

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: General Affairs Committee DATE: September 30, 2009
Special Public Meeting

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee R. Cacchioni STAFF CONTACT: H. Gloster, Superintendent

Attendees:

Trustee R. Cacchioni (Chairperson)
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee G. Given
Trustee W. Horning
Trustee G. Scanlan
Trustee J. Watson
Absent: Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley

Staff:
H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
R. Dumontet, Director of Instruction – Human Resources
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC Shelley Nicholl, President (arrived at 3:55)
COTA Alice Rees, President (arrived at 3:45)
COPVPA No representative
CUPE Bill Zeman, President
DSC Andrea Das-Wieczorek, Executive

Presentation:

1. 2015 Canada Winter Games Bid Committee

Presenters: Dr. Ron Rubadeau, Committee Chairperson
Reid Oddleifson, City of Kelowna, Partnership Development Manager

The Superintendent provided a chronology of the past meetings between the 2015 Canada Winter Games Bid Committee and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) senior staff. The purpose of the presentation from the 2015 Canada Winter Games Bid Committee at the General Affairs Committee was to obtain further information and receive input from partner groups. The Chairperson of the General Affairs Committee introduced Dr. Ron Rubadeau, Committee Chairperson, and Reid Oddleifson, Partnership Development Manager of the City of Kelowna.

Dr. Rubadeau provided the following information:

- the three Cities in the Province of British Columbia under consideration for hosting the Winter Games are Kelowna, Prince George and Kamloops
- the 2015 Canada Winter Games will be the largest multi-sport games in North America in 2015
- there is a total of approximately 7300 participants
- 5000 volunteers and staff are required
- economic impact of \$55 million
- operating budget of \$28 million based on 70% funding from various other levels of government (Government of Canada – \$9.8 million; Government of BC - \$9.8 million; City sponsorship - \$5.9 million, earned revenues - \$1.0 million and City of Kelowna - \$1.5 million)
- the Games will be held over a two week period with one set of athletes coming for the first week and one set arriving for the second week
- the two week period will be sometime between February 12 and March 8, 2015

The Bid Committee is requesting from School District No. 23 the following:

- the use of School District No. 23 facilities, notably middle and secondary schools, to host specific sporting events
- use of the school bus transportation system to transport the 4,000 athletes, coaches and officials
- the alignment of the dates for the 2015 spring break with the dates that the Games will be held, namely:
 - Option 1: February 12 to March 1, 2015
 - Option 2: February 19 to March 8, 2015

The advantages for School District No. 23 include:

- all expenses assumed by the Bid Committee
- work available for large number of employees
- leadership opportunities
- opportunity to create Board Authorized courses for specific students
- sport enhancement for students
- art and cultural events
- citizenship opportunities

The Athletes Village will be located at Parkinson's Recreation Center with the athletes, coaches and officials housed in the hotels/motels in the immediate area.

The Bid Committee has submitted the Phase I: Technician Review Information. The Canada Winter Games Committee would be providing decision on short-listed Cities by December. If short-listed Bid Committees would be provided with budget information, schedules and partnerships. The Phase II: Bid Proposal is due May 28, 2010.

The Committee discussed the sport facilities required and the necessity for Kelowna to build a speed skating oval. Confirmation was received that there would not be substantive changes made to School District facilities in terms of capital project type of work. The changes would be required for preparation of a certain event at a site. There is a capital budget available for minor adjustments which may be required.

The Committee discussed the requirements of the *School Act* in relation to the School Calendar and the Superintendent quoted Section 78 (3) of the *School Act* as follows:

School Act – Section 78 (3):

A board may adopt, in accordance with the regulations, a school calendar that differs from the standard school calendar for one or more

(a) schools in its school district, or

(b) groups of students in a school in its school district.

There is the requirement of consultation with parents, partner groups and employees. In discussions with the Ministry of Education, information was provided by various other School Districts who went through the process of consultation in order to make a change from the standard school calendar. The School Districts reviewed include: School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) and School District No. 45 (West Vancouver) to accommodate the 2010 Olympics, and School District No. 82 (Coast Mountain) to accommodate the BC Winter Games. The process of consultation in School District No. 48 was an online questionnaire and questionnaires provided in hard copy to schools for distribution. School District No. 45 (West Vancouver) also designed an online survey. The Superintendent suggested that the consultation be conducted through an online survey on the School District website providing the two options available. The Committee discussed the time for conducting the consultation through the survey.

The representatives of the partner groups in attendance provided their group's input. Bill Zeman, President of CUPE Local 3523, confirmed that there is an economic hardship on the 10 month employees of the Union in having a two week spring break period. Alice Rees, President of COTA, confirmed that their memberships concerns were the teaching rotation and security of supplies and materials in the schools. Also, the suggested dates for spring break would not coincide with the BCTF AGM and would therefore require the release of teachers from their teaching assignments in March in order to attend the AGM.

The Superintendent will design an online survey and ensure that all partner groups, employees and parents are advised of the survey in order to provide their input. The results of the online survey will be provided at the October 28, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

Outcome:

THAT: The General Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Education establishes the dates for the 2015 spring break for a two-week period to coincide with the dates of the 2015 Canada Winter Games (between February 12, 2015 and March 8, 2015), pending these Games being awarded to the City of Kelowna, and subsequent to completion of a consultative process with Parent Advisory Councils and partner groups;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Superintendent of Schools (or designate) be appointed to the 2015 Canada Winter Games Kelowna Bid Committee.

Information Items

- 1. 2015 Canada Winter Games Bid**
Superintendent's Memo to Partner Groups and the Members of the District Calendar Committee
(attachment)

Recommendations/Referrals to the Board/Coordinating Committee/Other Committees

Public Board Meeting – October 28, 2009

- 2015 Canada Winter Games – City of Kelowna Bid Committee Requests

Items for Future Finance and Legal Committee Meetings

School District Facility Plan/District Catchment Areas Review

Policy 430 – Celebration of Graduation

Review of Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship – Task Force Report

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

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