

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Planning and Facilities Committee DATE: February 15, 2012

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Moyra Baxter STAFF CONTACT: Alan Cumbers, Director of Operations

Board Attendees:

Trustee M. Baxter - Chairperson
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff - Committee Member
Trustee C Gorman - Committee Member
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
A. Cumbers, Director of Operations
G. Davidson, Operations Manager
H. Schock, Energy and Sustainability Manager
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

COPVPA	Kevin Auclair, Vice-Principal, George Elliot Secondary School
CUPE	Darcy Egeland, Shop Steward
COPAC	No representative
COTA	No representative
DSC	No representative

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

February 15, 2012 Committee Agenda - approved as presented.

Reports/Matters Arising

November 16, 2011 Committee Report - Received.

Public Question/Comment Period

Committee members agreed that, as members of the gallery wished to address a specific agenda item (École KLO Middle School Fascieux Creek Site Cost Analysis), the public question/comment period would be moved to coincide with that agenda item discussion.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2012/2013 to 2016/2017

The Director of Operations provided a brief background on the Annual Facility Grant (AFG) which is funding received from the Ministry of Education intended for minor capital improvements required to ensure the long-term viability of the existing physical “plant”. The Ministry provides a set of specific guidelines for the use of the grant funds. The five year AFG Plan is constantly evolving and changing to meet emergent needs and was developed through an extensive consultation process. An annual report on funding distribution is provided by the District to the Ministry of Education, and funds must be expended each year by March 31st.

Committee members discussed the AFG Grant Plan and requested information regarding significant mechanical projects requiring attention in the near future, as well as the cost saving with respect to the installation of roll shutters in schools. As well, the Director of Operations advised that new interior door locking hardware is being installed in schools following a recommendation from the Safety Needs Assessment Committee, in order to provide greater safety during a lockdown situation. The Director of Operations and the Operations Manager were thanked for their extensive work on the AFG Plan.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2012/2013 to 2016/2017, as attached and as presented at the February 15, 2012 Planning and Facilities Committee, be sent to the Board of Education for approval.

Information Items

1. École KLO Middle School Fascieux Creek Site Cost Analysis

The Chairperson provided a brief background on the École KLO Middle School Fascieux Creek Site Cost Analysis Request which was initiated after the discovery of Western Painted Turtle eggs (a protected species in BC) on the school grounds near the creek. As a result of the discovery, students and parents have requested a restoration of the creek and an expansion of the riparian area to include an “outdoor” natural classroom. The analysis of the restoration project has determined a cost in the \$300,000 range with no identified source of payment other than through the school district’s operating budget. The City of Kelowna has requested the development of a Statutory Right of Way to deal with water flow issues; however, is not willing to provide funding towards the restoration project. As well, due to expanding student enrolment, École KLO Middle School will require future building additions to accommodate the need for additional teaching space.

Janice Loukras, KLO Green Parent Committee, provided information regarding environmental grant availability and fundraising efforts. The initial intent of the KLO Green Parent Committee was for the Fascieux Creek Site restoration to be a school community project developed in collaboration with the District, with volunteers providing much of the necessary work.

The Assistant Superintendent left the meeting at 3:50 pm.

The Energy and Sustainability Manager provided further information on costs the District could incur in the development of the project should volunteer and value-in-kind contractor work no longer be sustainable.

The Superintendent joined the meeting at 3:57 pm.

Ms. Loukras advised that there are limited environmental timelines in place for working in a fish bearing stream. This timeline extends only from the end of July into August of each year. If the project permissions are not in place prior to the end of July, work will not be able to be completed this year.

Outcome

The Committee agreed that the Energy and Sustainability Manager would meet with the KLO Green Parent Committee to review information contained within the report and District concerns. This item will be added to the Coordinating Committee for a future Public Board Meeting Agenda.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2012/2013 to 2016/2017

Coordinating Committee Agenda Item:

- École KLO Middle School Fascieux Creek Site Cost Analysis

Items for Future Planning and Facilities Committee Meetings

- Naming of the new elementary school on Rosewood Drive in West Kelowna

Meeting Schedule

April 18, 2012	May 16, 2012	June 20, 2012	August 29, 2012
September 19, 2012	October 17, 2012	November 21, 2012	

Questions - Please Contact:

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