

**TO: Budget Advisory Committee and Board of Education**

**FROM: Kim Morris**

**RE: Talking Tables 2021**

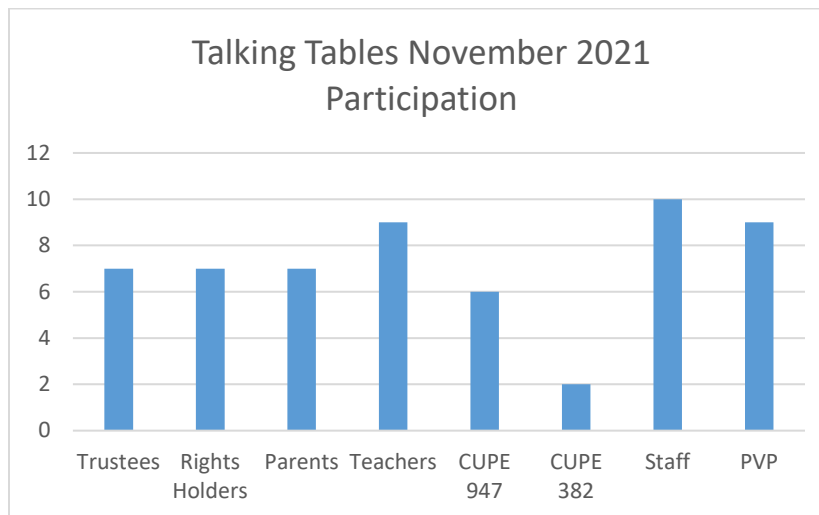
**DATE: December 7, 2021 and December 13, 2021**

On November 18, 2021, a “Talking Tables” event for budget was held. Talking tables for budget is an opportunity to hear directly from Rights Holders, parents, unions, staff, and trustees about student learning. Topics are broad and are intended to draw out themes for decision makers to consider when making human and financial resource allocations for 2022-2023.

Intentions of the event were:

1. Social and relationship building
2. Rights Holders and Partner engagement directly with Trustees
3. Maximum Trustee interaction with Rights Holders and Partners
4. Inform decision making
5. Diverse opinion

Approximately 57 participants came together:



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Sites Represented	
SJ Burnside Alternate	Oak Bay Secondary
Arbutus Middle	Oaklands Elementary
Cedar Hill Middle	Quadra Elementary
Central Middle	Reynolds Secondary
Doncaster Elementary	Rockheights Middle
Facilities	Shoreline Middle
George Jay Elementary	Strawberry Vale Elem
Lansdowne Middle	Tolmie Board Office
Marigold Elementary	Trustees
Mt Douglas Secondary	Willows Elementary

Opening comments were provided by:

Deb Whitten, Interim Superintendent  
 Kristely Kelly, Director of Education, Songhees Nation  
 Kalie Dyer, Education Director, Esquimalt Nation  
 Caitlin Bird, President, Métis Nation of Greater Victoria  
 Connor McCoy, President, Principals Vice Principals Association  
 Jane Massy, President, CUPE 947  
 Brian Whin-Yates, Recording Secretary, CUPE 382  
 Angela Carmichael, Vice-President, VCPAC

Closing comments were provided by Chair Whiteaker.

Participants were introduced by their table facilitators, after which, a short budget presentation was provided. Participants then moved into the first of three topics: Climate. Facilitators were identified and note recorders were selected at each table. A timer was set for 20-30 minutes and discussion ensued. When the first topic's time was up, Trustees 'moved' (were assigned to a new zoom breakout room) to a new table for topic 2: Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. The same format repeated for topics 3: Budget Process.

The agenda is attached as Appendix "A". The budget presentation slides are attached as Appendix "B" and notes from table recorder on each topic are attached as Appendix "C".

Thank you to all participants and Trustees who were able to attend for part or all of the evening and especially to Rights Holders and Partner executives who found attendees for the evening. To those unable to attend, we hope to see you at future events.

This report will be shared with Rights Holders and Partner groups, will be on a Budget Advisory Committee agenda, will be received by the Board at its December 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and will be posted on the budget resources District web page under 2022-2023 School Year Budget at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/financial/>.

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