

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

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING**

October 8, 2024

PRESENT:

Board Representatives:

Andrea Hensen	Trustee	Chair
Heather Stewin	Trustee	Committee Member
Wendy Clark	Trustee	Non-Voting Observer
Linda Kerr	Trustee	Non-Voting Observer

Committee Representatives:

Shane Wiseman	Principal	FCPVPA
Karl Koslowsky	Principal	FCPVPA
Diana Stromquist	IEC	IEC Rep
Jan Morris	Union President	CMAW
Amanda Lasser	Support Staff	CMAW
Margot Haworth	Teacher	FCTA

District Staff:

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

Regrets:

Lynne Marvell	Union President	FCTA
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1. Call to Order and Acknowledgment

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm via Zoom conference call. Trustee Andrea Hensen acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the shared territory of the Cheam, Sts'ailes, Sq'ewlets, Sq'ewqel, Shxw'owhámél, Seabird Island, Nlaka'pamux and Chawathil people.

- 2. Election of Committee Chair**– Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Operations and Facilities Committee for the 2024-2025 year. Nominations were called and the following trustee was nominated:

Trustee Heather Stewin nominated Trustee Andrea Hensen (nomination accepted).

Hearing no further nominations, Gerry declared **Andrea Hensen** elected by acclamation as committee chair for the 2024-2025 year.

3. Approval of Agenda – October 8, 2024

HENSEN/STROMQUIST

THAT the agenda of the Operations and Facilities Committee meeting held on October 8, 2024, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Previous Minutes – May 7, 2024

HENSEN/STROMQUIST

THAT the minutes of the Operations and Facilities Committee meeting held on May 7, 2024, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Capital Requests for 2024/2025

Doug spoke about the new Boston Bar Biomass Boiler that they are hoping will be completed by November. He explained that there is no natural gas available in Boston Bar and so the school is heated with propane which is very expensive. They are hoping that this newly installed unit at BBESS will greatly reduce costs and will be of extra benefit as it is carbon neutral.

The new playground at Boston Bar Elementary should be installed soon and the old playground from CE Barry is being decommissioned.

Roofers at AESS were using torches on the roof while working on it late this summer and it started a fire. Fortunately, several local fire departments were able to put the fire out quickly, but this meant severe water damage in parts of the school. The roofing company's insurance will be covering costs from the damage caused by the fire.

6. Annual Facility Grant

This summer, lots of great projects happened as a result of AFG funding:

- Hope Secondary received a newly expanded lunch/cafeteria space
- Projects in progress at HSS are: painting the washrooms, refreshing gym floor. All AFG projects will be complete by the end of March 2025.
- AESS received a beautiful outdoor classroom space with hand cut stone surfaces

- The AESS parking lot was expanded to hold 15-16 additional vehicles and the basketball court was replaced
- The back-parking lot at AESS was also expanded by 8-10 more spaces
- The School Board Office is still a work in progress - the stand by generator is installed and functional for power outages
- Doug is hopeful the remaining SBO AFG items will happen at either Christmas or Spring Break.
- The next schools on the list for the 2025-2026 AFG Renewals are Silver Creek Elementary and Maintenance and Transportation Building. Discussions with both locations will start in November or December of 2024.

7. 2025/2026 Minor Capital Requests (requests/wish lists for next year)

- Solar Systems 100 kw for Coquihalla and Silver Creek
- Roofing and Flooring projects for AESS
- Delivery vehicle for the Food Program
- Playground for Q'aLaTKu7eM School

8. Daycare Proposals

Kent: Over the summer there was a lot of progress to get the Kent Daycare site ready:

- New washrooms were added to the Kindergarten rooms
- A new parking lot was built out back and a gravel area was created for the new daycare's playground (to come at a later date)
- A new hallway was created.

Silver Creek: Feedback has been received from staff and community members

- The District is committed to continue meeting to make the best project for everyone
- There will be a meeting for the playground committee in early November 2024
- More details to come as the project is updated

Adjournment

HENSEN/MORRIS

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:25 pm.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:

Date: May 13, 2025 at 4:30 pm via Zoom