

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Joint Planning and Facilities Committee and
Education and Student Services Committee Meeting

DATE: September 19, 2012

Board Attendees:

Planning and Facilities Committee:

Trustee M. Baxter - Chairperson
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff - Committee Member
Trustee C. Gorman - Committee Member (*arrived at 4:49 pm*)
Trustee M. Pendharkar (*acting Committee Member until the arrival of Trustee Gorman*)

Education and Student Services Committee:

Trustee J. Fraser - Chairperson
Trustee D. Butler – Committee Member
Trustee M. Pendharkar – Committee Member
Trustee R. Cacchioni

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
A. Cumbers, Director of Operations (*absent*)
J. Shoemaker, Planning Manager

T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
R. Oliver, Director of Instruction K-12

B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPVA	Kevin Auclair, Members' Liaison – Middle/Secondary
CUPE	Darcy Egeland, Shop Steward
COPAC	Shaun Bos, President
COTA	Alice Rees, President and April Smith, 2 nd Vice-President (<i>arrived at 4:51 pm</i>)
	Susan Bauhart, 1 st Vice-President (<i>arrived at 5:27 pm</i>)
DSC	No representative

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

September 19, 2012 Agenda – approved.

Public Question/Comment Period

Patty Wellborn, Oyama PAC President, expressed concern regarding moving grade 7 students to George Elliot Secondary School.

Committee members agreed that a second Public Question/Comment Period would be added after the first Discussion/Action Item (Long Term Educational Facility Plan Updates).

Discussion/Action Items

1. Long Term Educational Facility Plan Updates

A PowerPoint presentation provided information on the development of the District's Long Term Facility Plan. The District's Capital Plan must be submitted to the Ministry of Education by October 15, 2012. This submission will initiate discussion with the Ministry regarding the impact of the Capital Plan on the District's Long Term Facility Plan. The Long Term Facility Plan is anticipated to be finalized by mid-December 2012. The previous Long Term Facility Plan was developed in 1997 and updated in 2004.

Trends in North American educational levels were presented and indicated support for the grade 6 – 8 middle school configuration. This configuration provides students with opportunities to do project-based learning and provides access to specialty areas, i.e. food labs, drama rooms, etc. A grade 6 – 8 middle school would also allow grade 9 students transitioning to high school to have one full year in their new environment prior to entering the graduation program in grade 10. Committee members discussed the government's announcement of a new graduation program to be implemented in the Spring of 2013, and the structures currently in place to help students transition from elementary to middle and middle to secondary school.

5:15 pm: Trustee Gorman left the meeting and Trustee Pendharkar assumed the position of Acting Planning and Facilities Committee Member.

The District's Capital Plan will be impacted by a variety of long-term educational considerations, i.e. Grade Configurations, Early Learning, French Immersion, Special Education, Specialty Academies and Dual Credit Programs, International Education and Neighbourhoods of Learning.

Timelines for proposed grade configuration changes and short-term reconfiguration for regional areas were reviewed. Committee members discussed the impact that proposed grade reconfiguration would have on the District's transportation system, as well as the cost for bringing in additional portables to existing over-capacity elementary schools. Trustees requested several wording amendments to the PowerPoint presentation, prior to it being posted to the District's website. Committee members discussed the possibility of changes to catchment areas on the Westside, now that the Ministry has approved construction of the new Mar Jok Elementary School.

Regional public consultation meetings to discuss the Long Term Facility Plan are scheduled as follows:

- **Westside: Thursday, October 18, at 6:30 pm, at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, Multipurpose room**
- **Central Kelowna: Monday, October 22, at 6:30 pm, at Hollywood Rd. Education Services, Room #1**
- **Lake Country: Thursday, October 25, at 6:30 pm, at George Elliot Secondary School (Room to be determined)**

The format for the consultation meetings will include a staff presentation on demographic trends, facility challenges, and future growth potential for individual geographic areas. Breakout sessions will follow, to solicit community input.

The COPAC President advised that a COPAC executive member will attend each of the consultation meetings. The COTA President requested that, if possible, a separate consultation session for COTA members be provided.

Public Question/Comment Period

Ryan Murdain, Oyama Parent, expressed concern regarding the proposed move of grade 7 students to George Elliot Secondary School, and requested information on the possibility of grade 7 students remaining at Oyama Traditional School as a part of the "Schools of Choice" Program.

Ashley Brain, Oyama Parent, expressed concern regarding the proposed move of grade 7 students to George Elliot Secondary School and proposed a change to catchment areas in Lake Country, to more evenly distribute student numbers at the regional elementary schools. Information was requested regarding the mingling of younger grades with senior students during lunch hour and dismissal times at the high school.

Patty Wellborn, Oyama PAC President, requested information on the physical space that would be set aside for grade 7 – 8 students within George Elliot Secondary School (GESS), and questioned the impact to the StrongStart Program at GESS.

Teresa Bouchard, COPAC Representative from Dorothea Walker Elementary School, commented on transitioning, social/emotional learning, decentralizing the French Immersion Program and funding for proposed future multiple middle school construction.

2. 2012/2013 Capital Plan Submission

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the information contained within the Capital Plan submission. Trustees discussed the prioritization of items listed and the impact of current economic restraint.

7:03 pm: Trustee Brinkerhoff left the meeting and Trustee Butler was appointed Acting Committee Member for the Planning and Facilities Committee.

Outcome

Planning and Facilities Committee Members agreed that the 2012/2013 Capital Plan Submission would be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval at the October 10, 2012 Public Board Meeting.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- 2012/2013 Capital Plan Submission (October 10, 2012)

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