



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014, AT THE BOARD OFFICE AT 8:30 A.M.**

Present: D. Stevenson (in the Chair); J. Kellett; C. Dekker; C. Broady; R. Faris; C. Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools; J. Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer; Karen Johnson, Assistant Secretary Treasurer; Lynne Tomlinson, Director of Instruction; Kim Martin, Director of Human Resources

Stakeholder Representation: R. Millard (WVTA); S. Donahue (DPAC)

Regrets: V. Brady (WVAA); B. Scott (WVMEA)

1. 2014/15 Preliminary Budget – recommendations from District Leadership Team

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer reviewed the recommendations from DLT for the Preliminary 2014/15 Annual Budget.

The Superintendent began by noting that the generally status-quo budget has reductions largely in non-staffing areas, providing stability and a sense of certainty for parents, students and staff, while at the same time maintaining and growing innovation. Previously established staffing and service areas will be carried over into 2014/15, including ratios for Learning Support Teachers, Counsellors and Teacher-Librarians. Innovation grants will be maintained and supervision-free schedules for teachers will continue.

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed Ministry operating grant figures, total revenues and costs (including unfunded cost increases and cooperative gains savings plan requirements), and detailed found savings.

For 2014/15, the annual operating budget is summarized as follows:

Total revenues	\$64,294,127
Baseline cost to maintain existing service and support levels	\$65,820,284
Surplus required to balance budget	\$1,526,157

The project slate for the 2014/15 Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) was also presented, and the general areas of expenditure for the Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) were discussed.

Further input/feedback from school and partner groups regarding the recommendations can be submitted until April 29, 2014.

Updated recommendations and the final preliminary budget (including capital and special purpose funds as well as operating) will be presented at the public Finance and

Committee members: Dave Stevenson, Jane Kellett

Facilities Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 8:30am at the School Board Office.

The full budget presentation is posted on the district website at www.sd45.bc.ca

5. **Adjourn**

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Julia Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer