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VALUES AND / GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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Students

Students are at the centre of all we do in SD61. Students are our primary stakeholder and must have voice and agency in their learning. The budget will focus on provision of service for every student to succeed, recognizing that all learners are unique]important.

Relationships

Partnerships and relationships are strengthened by demonstrating respect, recognition of expertise, recognition of diverse opinions and ability to have civil discourse. We assume good intentions on all sides and for all ideas. Trust will be built by having authentic and difficult conversations with transparency and building understanding over time. The budget will be communicated clearly and regularly throughout the process.

Indigenous

The budget will be culturally respectful and responsive to

Timelines

The Board will adhere to the Board approved budget process timelines in order for the organization to meet its system, staffing and collective agreement obligations to properly place human and financial resources in schools and provide stability in the organization. In the process, the learning community will be informed about the time constraints for the final budget approval. The Board will give third reading to the budget no later than April 116, 2023.

Collaboration

The budget will be an inclusive collaborative process where stakeholders and Rightsholders have the opportunity to understand the District budget, be made aware of positive and negative impacts of proposed budget options and to provide input on same, and where possible to co create solutions. Participants should feel heard at the end of the budget process while also understanding that feedback and input are provided for the Board's consideration in its decision making. Quiet voices will require extra attention.

Sustainability and Ability to Withstand Change

To advance sustainability the Board will:

commit to administrative and operational efficiencies, and appropriate management of risk including the provision of safe and healthy learning environments and sustainable environmental practices

move toward matching revenues to

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