

Director Capital Projects Crowe stated that they are making good progress with the NWSS decommissioning. The actual deconstruction of Pearson Wing has started which will result in an increase in truck traffic due to the removal of the deconstructed material. Notices have not been sent out to the surrounding neighborhood to date as they are currently waiting for timeline confirmat6 (ed)10.5 (m)46.64 Tm

surplus balance carrying forward into the next year. They will continue to provide an update at the next OPPC meeting on June 6, 2023.

c. Childcare (I. Neilson) – Manager, Early Learning & Childcare

EL&C Manager Neilson, provided a comprehensive report on Child Care, and how the District can increase quality childcare at more sites across the District.

Highlights:

District Initiatives: SD40 is involved in more Early Learning Initiatives than any other district.

The proposals main focus is to provide after school care. Rationale: attendance data from September 2022, shows a greater need for after school care where the majority of children are picked up close to 6 pm.

Suggested staffing model is for 2 ECEs to work in collaboration with one EA as this partnership incorporates their respective qualifications, pedagogies and expertise. Current waitlist data and analysis gathered with our community partner WCAS which supports the need for more childcare in SD40. Neilson provided 3 childcare scenarios which outlined the costs, school age care & location, school timeline, number of children per group, and associated standards for each scenario. Scenario 2 and 2A offer quality programming that the District will stand behind; 2A can be implemented in their schools, is easily scaleable, and sustainable.

Childcare recommendations: to further explore scenario 2A with a plan to execute by January 8, 2024. Rationale: 2A benefits the District as it will extend staff hours within an 8-hour cap, create attractive positions for ECE's with wages, benefits and shorter hours of work, professional development, and staffing back-up for absences.

Secretary-Treasurer reiterated that their staff recommendation is grounded first, and foremost in the creation of quality sustainable childcare, and takes into account the learnings that they have identified with their conversations with other districts, and ways in which they were able to meet the needs of families based on data that they collected through their own seamless day pilots.

Childcare recommendation 2A is incorporated into the Superintendent's recommendation. The next steps of the Superintendent's recommendation is the first and 2nd reading. This is not a final decision, and still remains an opportunity for trustees to reflect on what was presented here tonight.

Questions and significant discussion ensued.

d. 2023-24 Superintendent Recommendations (K. Hachlaf)

Superintendent Hachlaf and members of the Senior Management provided a detailed overview of the Recommendations for the 2023-2024 budget:

Base Budget Re-Cap

- o April 24, 2023 - Ministry announced C.O.L.A. adjustment for teachers and

Stakeholder Consultation:

- Consultations with our stakeholders have been robust over the last number of weeks with the following consultation asks: priority staffing, additional & continued safety measures at NWSS, supervision and support, mental health & wellness, Indigenous education, technology and childcare.
- Ensured the Superintendent's recommendations aligned with the Board's Strategic Plan.

Trustees shared their thanks and appreciation for the budget work completed by the Senior Management Team.