ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES

ACCOUNTANT

POSITION SUMMARY

As a member of the Secretary-Treasurer's team, under the direction of the Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, the Accountant acts as the purchasing agent and accountant for the division.

DUTIES

Supervision and Staff Development

 Supervise Accounts Payable Clerk, Purchasing Clerk and Accounting Clerk, approve all work done, evaluate their performance and complete written evaluations every two years.

Accounting

- Approve all invoices, requests for reimbursement and approve payments (cheques and direct deposits) for distribution.
- Monitor/maintain the integrity of the Accounting System (C.I.M.S.) and accounts.
- Review bank reconciliation statement and journal entries prepared by clerks. Download Royal Bank Statement and review transactions and prepare journal correcting entries.
- Prepare capital expenditure reports for Public Schools Finance Board, prepare various cost breakdown reports, cash flow reports, and year-end capital working papers.
- Assist Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer in the preparation of the annual budget.
- Make investments, renew loans and arrange for leases; prepare schedules and projections.
- Ensure that proper inventory records are maintained.
- Ensure that all taxes are paid and that all available rebates are taken (GST, PST, T4A, T4A-NR).

- Prepare federal excise tax claim forms.
- Prepare grant claims, reimbursements and reports.
- Prepare Charity Income Tax Return for SOSD and SOEF.
- Assist with the accounting for SOEF, MYAC and KYAC.
- Set up procedures of new processes or improvements to accounting systems.
- Provide accounting and technical support to school and department staff on budgets, school funds and reimbursement claims.
- Assist divisional and school auditors with the annual audit.
- Prepare monthly operating statement and year end financial statements for the Secretary-Treasurer and Board.
- Make bank deposits in the absence of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.
- Maintain records retention for Financial System.

Purchasing

- Approve all purchase orders and maintain related systems.
- Meet with suppliers to discuss needs, locate specific products and handle disagreements.
- Assist in the identification of product needs and sources.
- Coordinate the fleet of communication devices; phone systems, cell phones, blackberries.
- Coordinate and maintain the division tendering process and Requests for Proposals (RFPs).
- Coordinate the purchase and management of the photocopier fleet.
- Coordinate outside printing contract for division.
- Participate in Metro Purchasing Committee.

Information Technology – Accounting Software

- Maintain User IDs, menus, assignments and back-ups for the in-house accounting system (C.I.M.S.).
- Process month end and year end procedures for the in-house accounting system (C.I.M.S.).
- Year-end and new year set up for division and each school.
- Maintain purchasing and accounting information on the Division website.
- Recommend and implement accounting software enhancements.
- Provide online and telephone support to schools and departments.

Education

- Grade 12 or equivalent.
- Level III standing in CGA or CMA program or business administration diploma.
- Keyboarding skills and knowledge of word processing and spreadsheets.
- Knowledge of accounting software C.I.M.S.
- Knowledge of the FRAME and PSAB accounting system, federal and provincial sales tax regulations, C.I.C. handbook and Public Schools Finance Board reporting regulations.
- Participate in ongoing professional development in organizations such as MASBO, PMAC, CMA/CGA.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and excellent people skills.

Experience

• 3 to 5 years experience in accounting and purchasing.

Physical Demands

• Eye strain in computer and accounting work.

Working Conditions

Need to meet frequent crucial deadlines.