

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting DATE: April 16, 2014

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Julia Fraser STAFF CONTACT: Alan Cumbers, Director of Operations

Board Attendees:

Trustee J. Fraser - Chairperson (*absent*)
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff - Committee Member (*Acting Chairperson*)
Trustee R. Cacchioni - Committee Member
Trustee D. Butler (*Acting Committee Member*)
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
A. Cumbers, Director of Operations
H. Gloster, Superintendent
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent (*arrived at 5:10 pm*)
D. Widdis, Planning Manager
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC Vivian Evans, Member at Large
COPVPA No representative
COTA Susan Bauhart, President (*arrived at 5:00 pm*)
CUPE David Tether, Vice-President
DSC No representative

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

April 16, 2014 Agenda – approved.

Reports/Matters Arising

February 19, 2014 Committee Report - received as presented.

Committee Members Queries/Comments

Trustee Baxter

Queried whether the adult crossing guard at the Elliot Road construction site in West Kelowna, near George Pringle Elementary School, was put in place by the School District.

Trustee Cacchioni responded that the District's Traffic Safety Officer was involved in ensuring student safety during the construction period, and there was some discussion that the construction company would supply the crossing guard. Trustee Cacchioni will confirm the matter with the Traffic Safety Officer.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Capital Project Bylaw No. 126746 - 2014/2015 Annual Facility Grant

The Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2014/2015 through 2018/2019 has been approved by the Board of Education and forwarded to the Ministry of Education for approval. The Annual Facility Grant Bylaw is the next step in accessing Annual Facility Grant funding from the Ministry of Education for approved projects.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that, at the April 23, 2014 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126746 - 2014/2015 Annual Facility Grant (as attached to the agenda), and that School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126746 – 2014/2015 Annual Facility Grant, in the amount of \$3,078,486, be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 23rd day of April, 2014.

2. Capital Project Bylaw No. 126691, Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) - 2014/2015

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the Carbon Neutral Capital Program. Funds are withheld through the carbon tax and are maintained by Pacific Carbon Trust. School Districts may then apply for funding for projects to reduce their carbon footprint, reduce emissions, and attain operational cost savings. The Capital Project Bylaw must be in place in order for the District to access these funds.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that, at the May 14, 2014 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education give first, second and third readings, to School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126691 – Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) – 2014/2015 (as attached to the agenda), and that School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126691 – Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) – 2014/2015, in the amount of \$219,553, be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 14th day of May, 2014.

3. Westside Middle School French Immersion Program

The Superintendent reviewed the Westside Area Workplan which was developed to deal with a number of situations, including the feasibility of a French Immersion middle school program on the Westside. The French Immersion Program is expanding at the elementary level and is reaching a saturation point at École KLO Middle School. A public consultation meeting and an online survey have been conducted with Westside parents in order to request feedback on the establishment of a French Immersion middle school program on the Westside. Feedback has included comments that Constable Neil Bruce Middle School would be a more central location for such a program. As well, a number of parents would like to see a second elementary French Immersion Program on the Westside.

Committee members discussed the growing cohort of French Immersion students on the Westside and the options available to alleviate the strain at École KLO Middle School, including establishing a middle school French Immersion Program in the Rutland area.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that consideration of the establishment of a French Immersion Program on the Westside to commence in September of 2015 be added to the staff Workplan for 2014/2015, and that the Workplan also include a study of the French Immersion enrolment patterns and facility requirements at École KLO Middle School.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- Capital Project Bylaw No. 126746 - 2014/2015 Annual Facility Grant (*April 23, 2014 Public Board Meeting*)
- Capital Project Bylaw No. 126691, Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCPP) - 2014/2015
- Westside Middle School French Immersion Program

Items for Future Planning and Facilities Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule

May 21, 2014	June 18, 2014	
August 27, 2014 (<i>tentative</i>)	October 15, 2014	November 19, 2014

Questions - Please Contact:

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