

2021-22 Budget Update

Finance and Facilities Committee
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Review

- Enrolment is projected to be down approximately 1,100 students from the current year projections
 - Current year projections are the basis for the current year revenue
- GSN is expected in “April”
 - Planning is taking place with no significant changes to GSN
 - Planning is taking place with no “stabilization” funding or no COVID funding
- Staff are working towards a balanced budget

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Enrolment – Projection Compared to Projection

| | 2020/21 Projection | 2021/22 Projection | Difference |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Full Day Kindergarten | 7,321 | 6,350 | - 971 |
| Grade 1-3 | 11,044 | 10,867 | - 177 |
| Grade 4-8 | 18,259 | 18,263 | 4 |
| Special Ed | 385 | 300 | - 85 |
| Total Elementary | 37,009 | 35,780 | - 1,229 |
| Secondary | 13,617 | 13,740 | 123 |
| Total Enrolment | 50,626 | 49,520 | - 1,106 |

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Projected Deficit

- Based on the assumptions, the decrease in enrolment will result in a significant decrease in funding.
 - Decrease in overall enrolment
 - Decrease in ESL enrolment
- There are also increases in projected expenses that do not have a corresponding increase in projected revenue:
 - For example, CPP increase

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Projected Deficit

- Staff have calculated the projected revenue
- Staff have calculated the projected expenditures
 - Assumed staffing at regulation class sizes and adhering to collective agreements
 - Taken into account reductions related to school closures and decreased enrolment
 - Taken into account projected increases for things like statutory benefits
- Based on conservative estimates, staff have currently projected the deficit at approximately \$9 million

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Staffing

- Staffing makes up 85% of the Board's operating budget
 - Therefore, when there is declining enrolment and reduced grants, reductions will be required
- School based staffing for approval today
- Other staffing to be reviewed over the next few months
 - Positions will be declared surplus to meet staffing timelines but the Board will ultimately have to approve these reductions
 - Staff can be added back but cannot be reduced after Collective Agreement dates

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Staffing

- There could be 4 different reasons for a change in staffing (increase/decrease):
 - Uncertainty Regarding PPF Funding
 - School Closures/Opening
 - Changes in Enrolment
 - Other Budget Adjustments
 - Either reallocation of budget to support strategic directions or reductions necessary to balance the budget.

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Other Budgets

- For those that we have balanced the envelope in the past, we are continuing to do this
 - ie. school foundation grant has been balanced
- For other budget areas, we are reviewing each area to determine if adjustments are required:
 - Comparison to prior years to determine if budgets are accurate
 - Known changes in contracts

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Next Steps

- Continue to review non-school based staffing with EC to finalize recommendations
- Continue to review budgeted expenditures with EC to finalize budget recommendations
- Receive GSN and PPF and calculate revenue
 - Likely in a position to add back once this is finalized
- Approval of balanced budget in June

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