



MINUTES

District Council of School Councils

DATE: Thursday, May 14, 2020

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtual Google Meet

In attendance: Mark Davidson; Karen Johnson; Tanya Buckshaw; Bob Burgess; Ashley Williams; Jeremy Williamson; Lee Krasilowez; Taneill Selinger; Carolyn Freeman, Catherine Wilson, Rick Massini, Karen Saffron, Jerry Labossiere, Chelsey Cowan

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair, Bob Burgess called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.
2. BUDGET UPDATE - J. Labossiere & M. Davidson
Classroom Improvement Fund and PUF cut significantly. New fund – 84.9M
Ops & Maintenance now enveloped and increased to 10.2M
IMR (infrastructure) decreased to 2.15M
Instruction budget now at 66.8M, Admin at 2.8M, Transportation at 2.37M, and
Ops & Maint at 12.3M.
Total budget = 84,946,000
Cuts / budget deficit came to 3.35M. Actions to free up resources were to cut costs in substitutes, a Vice Principal, CEU Sharing, teacher – ECE collaborations (no longer needed), outreach programs were restructured, Early Literacy EAs cut, mini-budget allocations as well as (at the central office) to reduce travel and meeting costs, Professional Development, and interoffice mail was outsourced for a total savings of 2.019M. Additional actions to free up resources were to restructure the PUF program which saved an additional 2.69M. Other resources were reassigned to Ops & Maintenance which freed up an additional 468,500. The freed-up resources left us with a surplus of 2.098M which is now allocated to Family School Liaison Workers, Inclusive Education, and New Staffing Ratios.
Result – balanced budget.
3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION
 - 1) Update on COVID-19 – M. Davidson
There are 3 possible versions of returning to school in the fall.
 1. Return to school as normal with all staff and students in school.
 2. Schools will operate with strict hygiene and physical distancing measures. This means less students can be in the school at a time so there will be some in-school and some home schooling.

3. All schooling will be done from home as we are doing now.

They believe that a combination of version 2 and 3 is what will end up in place.

Prior to return to school each of these versions and how they will work will be sent out to families. All scenarios are regionally set to school boards will have a say in when / how return to school will occur.

2) Update on ASCA AGM – J. Williamson

Many of the resolutions that were to be voted on were moved to the next meeting (scheduled for Oct 17, 2020) in hopes that the meeting would be “in-person” and the resolutions could be discussed in greater detail.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Drafted Bylaws

2 drafts of operating procedures for the District Council of School Councils to utilize going forward were circulated to the group for consideration. Karen Saffron recommended using the “Ops Procedure Doc” rather than the “By-Laws Doc” as our draft Operating Procedure. Taneill Selinger motioned to continue with the “Ops Procedure Doc” and Tanya Buckshaw seconded. All in favour – motion carried.

Karen Saffron requested the doc plus relevant policies be sent to this council. Everyone is invited to review the Ops Procedure Doc once it is sent out again and forward any changes / suggestions to Joni Treen.

B. Burgess requested we have another meeting in the same format prior to the end of the school year to discuss the operating procedures. No date set.

5. TRUSTEE COMMENTS – C. Freeman

She wanted to thank the parents on the Council for all the work, support, and feedback they have given during this time.

R. Massini thanked Bob Burgess for his years of service to this council and school council.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN – 8:46 p.m. Motion to Adjourn accepted at 9:08 p.m.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATE – TBD