

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

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From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

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Subject: 2020 Grant-In-Aid Request – Deroche Elementary School, Electoral Areas “C” & “G”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$5,215 to the Deroche Elementary School, \$2,250 funded from the 2020 Electoral Area “C” grant-in-aid budget and \$2,965 funded from the 2020 Electoral Area “G” grant-in-aid budget, to help offset the costs of outdoor learning materials, field trips, ponchos, shovels and risers for their fine arts program.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area Grant-In-Aid Policy under the “Activities/ programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area” option.

DISCUSSION

The Deroche Elementary School serves its community as a non-profit organization that is teaching community sustainability, community history, and land preservation, as well as assisting parents in supporting their children through school.

The Deroche Elementary School is requesting a \$5,215 grant to help offset the costs associated with the following:

- 2 risers for fine arts program
- 10 water speed instruments
- 10 wind speed instruments
- 2 weather stations
- 2 class sets of rain ponchos
- 5 half sized shelves
- Field trips

It should be noted that the costs for some of the above noted items are typically borne by School Districts or the Ministry of Education, so do not technically meet the intent of the grant-in-aid policy.

Both Director Stobbart and Director Bales are in support of the request to provide support in the amount of \$5,215 towards this grant request.

COST

The \$5,215 cost will be funded \$2,250 from the 2020 Electoral Area "C" grant-in-aid budget and \$2,965 from the 2020 Electoral Area "G" grant-in-aid budget, which have sufficient funds to cover this grant.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from the Deroche Elementary School seeking funds for several school items.

COMMENTS BY:

Kelly Lownsbrough, Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Finance: Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.