

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Planning and Facilities Committee DATE: February 15, 2006

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee W. Horning STAFF CONTACT: A. Cumbers

Attendees:

Trustee W. Horning - Chairperson	A. Cumbers, Director of Operations – Senior Staff
Trustee R. Cacchioni - Committee member	G. Davidson, Operations Manager
Trustee S. Nicholl - Committee member	J. Shoemaker, Planning Manager
Trustee M. Baxter	M. Essler, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley	
Trustee G. Scanlan	
Trustee C. Wiebe	

Partner Group Representation:

CUPE 3523	Ron Goffic, Vice-President	COPAC	Deb Butler, Executive Member
COTA	Tom Potts, First Vice-President	COPVPA	Madhuri Pendharkar, Executive Member

Minutes

Note: Detailed Minutes of the Committee meetings are available upon request. To obtain copies of Minutes of the Planning and Facilities Committee Meetings, please phone the office of the Secretary-Treasurer at 470-3216.

The Committee adopted the Minutes of the November 15, 2005 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review of Policy 140 – School Board Committees

The Committee Members discussed possible amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Committees. The following amendment was discussed:
Removal of the words “It is proposed” from item 1.2

Outcome:

THAT: Policy 140 – School Board Committees be referred, with the above amendments, to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a future Board Agenda.

2. Review of Policy 135 – School Board Operations

The Committee Members discussed the proposed amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operations.

Outcome:

THAT: Policy 135 – School Board Operations, be referred to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a future Board Agenda.

3. Review of Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee

The Committee Members discussed the new Draft of Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee. The following amendments were discussed:

Move paragraph “As part of the broad planning function,....” to underneath Scope of Functions.

Amend paragraph 2.5 to read as follows:

To address ~~and resolve~~ *and recommend solutions for* safety, security and environmental issues on or adjacent to school sites and buildings, as well as other Central Okanagan school board work places, including emergency preparedness planning.

Outcome:

THAT: Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities, be referred, with the above amendments, to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a future Board Agenda.

4. Adventure Playground Maintenance

The Committee discussed the recommendation and reviewed the options.

Outcome:

THAT: Staff negotiate new School Enhancement Agreements with the Parent Advisory Councils and their schools, for all adventure playgrounds. For those considered at the end of their functional life, five years notice is to be given that these playgrounds will be removed at the end of the School Enhancement Agreement. Parent Advisory Councils, through their schools, are to pay the actual costs of maintenance on a yearly basis. Parent Advisory Councils and their schools will be reminded that should they no longer support the operation of the adventure playgrounds, the School District will decommission the project, dismantle and dispose of the assets.

By consensus, the Committee agreed to refer this recommendation to the Coordinating Committee for placement on the next Public Agenda.

5. Annual Facilities Grant

In the absence of Committee Member, Trustee R. Cacchioni, the Chairperson appointed Trustee M. Baxter as a Committee Member for the remainder of the Public Meeting of February 15, 2006.

Outcome:

THAT: The Planning and Facilities Committee refer the Annual Facilities Grant Plan for 2006-07 to the March 8, 2006 Board meeting for approval.

6. Labour Environmental Alliance Society

Trustee Baxter introduced the letter dated October 25, 2005 from the Labour Environmental Alliance Society.

By consensus, the Committee agreed to not refer the Students' Environmental Bill of Rights to the Board for approval and execution. The Committee further agreed to respond to the letter from the Labour Environmental Alliance Society confirming receipt of the letter.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Estimated Costs for Reducing Walk Limits (Update)

The Director of Operations confirmed that this matter was referred to the Planning and Facilities Committee from the Coordinating Committee. Trustee Wiebe indicated that the original request for the review of walk limits was not necessarily of the distance but of the journey the students have to take to get to school (i.e. across major highways, narrow roadways etc.). The Director of Operations confirmed that the Ministry had requested information on bussing in September. The Operations Manager confirmed he was on a Transportation Supervisor Committee.

Outcome:

THAT: The Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting an update on the transportation review.

2. Update North End Connector/Bankhead Elementary School

The Planning Manager provided an update on the widening of High Road on the North side of Bankhead Elementary School. Staff are meeting to review plans of the widening of High Road. The City of Kelowna have agreed to install a fully controlled pedestrian light. There will be one control to the median and one control to the other side. This will be installed where the students now cross. Staff and the principal of Bankhead Elementary School are continuing to meet with the City of Kelowna staff.

3. Major Capital Project Updates

Dr. Knox Middle School – Replacement

The Board has provided approval to move forward with the design. This has not yet been done as discussions are still taking place with the Ministry.

Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Addition

Target tender date is June/July. Regional District is no longer in a position to design and enter into Joint Development Contract for Dance Studio as part of the Mount Boucherie expansion. Staff are reviewing alternatives.

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE:

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

City of Kelowna Sidewalk Plan

Clifton/Skyline Road development

Next Committee Meeting Date: April 19, 2006 4:00 p.m. Location: School Board Office Board Room

Questions: Please Contact: Trustee W. Horning Phone: 762-9272