

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning and Facilities Committee Public Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 6:00 pm Via Zoom

Board of Education: Trustee C. Desrosiers, Chairperson

Trustee R. Cacchioni, Committee Member

Trustee L. Tiede, Committee Member (left at 8:54 pm)

Trustee M. Baxter

Trustee N. Bowman (left at 7:15 pm)

Trustee J. Fraser

Trustee A. Geistlinger (left at 7:28 pm and rejoined at 7:34 pm)

Staff: Mitch Van Aller, Director of Operations

Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Stuart Kamstra, Assistant Director of Operations (left at 9:11 pm)

David Widdis, Planning Manager

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools

Rhonda Ovelson, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rick Oliver, Assistant Superintendent

Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President (left at 7:00 pm and rejoined at 9:00 pm)

David Tether, CUPE President

Deannie Zahara, COPAC Representative

Ryan Ward, COPVPA Middle School Representative

There was no representative from the District Student Council.

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

AGENDA

Move: Action Item 5.6 Capacity Plan for École Kelowna Secondary School before Action Item 5.5 Secondary French Immersion Program on the Westside

Add: PGE PAC President, November 30, 2020, December 2, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee Public Query/Comment to Committee Correspondence.

The Committee Chair stated that twenty emails have been received about a French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School. This correspondence will be received by the Board at the December 9, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

December 2, 2020 Committee Agenda - approved as amended.

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Planning and Facilities Committee Public Meeting Report - November 4, 2020

November 4, 2020 Committee Report - received as distributed.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS QUERIES/COMMENTS

There were no Committee members queries/comments.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Enhancement Agreement - École Dorothea Walker Elementary School Playground

The Director of Operations shared that the École Dorothea Walker Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) wishes to enter into an Enhancement Agreement for the purchase and installation of a playground. The PAC has raised funds and will contribute \$70,000 towards Phase 1 of the project. As the PAC continues to fundraise, they are requesting a \$50,000 loan from the Board of Education to assist with the purchase and installation of Phase 1 which consists of removing existing equipment and the purchase/installation of new equipment.

Outcomes:

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the École Dorothea Walker Elementary School PAC for the purchase and installation of a playground, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the December 2, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee meeting.

THAT: The Board of Education approve a \$50,000.00 loan be provided to the École Dorothea Walker Elementary School PAC to assist with the purchase and installation of a playground, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the December 2, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee meeting.

Enhancement Agreement - École Casorso Elementary School GaGa Ball Court

The Director of Operations shared that École Casorso Elementary School wishes to enter into an Enhancement Agreement for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court. The 2019-2020 Grade 6 class decided on this 'legacy project' when their year-end trip was cancelled due to COVID-19. All

students, teachers, and the PAC from the 2019-2020 school year collectively approved the allocation of the funds raised to this legacy project.

Outcome:

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the École Casorso Elementary School for the creation of a GaGa Ball Court, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the December 2, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

Establishment of H.S. Grenda Middle School Catchment Boundary

The Director of Operations stated that prior to the opening of registration in February 2021, the H.S. Grenda Middle School catchment boundary needs to be established. Catchment boundaries are established to define a geographical area from which students are eligible to attend the school and help manage student enrolment as well as define transportation eligibility.

Outcome:

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the establishment of a middle school catchment boundary for H.S. Grenda Middle School, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the December 2, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee.

French Immersion Programming at H.S. Grenda Middle School

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that a comprehensive Memorandum was attached to the Agenda Package and provided a presentation on the process of reviewing a potential French Immersion Program at H.S. Grenda Middle School. In his presentation, the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO highlighted important timelines, survey results, programming considerations, enrolment analysis, and introduced the recommendations of the Long Term Facilities Plan Working Committee. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO's presentation is posted on the District's Long Term Facilities Plan Review website.

The Committee discussed the costs, recruiting challenges and programming issues of a French Immersion program at H.S. Grenda Middle School as well as the uniqueness of offering a shuttle bus to École Dr. Knox Middle School for French Immersion students.

7:00 pm: The COTA President left the meeting.

Rhonda Ovelson, Assistant Superintendent, stated that a French Immersion program at H.S. Grenda Middle School would not look the same as other middle school French Immersion programs in the District. Due to a small cohort of students, the students would receive instruction from one or two teachers over three years versus a variety of teachers.

7:15 pm: Trustee Bowman left the meeting.

Outcome:

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the shuttle bus run from H.S. Grenda Middle School to École Dr. Knox Middle School for French Immersion students for the 2021-22 school year.

OPPOSED: Trustee Desrosiers

7:28 pm: Trustee Geistlinger left the meeting.

7:28 pm: The meeting was recessed. 7:32 pm: The meeting reconvened.

Capacity Plan for École Kelowna Secondary School

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that a comprehensive Memorandum was attached to the Agenda Package. He also highlighted that École Kelowna Secondary School is at capacity with a projected enrolment increases of 2% next year and 10% over the next three years.

7:34 pm: Trustee Geistlinger rejoined the meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented important timelines, survey results, Board Policy 405 - Student Placement, scenario analysis, and recommendations based on survey results and the Long Term Facilities Plan Working Committee's review. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO's presentation is posted on the District's Long Term Facility Plan Review website.

The Committee discussed the recommendations from the Long Term Facilities Plan Working Committee and requested that a simple breakdown of International student costs versus revenues be included when this item comes forward to the Board.

Outcomes:

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education establish a secondary French Immersion program at Okanagan Mission Secondary School.

THAT: A French Immersion catchment for Okanagan Mission Secondary School is established with the same boundaries as the English catchment for Okanagan Mission Secondary School.

THAT: The Board of Education restricts International students at École Kelowna Secondary School to a maximum number to be determined by the Board of Education.

Secondary French Immersion Program on the Westside

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that staff are looking for a change in direction for a secondary French Immersion program on the Westside as a second secondary school has not yet been built.

The Committee Chair appointed Trustee Geistlinger as a voting Committee member due to Trustee Tiede having technical difficulties.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that due to the capacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School, staff are recommending that the Board establishes a French Immersion program at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, effective the 2022-23 school year, with a permanent location for the program in West Kelowna to be determined upon completion of a second secondary school in West Kelowna.

The Committee reviewed the data provided and staff responded to questions.

8:54 pm: Trustee Tiede left the meeting

9:00 pm: The COTA President rejoined the meeting.

9:11 pm: The Assistant Director of Operations left the meeting.

The Committee requested that, prior to the Committee making a decision, French Immersion parents be surveyed to find out if they would prefer to go to the existing French Immersion program at École Kelowna Secondary School or a new French Immersion program at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

Outcome

The Planning and Facilities Committee deferred the issue of a Secondary French Immersion Program on the Westside to the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on January 6, 2021.

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

PGE PAC President, November 30, 2020, December 2, 2020 Planning and Facilities Committee Public Query/Comment

Outcome:

The Committee received the above noted correspondence.

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

There were no items requiring special mention.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

Public Board Meeting - December 9, 2020

- French Immersion Programming at H.S. Grenda Middle School
- Capacity Plan for École Kelowna Secondary School

Public Board Meeting - January 13, 2021

- Enhancement Agreement École Dorothea Walker Elementary School Playground
- Enhancement Agreement École Casorso Elementary School GaGa Ball Court
- Establishment of H.S. Grenda Middle School Catchment Boundary

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- School Bus Safety Including: Seat Belts
- Transportation Update (Fall 2020)

January 6, 2021

• Secondary French Immersion Program on the Westside

September

• Summer Projects Update

October

• Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

January

• Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function

February

• Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan

May

- Transportation Update
- Capital Plan Submission

June

• Energy & Sustainability Presentation

FUTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings start at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

January 6, 2021, February 3, 2021, March 3, 2021, April 7, 2021, May 5, 2021, June 2, 2021

September 1, 2021 (4:00 pm), October 6, 2021, November 3, 2021

MEDIA QUESTIONS
There were no media questions.
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ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.
Questions - Please Contact:
Trustee Desrosiers, Chairperson at 250-718-6303 or Chantelle.Desrosiers@sd23.bc.ca
Mitch Van Aller, Director of Operations at 250-870-5150 or Mitch.Vanaller@sd23.bc.ca

Chantelle Desrosiers, Chairperson