

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting DATE: November 20, 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 (*absent*)
Trustee M. Pendharkar – Acting Committee Member
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee J. Fraser

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent of Schools
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
A. Cumbers, Director of Operations
J. Shoemaker, Planning Manager
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	April Smith, 2 nd Vice-President
DSC	Colton Horne, Gr. 10 – Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

November 20, 2012 Agenda – Approved.

Reports/Matters Arising

October 17, 2012 Committee Report - Received.

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

Mr. Ryan Murdain, Parent – Oyama Traditional School, provided a PowerPoint Presentation on behalf of the four Lake Country School PACs outlining their concerns regarding the recommendation to provide a grades 7 – 8 middle school within George Elliot Secondary School on an interim basis, with a timeline of September 2013, and a long-term plan for establishing a new middle school in Lake Country. Concerns included social/emotional readiness for grade 7 students moving to a high school environment, impact on the existing student body at George Elliot Secondary School, space/learning assistance availability, supervision and bell/bus schedules. An alternate solution provided by parents was the placing of portables at Davidson Road Elementary School in the interim, to address overcrowding at that school.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Murdain for his presentation.

Committee members discussed the information given, and questioned the source of some of the information provided, e.g. the current number of students attending GESS, a lack of sufficient Learning Assistance Providers and Counsellors for existing students, and a lack of specialty classroom/workshop space. The Vice-Principal of GESS indicated that there were some inaccuracies in the information that was shared.

Public Question/Comment Period

Comments were received from Patty Wellborn - PAC President, Oyama Traditional School, Terrylee Percell (sp), Daphne Reynolds - PAC President, Peter Greer Elementary School, Ashley Brain - Member-at-Large, Oyama Traditional School PAC, Dean Avender – GESS and Oyama parent, Kim Glaven (sp), Laura Wells - PAC President, Davidson Road Elementary School, Rick Davidson - GESS parent, Jennifer Madsen - GESS and Oyama parent, and Teresa Bouchard - Dorothea Walker Elementary COPAC Representative.

The Chairperson acknowledged the comments received and advised that the Board will begin making final decisions on the Long-Term Facility Plan recommendations at the November 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting, unless further debate is required, in which case the decisions will be made at the December 12, 2012 Public Board Meeting.

Committee Members Queries/Comments

The committee agreed that the recommendations would be reviewed on an individual basis.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Draft Long-Term Facility Plan

A. EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

A brief review of the previously approved Section A – Additional Educational Recommendations (June 13, 2012 Public Board Meeting) was provided.

Outcome

Committee members were in agreement that these recommendations would not be sent back to the Board for reconsideration.

B. ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

A brief background for the recommendations was provided and outlined that the Long-Term Facility Plan is intended as a “roadmap” to guide decision making, and to help design teams with future planning for the District for the next 10 or more years.

Committee members discussed the recommendations. Recommendation No. 4 regarding establishing middle school alternate programs in each of the regions was confirmed as not requiring additional funding for establishing the alternate programs.

Outcome

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommends to the Board:

THAT: The wording for recommendation No. 2 be amended to: *“When it is not possible to configure a grade 6 – 8 middle school, “middle schools within schools” may be considered after the local community has been consulted and shows support.”*

THAT: The wording for recommendation No. 7 be amended to: *“The Facility Plan will accommodate short-term and long-term programs for 200-250 FTE International students each year, space permitting, always ensuring that School District No. 23 students have first priority.”*

THAT: The Board of Education approve Section B - Additional Educational Recommendations as amended.

C. ZONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee members discussed the zonal recommendations.

Outcome

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommends to the Board:

THAT: The Westside Area Recommendations 1 – 4 be approved.

THAT: The Central Kelowna Area Recommendations 1 – 6 be approved.

THAT: The Rutland Area Recommendations 1 – 4 be approved.

THAT: The wording for Okanagan Mission Area Recommendation No. 1 be amended to: *“~~Provide~~ Consider an interim Grade 7-8 middle school within OKM Secondary (making it a Grade 7 to 12 school on an interim basis) – with a long-term plan of a new Grade 6 to 8 middle school in the Okanagan Mission area”.*

Timeline: In the September following the completion of the OKM addition

THAT: The wording for Okanagan Mission Area Recommendation No. 3 be amended to:
“Introduce an Early Learning Program to service the Okanagan Mission area ~~at such time~~ as soon as there is adequate space.”

THAT: The Okanagan Mission Area Recommendations 1 - 3 be approved as amended.
OPPOSED: Trustee Pendharkar

The COPAC President left the meeting at 6:47 pm.

The District Student Council Representative left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

THAT: The wording for Lake Country Area Recommendation No. 1 be amended to:
“~~Provide~~ Consider a Grade 7-8 middle school within GESS (making it a Grade 7-12 school on an interim basis) – with a long-term plan of a new middle school for Lake Country.”
Timeline: September 2013

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Pendharkar

THAT: Lake Country Area Recommendation No. 1 be deleted,
AND THAT: Lake Country Area Recommendation No. 2 be amended to: “*Manage ~~the balance of~~ elementary student growth at existing elementary schools through the revision of catchment areas, redirection of students and/or the placement of portable classrooms until a permanent Grade 6 to 8 middle school can be constructed*”.

OPPOSED: Trustee Brinkerhoff

The Committee discussed identified options for Lake Country area growth as listed on page 90 of the Long Term Facility Plan and the need to ensure that direction is provided to staff regarding the anticipated overflow of elementary students at Davidson Road Elementary School for the September 2013 school year.

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommends to the Board:

THAT: The recommendation “*Place portables at elementary schools – with a long term plan of a new middle school for the area*” be approved.

OPPOSED: Trustee Brinkerhoff

THAT: The Lake Country Area Recommendations 1 - 2 be approved as amended.

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D. CATCHMENT AREA RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee members reviewed the catchment area recommendations for each area. Once a draft of changes to each catchment area has been completed, public feedback will be invited prior to final decisions being made on the catchment area changes.

Outcome

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommends to the Board:

THAT: The Westside Area Recommendations 1 – 2 be approved.

THAT: The Central Kelowna Area Recommendations 1 – 2 be approved.

THAT: The Rutland Area Recommendation 1 be approved.

THAT: The Okanagan Mission Area Recommendation 1 be approved.

Lake Country Area:

THAT: Recommendation No. 1 be amended to read:

“Manage ~~the balance of~~ elementary student growth at existing elementary schools through the revision of catchment areas. Complete a catchment area review of Davidson Road, Oyama Traditional and Peter Greer Elementary Schools to determine the best options to alleviate overcrowding at Davidson Road Elementary and to equalize student enrolments between the three schools in a sustainable manner, until such time as a middle school can be constructed in the Lake Country area”.

Timeline: September 2014 2013

Committee members discussed various options available regarding managing the increased enrolment expected at Davidson Road Elementary School for the 2013/2014 school year, as well as the financial costs associated to each option.

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommends to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education approve Section C - Catchment Area Recommendations as amended.

- E. THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Long Term Facility Plan incorporating the specific zonal recommendations and other operational recommendations as detailed in the Plan.

Outcome

The Committee did not forward this recommendation as each section was approved individually.

Information Items

None.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- Draft Long-Term Facility Plan

Items for Future Planning and Facilities Committee Meetings

- Bus tour for Trustees with invitations to various Municipal Councils to join in to tour existing and future school sites *(November 28, 2012 Incamera Board Meeting)*

Meeting Schedule

2013 Committee Meeting Dates To Be Determined.

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