	15,878,487
Other	24,500		40,000	1,462,000
Investment Income	500			15,500
investment income	25,000	-	40,000	17,355,987
Less: Allocated to Revenue	25,000	5,708		17,319,541
Recovered	25,000	3,708	-	7,110
Deferred Revenue, end of year	36,076		40,000	1,991,247
Deterred Revenue, end of year	20,070		40,000	1,221,247
Revenues				
Provincial Grants - Ministry of Education and Child Care		5,708		15,829,541
Other Revenue	24,500			1,474,500
Investment Income	500			15,500
	25,000	5,708	-	17,319,541
Expenses				
Salaries				
Teachers				8,324,174
Principals and Vice Principals				472,659
Educational Assistants				1,034,675
Support Staff				1,011,553
Substitutes				716,037
	-	-	-	11,559,098
Employee Benefits				3,051,742
Services and Supplies	25,000	5,708		2,708,701
	25,000	5,708	-	17,319,541
Net Revenue (Expense)		-		-

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

Amended Annual Budget - Capital Revenue and Expense Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023 Amer	get		
	Invested in Tangible Capital Assets	Local Capital	Fund Balance	2023 Annual Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues	Þ	Ф	Ф	Ф
		205 600	205 (00	24 600
Investment Income		285,600	285,600	24,600
Amortization of Deferred Capital Revenue	5,476,854		5,476,854	5,306,029
Total Revenue	5,476,854	285,600	5,762,454	5,330,629
Expenses				
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets				
Operations and Maintenance	8,053,479		8,053,479	8,025,762
Total Expense	8,053,479	-	8,053,479	8,025,762
Net Revenue (Expense)	(2,576,625)	285,600	(2,291,025)	(2,695,133)
Net Transfers (to) from other funds				
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased	271,000		271,000	500,000
Local Capital	,,,,,,	5,541,018	5,541,018	2,285,000
Total Net Transfers	271,000	5,541,018	5,812,018	2,785,000
Other Adjustments to Fund Balances				
Tangible Capital Assets Purchased from Local Capital	2,555,206	(2,555,206)	_	
Total Other Adjustments to Fund Balances	2,555,206	(2,555,206)	-	
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit), for the year	249,581	3,271,412	3,520,993	89,867



2022-23 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 (COMOX VALLEY)

February 23, 2023

2022-23 Amended Annual Budget

What has changed since the Annual Budget in the spring?

OPERATING FUND

The following table summarizes the changes between the 2022-23 Amended Annual Operating Budget and the 2022-23 Annual Operating Budget.

2022-23 Operating Budget										
	A	mended		Annual		Change				
Revenue	\$ 111	,512,306	\$	105,987,327	\$	5,524,979				
Expense	(110	,379,392)		(103,202,327)		(7,177,065)				
Capital Assets Purchased		(271,000)		(500,000)		229,000				
Transfer to Local Capital	(5	5,541,018)		(2,285,000)		(3,256,018)				
Budgeted Use of Prior Year										
Surplus		4,679,104		-	\$	4,679,104				
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-				

Revenue

Ministry of Education

Based on the interim operating grant announced by the Ministry of Education in December 2022, School District No. 71 will receive increased operating grant funding for 2022-23. The revised funding allocation for the district is \$323,930 more than the funding estimates in the 2022-23 Annual Budget. The major differences between the two estimates are as follows:

2022-23 Ministry Operating Revenue										
Annual Operating Grant Estimate	Ş	;	101,176,373							
Enrolment Changes			265,471							
Summer Learning			(94,080)							
Salary Differential Funding			178,585							
Indigenous Services Canada			(26,046)							
Amended Annual Operating Grant	<u> </u>	;	101,500,303							
Net Additional Operating Grant	<u> </u>	;	323,930							
	_									

The increase in the Ministry of Education revenue of \$323,930 is mainly due to:

Overall actual student enrolment in September was slightly higher than projected. This indicates that our student projections in February 2022 were fairly accurate.
 NOTE: The amount of \$323,930 does not include the Labour Settlement Funding of \$3,852,246. This amount is considered an Other MECC grant and is noted below.

Enrolment Changes

Actual September student enrolment was greater than projected for standard schools, indigenous education, and students with special needs, resulting in \$265,471 additional funding.

		nended Annual ting Grant		nual Operating Grant	Variance		
Student Enrolment	<u>Enrolment</u>	Funding	Enrolment	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Enrolment</u>	Funding	
Standard Schools	8040.875	\$ 63,402,299	8015.000	\$ 63,198,275	25.875	\$ 204,024	
Continuing Education	0.000	-	0.000	-	0.000	-	
Alternate Schools	178.000	1,403,530	157.000	1,237,945	21.000	165,585	
Online Learning	1553.188	9,878,273	1615.000	10,271,400	-61.813	(393,127)	
Course Challenges	4.000	984	23.000	8,000	-19.000	(7,016)	
Home School	44.000	11,000	32.000	5,658	12.000	5,342	
Total School Age Enrolment	9772.063	74,696,086	9787.000	74,721,278	-21.938	(25,192)	
Enrollment Decline	0	-	0	-	0	-	
English Language Learners	183.000	290,055	145.000	229,825	38.000	60,230	
Indigenous Education	1639.000	2,565,035	1566.000	2,450,790	73.000	114,245	
Special Needs							
Level 1	4.000	179,400	6.000	269,100	-2.000	(89,700)	
Level 2	456.000	9,703,680	450.000	9,576,000	6.000	127,680	
Level 3	88.000	946,000	81.000	870,750	7.000	75,250	
Equity of Opportunity							
Supplement		402,747		408,906		(6,159)	
Adult Education	17.750	89,283	15.938	80,166	1.813	9,117	
Total Enrolment Changes						\$ 265,471	

Other Ministry of Education Grants

Other Ministry of Education grants are amended by approximately \$4,058,095 due to:

- An Equity Scan grant of \$2,381
- Anti-Racism grant of \$6,429
- February OL enrollment increased by \$21,596
- Integrated Child and Youth teams funding of \$179,640
- Labour Settlement Funding of \$3,852,346

Tuition

Tuition is estimated to increase in comparison to the annual budget. The increase can be attributed to growth in International FTE students attending as student levels have returned to those experienced during pre-COVID19 years.

Other Revenues

Other revenue is estimated to increase by \$342,261 mainly due to an increase in miscellaneous funding which includes the NISGA revenue and the Clean BC grant.

Rentals and Leases

Rentals and Lease revenues have increased slightly this year.

Investment Income

Investment income is generated by having District reserves invested in the Province's Central Deposit Program (CDP) and the balances maintained in the District's bank accounts. The budgeted increase in investment income is a direct result of interest rates changes which are significantly higher this year.

Additional information regarding Operating Revenues can be found in Schedule 2 and 2A in the attached Amended Annual Budget document.

Expenses

Salaries and Benefits

2022-23 Salaries and Benefits										
		Amended	Annual	Change						
Salaries										
Teachers	\$	45,884,902	\$	43,362,976	\$	2,521,926				
Principals and Vice-Principals		5,881,597		5,604,946		276,651				
Educational Assistants		7,082,391		7,152,543	-	70,152				
Support Staff		10,137,916		9,042,512		1,095,404				
Other Professionals		3,689,995		3,329,888		360,107				
Substitutes		3,883,817		3,040,518		843,299				
Total Salaries	\$	76,560,618	\$	71,533,383	\$	5,027,235				
Benefits		18,027,872		17,607,755		420,117				
Total Salaries and Benefits	\$	94,588,490	\$	89,141,138	\$	5,447,352				

Salaries - Teachers

The increase of \$2,521,926 is mainly due to:

- Salary increases
- KFN Success Advisor

Salaries – Principals/Vice-Principals

The increase of \$276,651 is mainly due to:

- Addition of administration time at Cumberland
- Salary increases

Salaries - Educational Assistants

The decrease of \$-70,152 is mainly due to:

- Moving Program Workers from EA's to Support Staff Classification
- Offset by salary increases

Salaries – Support Staff

The increase of \$1,095,404 is mainly due to the following:

- Moving Program Workers into this classification
- Two Peer support workers (Pathways ICY)
- Temporary trades position funded through surplus
- Able to staff more ISW's/PW's out of InEd surplus carry forward
- Salary increases

Salaries - Other Professionals

The increase of \$360,107 is mainly due to the following:

- Two Registered Clinical Counsellors (Pathways-ICY)
- Budget for additional Finance department staffing
- Salary increases

Substitutes

The increase of \$843,299 is mainly due to:

- Contractual increases for both Teachers & CUPE
- Higher compliment of casual, on-call staff available to backfill leaves
- Continued increases in sick time/leave usage

Employee Benefits

An increase of approximately \$420,117 is due to:

• Benefit cost increases relative to wage increases

Services and Supplies

2022-23 Services and Supplies											
		Amended		Annual	Change						
Services	\$	3,905,138	\$	3,776,937	\$	128,201					
Student Transportation		2,600,841		2,202,000		398,841					
Professional Development/Travel		920,993		797,480		123,513					
Rentals and Leases		235,894		-		235,894					
Dues and Fees		99,444		92,700		6,744					
Insurance		220,800		189,800		31,000					
Supplies		5,456,834		4,694,674		762,160					
Utilities		2,350,958		2,307,598		43,360					
Total Services and Supplies	\$	15,790,902	\$	14,061,189	\$	1,729,713					

The overall budgeted increase in services and supplies expenditures of \$1,729,713 is due to:

Services – the increase is mainly due to the contracting of the housing yield rate consultant, digital services and software licensing increases and contracting an IT Disaster Recovery Plan.

Student Transportation – increase in the standard contract rate and a fuel surcharge.

Professional Development and Travel – estimated increase due to return to normal and increased travel costs.

Dues and Fees – contractual increase.

Insurance – increase in Ministry recovery for School Protection Plan (SPP) premiums.

Supplies – the increase is due to increased enrollment in regular schools requiring additional supplies and resources. The appropriation of 2021-22 allocations carried forward for schools,

programs and departments is also included in this increase. In addition, Facilities supply costs have seen significant escalation.

Utilities – the increase is due to an increase in the Ministry NGN (high-speed internet) costs as well as increases to garbage collection fees.

Additional information regarding Operating Expenditures can be found in Schedule 2B and 2C in the attached Amended Annual Budget document.

ACCUMULATED OPERATING SURPLUS

The budgeted Accumulated Operating Surplus at the end of the year is \$2,063,748. This budgeted Accumulated Operating Surplus is unrestricted (Board Contingency Reserve).

However, we budget to fully spend the restricted accumulated surplus and rarely fully complete the projects in one fiscal. We anticipate replenishing some of the internally restricted surplus balance.

Additional information regarding Accumulated Operating Surplus can be found in Schedule 1 in the attached Amended Annual Budget document.

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

Special Purpose Funds include funds received from the Ministry of Education or other sources that have been designated for specific purposes.

Special Purpose Funds include School Generated Funds, Annual Facilities Grant, Learning Improvement Fund, Strong Start, Ready, Set, Learn, OLEP, Scholarships and Bursaries, , Community Link, First Nation Student Transportation, MHIS Resources, Changing Results for Young Children, SEY2K, Early Care Learning, Professional Development, CVCF Student Travel, Classroom Enhancement Fund, Student and Family Affordability Fund, and the Mental Health in Schools.

2022-23 Special Purpose Funds Budget								
		Amended		Preliminary		Change		
Revenue	\$	17,319,541	\$	14,523,636	\$	2,795,905		
Expenses	\$	(17,319,541)	\$	(14,523,636)	\$	(2,795,905)		
Tangible Capital Assets		-				-		
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
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Overall, the increase in revenue of \$2,795,905 is mainly due to:

- An increase in the Classroom Enhancement Fund due to increased enrollment and an additional grant of \$454,667 to CEF for increased staffing salaries.
- Additional grants received:
 - Student and Family Affordability Grant \$980,354
 - o Early Care Learning \$175,000
 - Mental Health in Schools \$97,773
 - O Dual Credit ECE Program \$40,000
 - o French Immersion Growth \$200,000

The corresponding increase in expenditures of \$2,795,905 relates to additional staffing and service and supply expenditures related to the additional grants and CEF funds received.

Additional information regarding Special Purpose Funds can be found in Schedule 3 and 3A in the attached Amended Annual Budget document.

CAPITAL FUNDS

The capital fund is made up of Invested in Tangible Capital Assets and Local Capital surplus. The overall change in the fund balance is due to the following:

- An increase in the budgeted amortization of deferred capital revenue of \$170,825
- Recognition of investment income of approximately \$261,000
- An increase in the budgeted amortization of tangible capital assets of \$27,717
- A decrease in estimated Tangible Capital Assets purchased from the operating fund of \$229,000
- A transfer of \$2,160,000 from operating fund to local capital to align with the strategic plan
- Additional transfer from Local Capital Reserve to purchase Tangible Capital Assets in the amount of \$3,381,019 comprised of strategic decisions made at year-end including:
 - Allocation for 9 remaining outdoor classrooms \$205,000
 - Arden Fire Suppression project \$300,000
 - Modulars \$500,000
 - Transfer to Board Office Reserve \$2,000,000
 - Childcare Facilities \$200,000
 - Furniture & Equipment \$150,000
 - New Classroom Updates \$26,019

Additional information regarding Capital Funds can be found in Schedule 4 in the attached Amended Annual Budget document.

RECOMMENDATION

approve and adop	t the 2022-23 Amer	nded Annual Bu	y) pass three re presented.	

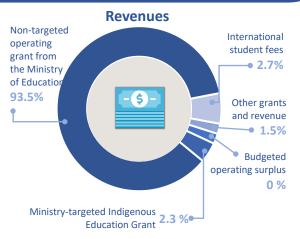


Snapshot 2022-2023

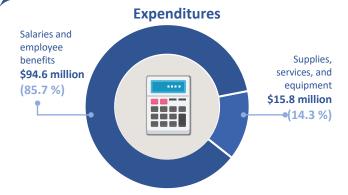
SCHOOL DISTRICT #71 Amended Annual Budget

Operating Revenue - \$111.51 million
Less: Operating Expenses - \$110.38 million
Net Revenue (Deficit) - \$ 1.13 million

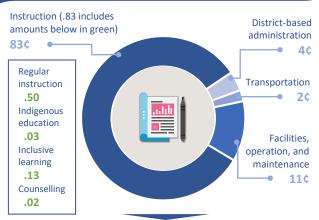
Where the money comes from

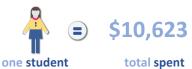


Where the money goes

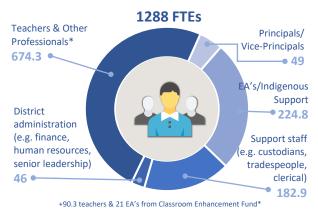


How each dollar is spent



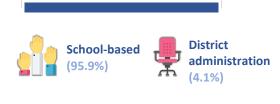


Our staff team



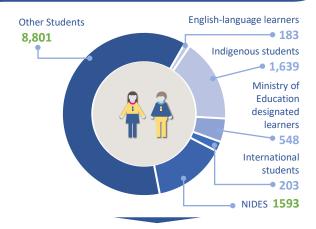
The total # of employees is 1880 (includes P/T, TTOC's & casual)

\$110.4 million of operating expenses





FTE Students 10,394





Enrolment is projected to have moderate to high growth over next 10 years

Core French & Immersion



1086 FTE students

are enrolled in French programming



VIVE LE FRANCAIS!!

Inclusive learning



\$14.5 million budgeted

(2022-2023)



Fluid and flexible learning spaces in schools; including several unique programs

Regular program completion rates



82% approx.

High School graduation levels holding steady within our five-year range.

Post Secondary pathways



467 students

participated in pathways & partnerships programs in 2020-2021

Class size-composition



\$12.6 million

to restore collective agreement class size and composition language in 2022-2023 resulting in 68.6 additional teachers and 25.6 nonenrolling teachers to enhance learning.

Our schools

- Elementary schools (K-5, 6 or 7)
 - Middle school (6-9)
- Secondary schools (8-12)
- Continuing/alternate education centers
- Distance education center
- 1 K-9 school

School District #71 has 16 urban schools and 6 rural schools.

Planned capital investments



\$200,000

Childcare Facilities

\$2,000,000



Administrative Space renewal

S205.000

Outdoor Classrooms



\$350,000

School Fire Suppression and Future Capital Pre-design

The above improvements are increased to planned projects through a strategic application of Accumulated Surplus. Anticipatory for enrollment growth and cost escalations.

Engaging our community



100+

Public Board of Education and committee meetings



30,000 Website

visitors monthly (avg)



20 Parent Advisory

Councils

Ongoing community partnerships and consultation for budgets, LRFP, strategic planning, program reviews, boundary, and catchment consultations



Providing public education to students in:

3 municipalities and 4 outlying areas

(Courtenay, Comox, Cumberland, Miracle Beach, Royston, Hornby Island and Denman Island)

1 First Nation Community (K'omoks First Nation)



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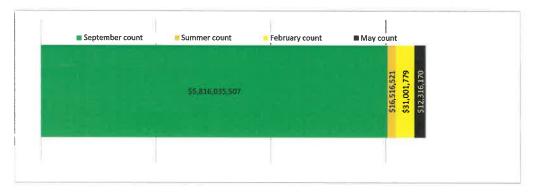
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Our Mission:

To inspire engaged, compassionate, resilient lifelong learners and cultivate a collaborative community together.

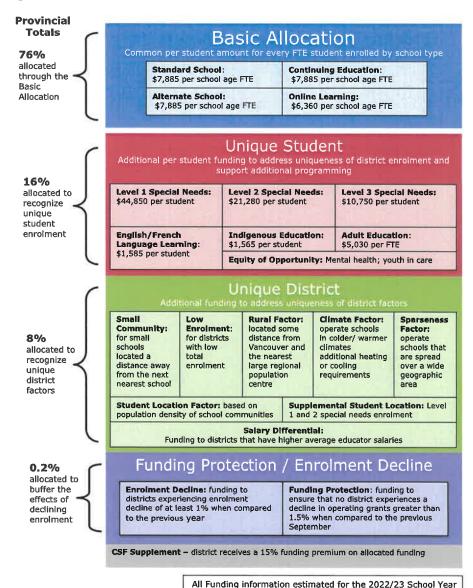
Overview of the 2022/23 Operating Grant Allocation Formula

Allocation of the total Operating Block and Enrolment counts (2022/23 estimated as at March 2022)



Funding Adjustments:

- Districts' preliminary allocations are adjusted after each of the enrolment counts;
 September 29th, February and May;
- A district's preliminary allocation will increase if actual enrolment is higher than district estimated enrolment; and consequently decline if actual enrolment is lower than district estimated enrolment;
- Funding Protection is calculated following the September enrolment count only this supplemental grant is calculated <u>last</u> and ensures that districts do not experience a funding decline of greater than 1.5% compared to the previous year <u>for the September</u> count;
- The full operating block must be allocated to districts by June 30 of the current school year:
- Funding is disbursed in a "just in time" manner to closely match district cash needs.



Multi - Year Comparison

	2019		2020/2021		•	2021-2022		2022-	2023					
	Actual	Preliminary Budget	Amended Annual Budget	Actual - 2020/21 Financial Statements	2021-2022 Preliminary Budget	2021-2022 Amended Budget	Actual - 2021/22 Financial Statements	2022-2023 Preliminary Budget	2022-23 Amended Budget	% of Operating Expenses 2023	% of Operating	Provincial % of Operating	% of Function Expenses 2022	% of <u>Function</u> Expenses
Operating Revenue	\$85,056,580	\$91,516,711	\$96,320,857	\$98,790,902	\$98,442,973	\$102,772,683	\$104,022,832	\$105,987,327	\$111,552,306		Expenses 2022 Actual	Expenses 2022	Actual	2023 Amended
Function 1 - Instruction														
1.02 Regular Instruction	40,756,388	45,057,252	49,985,594	47,735,861	48,841,476	52,233,458	49,760,067	52,672,426	55,138,968	51.0%	49.8%	49.1%	61.3%	61.0%
1.03 Career Programs	1,030,355	1,198,219	1,256,772	1,281,899	1,268,085	1,387,202		1,390,546	1,447,879	1.3%	1.3%	0.7%	1.6%	1.6%
1.07 Library Services	1,363,457	1,586,647	1,595,732	1,443,956	1,567,586	1,586,445	1,406,334	1,624,358	1,678,624	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	1.7%	1.9%
1.08 Counselling	1,882,003	1,775,782	1,844,016	1,876,939	1,896,793	2,200,572		1,958,079	2,657,446	1.9%	2.1%	1.8%	2.6%	2.9%
1.10 Special Education	10,786,226	11,940,473	12,438,480	12,229,029	12,786,730	13,784,803	12,901,522	13,876,503	14,478,305	13.4%	12.9%	16.5%	15.9%	16.0%
1.30 English Language Learning	175,852	180,071	157,870	230,076	186,109	223,171	234,618	304,026	369,016	0.3%	0.2%	1.6%	0.3%	0.4%
1.31 Aboriginal Education	1,798,863	2,092,640	2,468,573	2,168,895	2,386,624	2,781,637	2,490,532	2,450,789	2,942,513	2.4%	2.5%	1.6%	3.1%	3.3%
1.41 School Administration	6,889,989	7,353,283	7,923,727	8,051,314	8,088,230	8,197,674	8,376,388	8,531,081	8,894,048	8.3%	8.4%	7.3%	10.3%	9.8%
1.62 International & Out of Province	2,124,051	1,680,517	1,647,674	1,324,638	2,291,879	2,354,153	2,195,559	2,339,960	2,426,951	2.3%	2.2%		2.7%	2.7%
1.64 Other	405,808	359,210	359,659	327,953	361,551	369,889	434,013	369,161	395,403	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%
Total Function 1	\$67,212,992	\$73,224,094	\$79,678,097	\$76,670,560	\$79,675,063	\$85,119,004	\$81,237,021	\$85,516,929	\$90,429,153	82.9%	81.3%	82.8%		
Function 4 - District Administration														
4.11 Educational Administration	1,103,725	1,089,912	1,135,151	1,113,701	1,162,478	1,369,257	1,259,398	1,238,706	1,320,078	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%	33.2%	
4.40 School District Governance	378,940	362,386	356,720	296,367	374,007	379,188		411,487	418,165	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	7.6%	9.3%
4.41 Business Administration	1,922,392	2,363,354	2,399,364	2,238,457	2,342,374	2,461,202	2,244,778	2,487,371	2,765,018	2.4%	2.2%	2.3%	59.2%	61.4%
Total Function 4	\$3,405,057	\$3,815,652	\$3,891,235	\$3,648,525	\$3,878,859	\$4,209,647	\$3,792,981	\$4,137,564	\$4,503,261	4.0%	3.8%	3.8%		
Function 5 Operations & Maint.														
5,41 Operations & Maintenance														
Administration	857,223	969,962	1,102,798	1,073,176	1,176,525	1,314,594	1,213,811	1,245,952	1,366,684	1.2%	1.2%	1.0%	9.8%	10.7%
5.50 Maintenance Operations	6,581,463	7,045,179	7,008,492	7,041,145	7,622,230	7,439,394	8,112,916	7,015,593	8,341,033	6.8%	8.1%	7.7%	65.2%	65.1%
5.52 Maintenance of Grounds	541,398	703,825	703,825	836,854	706,488	717,988	804,976	752,032	759,954	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	6.5%	5.9%
5.56 Utilities	1,776,516	1,867,692	2,063,692	2,008,060	2,070,692	2,160,438	2,302,315	2,307,598	2,350,958	2.2%	2.3%	2.1%	18.5%	18.3%
Total Function 5	\$9,756,600	\$10,586,658	\$10,878,807	\$10,959,235	\$11,575,935	\$11,632,414	\$12,434,018	\$11,321,175	\$12,818,629	11.0%	12.5%	11.5%		
Function 7 Transport & Housing														
7.41 Transportation & Housing Admin.	20,268	23,345	23,835	22,609	24,312	24,312	23,880	24,659	27,508	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.0%	1.0%
7.70 Student Transportation	1,974,606	2,056,962	2,056,962	1,961,189	2,056,962	2,202,000		2,202,000	2,600,841	2.1%	2.4%	1.8%	99.0%	99.0%
Total Function 7	\$1,994,874	\$2,080,307	\$2,080,797	\$1,983,798	\$2,081,274	\$2,226,312	\$2,401,473	\$2,226,659	\$2,628,349	2%	2.4%	1.9%		
Total Function 1-9	\$82,369,523	\$89,706,711	\$96,528,936	\$93,262,118	\$97,211,131	\$103,187,377	\$99,865,493	\$103,202,327	\$110,379,392					
Transfer from Operating to Assets	\$1,804,241	\$250,000	\$565,000	\$454,407	\$500,000	\$625,000		\$500,000	\$271,000					
Transfer from Operating to LCR	\$1,560,000	\$1,560,000	\$1,560,000	\$1,560,000	\$1,560,000	\$3,980,000		\$2,285,000	\$5,541,018					
Net Change for the Year	-\$677,184	\$0	-\$2,333,079	\$3,514,377	-\$828,338	-\$5,019,694		\$0	-\$4,679,104					
Opening Operating Reserve	\$6,007,764	\$1,688,656	\$4,080,530	\$4,080,530	\$4,080,530	\$7,594,907	\$7,594,907	\$2,575,213	\$6,742,852					
Closing Operating Reserve	\$5,330,580	\$1,688,656	\$1,747,451	\$7,594,907	\$3,252,192	\$2,575,213			\$2,063,748					
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Comox Valley Schools Board of Education of School District No. 71

BRIEFING NOTE

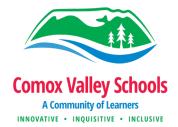
TO: **Board of Education** DATE: February 28, 2023

RE: **Human Resources - Retirements and Recognition**

Retirements

Wanda Harssema, Teacher, NIDES, retiring effective December 31, 2022, after 4 years of service.

Shelley Wadland, Education Assistant, Cumberland Community School, retiring effective April 30, 2023, after 19 years of service.



Comox Valley Schools

School District No. 71

Open Committee of the Whole Report to the Board Tuesday, February 14, 2023 CONFIDENTIAL

Attendance In Person

Committee Members:

Chelsea McCannel-Keene, Chairperson Michelle Waite, Trustee (via Zoom) Susan Leslie, Vice Chair Cristi May Sacht, Trustee (via Zoom) Shannon Aldinger, Trustee Sarah Jane Howe, Trustee Janice Caton, Trustee Tom Demeo, Superintendent of Schools Brenda Hooker, Secretary-Treasurer Geoff Manning, Assistant Superintendent Vivian Collyer, Director of Instruction Josh Porter, Director of Information Technology

Regrets:

Recording Secretary: Heidi Bell, Sr. Executive Assistant

A. Welcome

The Board of Education acknowledges that we are on the traditional territories of the K'omoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of working with their children.

B. Call to Order

The Chair, Chelsea McCannel-Keene, called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
[Howe/Caton]
CARRIED

E. Presentations/Delegations – PowerPoint Presentation Attached

Pages

Literacy/Numeracy Assessment, Director of Instruction, Vivian Collyer

F. Adjournment – 5:26 pm

Motion:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented. [Howe/Caton]

CARRIED

COMMI	TTEE OF	THE WHOLE MEETING S	CHEDULE - 20)22-2023
DATE	TIME	TIME MEETING		VENUE
December 2022		No Meeting No Meeting		School Board Office School Board Office
January 10, 2023	4:00 PM None	Closed Committee of the Whole Open Committee of the Whole	Michelle	School Board Office School Board Office
February 14, 2023	2:00 PM 4:30 PM	Closed Committee of the Whole Open Committee of the Whole	Chelsea Chelsea	School Board Office School Board Office
March 7, 2023	2:00 PM 4:30 PM	Closed Committee of the Whole Open Committee of the Whole	Janice Janice	School Board Office School Board Office
April 11, 2023	2:00 PM 4:30 PM	Closed Committee of the Whole Open Committee of the Whole	Sarah Jane Sarah Jane	School Board Office School Board Office
May 9, 2023	2:00 PM 4:30 PM	Closed Committee of the Whole Open Committee of the Whole	Susan Susan	School Board Office School Board Office
June 13, 2023	2:00 PM 4:30 PM	Closed Committee of the Whole Open Committee of the Whole	Cristi Cristi	School Board Office School Board Office

Indigenous Education Report

RE. Indigenous Education Council Meeting Feb. 9, 2023

- Bruce Carlos has met with Pam Moore and the Culture Kits team at Qualicum First
 Nation. They are providing classroom teachers with vetted, culturally appropriate,
 Indigenous teaching materials from local Nations as well as from Nations across BC and
 Canada. The kits are bursting with hands on resources and lesson plans for all students
 in SD71.
- Lush Valley has invited Indigenous Education, Bruce Carlos to the School Food Subcommittee.
- Indigenous PAC parents have met with plans to rejuvenate IPAC after a 2 year break
- Bruce Carlos has met with the new KFN Education Coordinator Felicity Chitty, Chief Ken Price and Councillor Coral Mackay. Coral and Felicity attended the February 9 IEC meeting and were warmly welcomed.
- 45 staff members on the Indigenous Education team now
- IEC Capacity building days May 17-18 at the Comox Band Hall
- 2023-24 Indigenous Education Budget Process is beginning, an invitation to the Secretary Treasurer to discuss the process
- February 16, Sharing Cultural Perspectives: Where Paths Meet community session at GP Vanier Secondary at 7:00pm was well attended

District Indigenous Learning Day February 17, 2023, SHARING CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES: Where Paths Meet

This was an empowering, culturally rich day providing all SD71 staff who attended with local Indigenous knowledge, stories and information to support their learning in Truth and Reconciliation from where they stand.

The Cultural Topography of Traditional Indigenous Land Use at Pentlatch, presentation by Hereditary Chief Wedlidi Speck and Dr. Jesse Morin, brought to light the traditional cultural uses of various locations of the Comox Valley. Learning the cultural significance and ancestral history of the peoples of this place that we all call home brought a more meaningful lens to the places in the valley that we all frequent.

The Circle of Intention workshop provided us with guidance and information on how to incorporate authentic Indigenous worldviews into classroom instruction and all activities. Leading us in this work was Lelaina Jules and Jeannine Walker. Their presentation offered many examples, stories, practices and ideas to educators in supporting the preparation and planning of culturally significant learning environments, lessons and ways of being.

The afternoon consisted of a choice of 18 workshops from many local knowledge keepers offering cultural teachings, language, research, protocol and practices that will support all teachers and students on their learning journey in Truth and Reconciliation.

A spectacular day was had by all I spoke to, I raise my hands to the Pro-D Committee, the Chair Doug David, to Bruce Carlos and the Indigenous Education team, the Elders, presenters and knowledge keepers, and all who had a hand in orchestrating this meaningful, heartfelt day!

Respectfully,

Susan Leslie Vice Chair SD71 School Board Trustee

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February 13, 2023

The Honourable Rachna Singh Minister of Education PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Hon. Minister Singh:

RE: Invitation to Visit and Tour School District 71 (Comox Valley)

The Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) would like to extend our congratulations on your appointment as the Minister of Education and Child Care.

As the new Minister we would like to formally invite you to visit and tour School District No. 71, as per our January 31st public Board meeting motion:

Motion:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) write a letter extending our invitation to the Minister of Education and Child Care, the honourable Rachna Singh to visit our district.

We hope you will be able to find some time in your very busy schedule to spend a day with us.

Respectfully,

Michelle Waite Board Chair

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