

# BARNWELL PARENT COUNCIL

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# SCHOOL COUNCILS VS. PARENT ASSOCIATIONS / SOCIETIES

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- School Council

- Unincorporated
- Advisory Capacity
- Volunteers for events organized by the school and supervised by the Principal
- Meets regularly with the Principal regarding education and finance matters
- Activities are covered by the school board's insurance

- Societies

- Incorporated legal entity with its own governance structure
- Fundraising and activities organized by societies should not be labelled as school events
- Eligible to casinos and gaming related revenue
- Maintain their own accounts, records and insurance

# SCHOOL COUNCILS VS. PARENT ASSOCIATIONS / SOCIETIES

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- Problems Encountered
  - Who is doing what? (e.g. Hot Lunch)
  - Who is taking care of the records?
  - Who has control of the funds and activities?
  - Should there be insurance?
  - Charitable donations

# SHOULD THE SOCIETY CARRY INSURANCE

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- Yes, but it depends
  - How active is the group?
  - Can the activities be modified to be school organized?
  - How much money is involved?
- Recommended to carry at least CGL and D&O Insurance
  - Through the school board insurance provider \$1,023 annually
  - Directors and Officers risk being personally liable by participating in society activities
  - Optional coverages are Crime and Property

# USE OF FACILITIES

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- Policy JG – Most recently reviewed in 2022, significant changes in 2017
  - Genesis of the changes was due to custodians not getting paid by users for the extra work generated
- Schools should be available to members of the community
- Access needs to be managed and costs considered
- Principal is in charge of securing the building
- Priority is given to school programs and maintenance needs



# USE OF FACILITIES - FEES

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- Category 1 – Exempt from fees
  - Activities of the board, meetings of school council, NFPs etc.
- Category 2 – Not exempt
  - 2a – Profit not intended, community events etc
  - 2b – Commercial activities, private groups
- Custodian Fees
  - Usually waived if people clean up after themselves

# FACILITY COSTS

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- Custodian costs
- Utilities
- Insurance – every external user costs the board additional insurance
- Gym floor
  - Annual refinish \$15,000
  - Sand and refinish (10 year) \$65,000
  - Replacement wood (30 year) \$150,000
  - Replacement synthetic \$60,000 - \$70,000

# BUDGETING PROCESS

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- Enrollment projections submitted in December of the previous year
- Teacher allocations made in February
- Funding allocations from the province received late March
- High needs assistant allocations
- Decentralized budget allocations



# TARGETED FUNDING

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- Transportation Funding
- PUF Funding
- Capital Maintenance & Renewal
- Infrastructure Maintenance & Renewal
- Curriculum Implementation
- Dual Credit Funding
- Student Fees
- Fundraising
- External Services

Horizon School Division							
2023-24 Operating Summary							
	ECS	Gr. 1-12	Operations & Maintenance	Transportation	System Administration	External Services	Total
Revenue	1,193,093	37,823,161	7,174,315	3,734,830	2,170,021	633,464	52,728,884
Expense	1,497,761	37,413,229	7,615,910	3,732,164	1,966,896	633,464	52,859,424
Surplus / (Deficit)	(304,668)	409,932	(441,595)	2,666	203,125	-	(130,540)
Revenue							
Alberta Ed		47,466,920	90.0%				
Alberta Infr		1,842,296	3.5%				
Other		3,419,668	6.5%				
		52,728,884					
Expenses							
Certificated Sal		21,374,752	40.4%				
Certificated Ben		5,118,768	9.7%				
Non-cert. Sal		7,899,495	14.9%				
Non-cert. Ben		1,923,691	3.6%				
Services Contracts & Supplies		13,815,482	26.1%				
Amortization		2,727,236	5.2%				
		52,859,424					

# TRANSPORTATION

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- Transportation funding limit used to be 2.4 km
- Limit changed to 1.0 km ECS – Grade 6, 2.0 km Grade 7 – 12
  - Dramatic increase in funding
  - Targeted
  - Problems: Availability of drivers, busses, parking, families with children in each tier
- Limit changed to 1.6 km ECS – Grade 6, 2.0 km Grade 7 – 12
  - One year of bridge funding for boards that adopted the new limits
- Transportation limit in BC: 4 km ECS – Grade 3, 4.8 km Grade 4 – 12
- Concern over future transportation contract

# SPECIAL NEEDS FUNDING

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- 2012 – 2013 Inclusive Ed Introduced
  - Eliminated funding based on codes
- 2011 – 2012 Special Needs Funding
  - Mild / Moderate \$2,438
  - Severe \$16,465
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# COST OF 1 FTE

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- See spreadsheet