

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RURAL EDUCATION

RECOMMENDATIONS

January 2016

Recommendation	Refer to
1. Allow billeting of School District No. 57 secondary teams in district schools.	Education Services Committee
2. Pursue the formation of societies to alleviate concerns re: transportation for extra-curricular events.	Education Services Committee
3. Have Human Resources work with rural schools on TTOC (teachers teaching on call) issues.	Human Resources / Labour Relations Update
4. Have Human Resources work with rural communities to hire for schools and community – possibly part-time for each.	Human Resources / Labour Relations Update
5. Have Facility Services staff communicate with rural school administrators and coordinate the work of maintenance personnel in the most efficient manner possible. Also maximize the use of local school district employees for purpose of preventative maintenance and repairs.	Education Services Committee / Human Resources / Labour Relations Update
6. For the purposes of sustainability, formulate tentative budgets for rural schools on a three-year horizon, using demographic prediction software.	Assistant Superintendent / School Org / Management and Finance Committee
7. Move quickly to upgrade connectivity and improved computer services to rural schools.	District Technology Support Coordinator / Education Services Committee
8. Expand video-conference capacity to better accommodate the needs of rural students and staff.	District Technology Support Coordinator / Education Services Committee / Education Programs and Planning Committee

<p>9. Promote the meeting of the Superintendent of Schools and Board representatives with district and village councils twice each year.</p>	<p>Board of Education</p>
<p>10. Hire a District Principal of Rural Education, situated in a rural community, to address such issues as Distributed Learning or Distance Learning, vision, staffing grants, funding, schedules, community promotion, aligned timetables, innovations and rural provincial specialist association.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate Distributed Learning to the Robson Valley, with, potentially, sites in all School District No. 57 schools. • Create a program in each community that would assist in meeting the needs of at-risk students in those communities. 	<p>Superintendent of Schools / Management and Finance Committee</p> <p>Superintendent of Schools / Education Programs and Planning Committee</p> <p>Schools</p>
<p>11. Form a rural schools advisory committee to make recommendations to Senior Administration and, through EPPC, the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a vision for sustainable rural schooling. 	<p>Education Programs and Planning Committee</p> <p>Superintendent of Schools</p>
<p>12. Assign one Assistant Superintendent to supervise schools in Mackenzie and the Robson Valley</p>	<p>Superintendent of Schools</p>
<p>13. Engage in a process to change the name of the district from School District No. 57 (Prince George) to one that better reflects the large geographic area of the district.</p>	<p>Corporate / Ministry of Education / Board</p>
<p>14. Communicate annually with rural principals, vice-principals and staff to ensure an understanding of funding currently available.</p>	<p>Assistant Superintendent / Principals / Staff</p>