

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

## **Committee Report to the Board, April 26, 2021**

The Chairperson of the Committee called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and reviewed meeting decorum. This meeting was live-streamed and the audio and visual recording is also available to the public for viewing after the meeting. The footage of the meeting may be viewed inside and outside of Canada.

A master PowerPoint presentation detailing the flow of the agenda was provided throughout the meeting, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda.

### **1. COVID-19 Funding Update**

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer presented a report dated April 21, 2021 entitled **COVID-19 Funding Update**. The report provides an update on COVID-19 funding and expenditures from the Provincial Safe Return to School Grant and the Federal Safe Return to Class Fund through March 31, 2021. Detailed information can be found in the PowerPoint presentation.

Trustees and stakeholder representatives provided feedback and staff provided clarification on various points.

This was provided for information.

### **2. Draft Budget 2021-2022 Update and Discussion**

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled Budget 2021-2022 Update. The presentation provided updates to the revenues and expenses for the 2021-2022 Budget. It also provided an update on risk factors and the use of surplus for balancing the budget. There was also a follow up to questions from the April 15, 2021 Special Board/Committee of the Whole meeting.

Trustees and stakeholder representatives provided feedback and staff provided clarification on various points.

Trustee Reddy opened a discussion for stakeholder feedback on a proposed motion to include funding in the 2021-2022 Budget for a consultant to develop an Indigenous Language Program. Following discussion, Trustee Reddy offered to share specific wording to direct how to center Indigenous perspectives and leadership in the design process.

Trustee Reddy also opened discussion for stakeholder feedback on a proposed motion to re-introduce a full-time consultant position in the 2021-2022 Budget to support English Language Learning content and curriculum in the District. The position was a budget reduction in 2014-2015.

### **3. Information Item Requests:**

- Cost savings from teacher failure-to-fill and the equivalent for support staff.

**4. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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Oliver Hanson, Chairperson

Committee Members Present in Teams: Oliver Hanson, Estrellita Gonzalez,  
Lois Chan-Pedley, Allan Wong

Other Trustees Present in Teams: Janet Fraser, Fraser Ballantyne,  
Jennifer Reddy, Carmen Cho

Senior Management Present in the Teams: Carmen Batista, Pedro da Silva, J. David Green,  
Suzanne Hoffman, David Nelson

Association Representatives Present in Teams: Terry Stanway, VSTA  
Allison Jambor, VESTA  
Mike Vulgaris, VASSA  
Joel Levine, VEPVPA  
Skye Richards, DPAC  
Tyson Shmyr, PASA  
Warren Williams, CUPE 15  
Brent Boyd, CUPE 407  
Harjit Khangura, IUOE

Other Staff Members Present in Teams: Shehzad Somji, Helen Yee, Will Hsu