

DATE: April 10, 2018

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Bridget Stirling, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #4 of the Special Caucus Committee (From the meeting held March 20, 2018)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4
[Trustees' Handbook](#) – Section 6 – Board Committees
[School Act](#) – Section 61

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendations at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That a resolution be approved directing that Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendations were approved at the March 20, 2018, Special Caucus Committee meeting:

1. *That authorization for the Superintendent to proceed with the utilization of up to \$2,475,000 of Capital Reserve funds to acquire six modular classrooms be approved.*

BACKGROUND

Given the late funding announcement from the Province and an emergent need to determine whether Capital Reserve funds could be accessed to acquire six new modular classrooms required to accommodate students for the 2018–2019 school year, the recommendation noted above was presented to the Caucus Committee for deliberation.

2. *Three names for new schools be approved.*

BACKGROUND

The provincial government approved three new school construction projects in 2017. Names must be chosen for these new schools, located in Heritage Valley (10-12), Larkspur (7-9) and McConachie (K-6). The process for selecting names for these schools is taking place during the early phase of design so that elements of the chosen name may be incorporated into the design of the school and will support the development of a unique identity for each school community.

The three names will be formally announced on May 8, 2018, at the public Board meeting.

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