

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting DATE: October 16, 2019
CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Julia Fraser STAFF CONTACT: Mitch Van Aller, Director of Operations

*The Committee Chairperson acknowledged that the meeting was being held
on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.*

In Attendance:

Board Attendees:

Trustee J. Fraser, Chairperson
Trustee R. Cacchioni, Committee Member
Trustee C. Desrosiers, Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter

In Attendance:

Staff:

R. Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
M. Van Aller, Director of Operations
S. Kamstra, Assistant Director of Operations
M. DesRochers, Executive Assistant (*Recorder*)

Absent:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
T. Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent
D. Widdis, Planning Manager

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC Cherylee Morrison, Co-President
COPVPA Ryan Ward, Middle School Representative
COTA Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE David Tether, President
DSC Sebastian Sharma, Grade 11 at Okanagan Mission Secondary

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

October 16, 2019 Committee Agenda – approved as presented.

Reports/Matters Arising

September 18, 2019 Committee Report – received as distributed.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

The Director of Operations stated that the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report is required as per Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Integrated Pest Management is a long-term program that reduces the reliance on pesticides and can lead to a reduction in their use. In the Summer of 2019, fifteen summer students were hired to assist the Grounds Department in managing weeding and mowing at all sites from the beginning of July to the end of August. The IPM Report outlines the mowing, field repair, weeding/mulching, trees/pruning, irrigation, and grounds projects completed from October 2018 to October 2019.

The Director of Operations confirmed that the District continues to support a proactive and preventative approach to managing noxious weeds, invasive plants, vegetation and pests on all District sites.

Outcomes

The Committee recommended the following to the Board of Education:

THAT: The Board of Education accept the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM), as attached to the Agenda and presented at the October 16, 2019 Planning and Facilities Committee Public Meeting.

Discussion/Information Items

1. Agricultural Land Commission Decision on Land Exclusion Report

The Director of Operations reviewed the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) decision report regarding the District's application to exclude three properties (Hudson Road Elementary, Shannon Lake Elementary, and Webber Road Elementary) on the Westside from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

The ALC's decision approved the addition of portables as well as upgrades or improvements to site amenities (playground, parking, landscaping, sports fields) at Hudson Road Elementary and Shannon Lake Elementary for the 2019/2020 school year, subject to a submission report to the ALC. However, this decision will require the District to apply in the subsequent years for any additional portables or site upgrades.

The ALC also decided that the District is able to convert the Webber Road site to an elementary school or secondary school provided that the existing footprint of the building does not increase in size. This decision will not enable the District to construct a new secondary school on the site.

The Director of Operations stated that staff are currently drafting an appeal to the ALC and will discuss next steps with the ALC.

6:21 pm: Trustee Baxter left the meeting.

2. Statistics Update – Transportation

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO highlighted the following statistics regarding the Transportation Department:

- The District operates the largest busing system in the Province of British Columbia.
- Secondary students represent 43.7% of riders, which is 59.8% of total capacity (secondary students can only be placed two per seat).
- The percentage of students that use a District bus to get to school is 22.8%.
- Largest proportion of students who use the bus are located on the Westside (31.4%) and Lake Country (32.8%) areas.
- Overall, transportation costs have increased 24% over the past 5 years due to higher driver, maintenance, insurance, and fuel costs.
- Six new buses were added to the school bus fleet, for a total of 74 buses.

In response to a query from the CUPE President, the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that no decisions have been made regarding service levels or the Transportation Department as a whole. The District is currently conducting a review and will make recommendations to the Board of Education in early 2020.

Media Questions

Connor Trembley, Kelowna Capital News: Mr. Trembley queried how the District will mitigate the rise of transportation costs. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that this topic is the substance of the Transportation Review and the Board of Education will need to make decisions based on the recommendations that come forward.

Mr. Trembley also queried how the six new buses would be utilized and how many students will utilize the new buses. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that existing routes have been restructured to add in the six additional routes. It is anticipated that over 5,500 students will be riding District buses after the routes have all been added.

Mr. Trembley requested clarification regarding the comment made that the District hasn't made any decisions to cut costs to transportation, yet. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO confirmed that, to date, no decisions have been made to cut costs to transportation.

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

Future Public Board Meetings

- *Annual Integrated Pest Management Report (Action Item)*
- *Agricultural Land Commission Decision on Land Exclusion Report (Information Item)*
- *Statistics Update – Transportation (Information Item)*

Items for Future Planning and Facilities Committee Meetings

- *School Bus Safety Including: Seat Belts*

September	October	November
- Summer Projects Update	- Annual Integrated Pest Management Report	
January	February	April
- Annual review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function	- Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan	
May	June	August
- Transportation Update - Capital Plan Submission	- Energy & Sustainability Presentation	- To be determined

Meeting Schedule

November 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Questions - Please Contact:

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