

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Planning and Facilities Committee DATE: November 17, 2010

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Horning STAFF CONTACT: Alan Cumbers, Director of Operations

Attendees:

Trustee W. Horning – Chairperson
Trustee G. Given - acting Committee Member
Trustee Scanlan – Committee Member
Trustee R. Cacchioni

Staff:

A. Cumbers, Director of Operations
H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
K. Hannigan (recorder)
T. Beaudry, Assistant-Superintendent
J. Shoemaker, Planning Manager

In the absence of committee member, Trustee Baxter, the Chairperson appointed Trustee Given as committee member for the November 17, 2010 Planning and Facilities Meeting.

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	No representative
COTA	No representative
COPVA	Scott McLean, President (arrived at 4:39 p.m.)
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

Agenda:

Add Information for Scheduled Item

7.2 Preliminary Recommendations - Full Day Kindergarten and the Future of Grade 7's in the Mission and Lake Country Schools
Appendix 9 - Grade 7's/FDK Feedback Forms/Email Feedback - Raw Data
Appendix 11 - Summary of PAC Surveys

Information Items

Modular Classroom Update (attachment)

The Director of Operations provided an update on the supply and installation of the modular classrooms throughout the District. Staff have informed the Ministry of Education that the District will not be in a position to meet the Ministry's November 30, 2010 deadline for the signing of the "Modular Classroom Contract - Form of Agreement" including schedules detailing the work at each site. The district review of the future of the French Immersion program and FDK/Grade 7's in the Mission and Lake Country schools, has delayed the planning and subsequent works for Anne McClymont Primary School, Peter Greer Elementary School and Casorso Elementary School until after the January 12, 2011 Board of Education decision.

Preliminary Recommendations - Full Day Kindergarten and the Future of Grade 7's in the Mission and Lake Country Schools

The Superintendent presented his preliminary recommendations on Full Day Kindergarten and the Future of Grade 7's in the Mission and Lake Country Schools.

1. Maintain the existing grade configuration for all schools within both Lake Country and the Mission areas.

2. Consider any unique program proposals for select groups of grade 7's to attend the grade 8-12 secondary schools in their communities on their own merit, using the guidelines established in Board Policy 540 - Proposals for Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs and Specialty Academies).
3. Cap the enrolment of Chute Lake Elementary at its existing capacity, ensuring that all existing students are able to complete grades K to 7 within their neighborhood school. Limit future Kindergarten enrolment based on the number of students who can be sustained at CLE through to the completion of their elementary school program, (Existing Board Policy 405 and Regulations 405R - "Student Placement" gives preference to siblings of catchment area students during the new student registration period. This will help to achieve the goal of keeping families with younger children wanting to enroll at CLE together.)
4. Open the primary building at Anne McClymont Elementary, using the funds that have been dedicated to this project by the Ministry of Education. This will provide sufficient space to house both the overflow population from CLE as well as the growth taking place in the AME catchment area.
5. Transfer any future 'overflow' English students in the Mission area to the available space at AME. Should more space be available at DWE in the future, it could also be used to house additional students.
6. Establish a French Immersion primary hub for Kindergarten in the 2011/2012 school year and Kindergarten to Grade 1 in the 2012/2013 school year at Dorothea Walker Elementary School. Maintain DWE as a K-7 English school with a dual-track offering limited to the K-1 level only.
7. Maintain Casorso Elementary School's existing K-6 English population and transition the French Immersion Program to offering grades 1 to 6 only in 2011/2012 and grades 2-6 only in 2012/13.

The Planning and Facilities Committee Members, District Staff, and members of the public discussed the various options presented by the Superintendent.

Items for Future Planning and Facilities Committee Meetings

November 2010 - Sustainability Management Initiatives

The Committee agreed that the Sustainability Management Initiatives Report be on the January 2011 Planning and Facilities Committee Agenda.

January 2011 - Capital Bylaw information

Meeting Schedule

To be confirmed - Tentative - Wednesday, January 19, 2010, 4:30 p.m. at School Board Office

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