SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting DATE: January 21, 2015

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Julia Fraser STAFF CONTACT: Mitch Van Aller, Director of Operations

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer (absent)

Board Attendees: Staff:

Trustee J. Fraser - Chairperson

Trustee R. Cacchioni - Committee Member M. Van Aller, Director of Operations

Trustee C. Gorman - Committee Member H. Gloster, Superintendent

Trustee M. Baxter
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
D. Widdis, Planning Manager

Trustee L. Tiede B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC Vivian Evans, President

COPVPA Jill Voros – Executive Member – Social

COTA Susan Bauhart, President CUPE Wendy Johnson, President

DSC No representative

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

The order of the agenda was amended with the addition of:

6.01 – Public Question/Comment Period prior to Agenda Item 6.1 – Timing of the Rutland Grade Configuration Change

6.11 – Public Question/Comment Period prior to Agenda Item 6.2 – Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review

January 21, 2015 Agenda – approved as amended.

Reports/Matters Arising

November 19, 2014 Committee Report - received as presented.

Public Ouestion/Comment Period

Discussion/Action Items

1. Timing of the Rutland Grade Configuration Change

The Superintendent provided background information regarding the Board's decision in December 2012 to work towards the long-term goal of phasing in a consistent grade configuration of grade K - 5 elementary schools, grade 6 – 8 middle schools, and grade 9 – 12 senior secondary schools. The recent consultation process has involved over 1,000 participants from the Rutland community. Student enrolment in the Rutland area is declining. The most notable enrolment decrease is at Rutland Senior Secondary School which has already resulted in a significant loss of specialty programs that the school is able to offer. Community feedback is supportive of the proposed grade configuration. If approved by the Board of Education, planning would begin immediately for the grade reconfiguration to be in place for September 2015. Committee members discussed the proposed grade configuration and the possible future closing of an elementary school in the Rutland area should enrolment continue to decline.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendation to implement the grade configuration change to Rutland area schools as per Board Motion 12P-089 for September 2015.

Public Question/Comment Period

Comments/concerns were received from the following Lake Country parents:

Robert Matheson, David Grabavac (provided a written presentation to the Committee), Diane Crombie, Jenn McWhirter, Heidi Starr, Alan Gatzke, Ashley Brain, May-Bo McAllister (provided a signed petition to the Committee), Allison McClure, Kristy Hansen, and Melanie Fulks-Kraus.

2. Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review

Committee members discussed the possibility of deferring a decision regarding the Lake Country Catchment Review for two weeks to provide Trustees with more opportunity to review all information/feedback received. School registration for September 2015 begins on February 16th and, in order for parents to make informed decisions, catchment areas will need to be established by the 16th. Should the Board decide to postpone the decision regarding Lake Country catchments until next year, a plan must be developed for the placement of new students wishing to attend Davidson Road Elementary School, as the school is currently over-capacity.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the adjustment of the catchment area for Oyama Traditional School to include the area at the south end of Wood Lake bounded by Highway 97 to the West, both sides of Woodsdale Road to the South, Wood Lake to the North and the existing Oyama Traditional catchment area to the East; and, approve the adjustment of the catchment area for École Peter Greer Elementary School to include the area bounded by Highway 97 to the East, both sides of Glenmore Rd/Seaton Rd/Dick Rd extending to Okanagan Lake approximately the 10100 block of Okanagan Centre Rd to the North, Okanagan Lake to the West and the end of Finch Road across to Highway 97 to the South.

OPPOSED: Trustee Fraser

3. Central School Programs Building - Heritage Award

The Director of Operations provided information on the Heritage BC Honors Award presented to the District for the renovation work completed in the Central School Programs building.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the placement of the Heritage BC Awards Plaque by school staff in the most appropriate location within the school facility.

Information Items

1. Central Okanagan School District's Five Year Capital Plan

The Director of Operations reviewed the District's draft 2014/2015 Five Year Capital Plan which was received by the Board of Education in June 2014. In July 2014, the Ministry of Education indicated that school districts were not required to submit a Capital Plan for 2014/2015 as the capital planning process was under review. Project Identification Reports have been submitted for the District's top four Capital Plan priorities and the development of a Project Identification Report for the District's fifth priority, a future Glenmore Secondary School, will begin in the near future.

2. Anne McClymont Elementary School - Lakeshore Road Upgrade

The Director of Operations provided information on the Lakeshore Road upgrade which the City of Kelowna has scheduled to begin in June 2015. As the construction will affect a portion of the Anne McClymont Elementary School property, District and City of Kelowna staff have been working on the detailed design of the project to ensure the District's concerns are met. More information will be provided at a later date.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- Timing of the Rutland Grade Configuration Change (January 28, 2015 Public Board Meeting)
- Lake Country Elementary School Catchment Area Review (February 11, 2015 Public Board Meeting)
- Central School Programs Building Heritage Award (February 11, 2015 Public Board Meeting)

Future Public Board Meeting Information Items:

- Central Okanagan School District's Five Year Capital Plan

Items for Future Planning and Facilities Committee Meetings

- Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan

Meeting Schedule

February 18, 2015 April 15, 2015 May 20, 2015 June 17, 2015 August 26, 2015 (tentative) September 16, 2015 October 21, 2015 November 18, 2015

Questions - Please Contact:

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