

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting DATE: June 19, 2013

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Deb Butler STAFF CONTACT: Alan Cumbers, Director of Operations

Board Attendees:

Trustee D. Butler - Chairperson
Trustee R. Cacchioni - Committee Member
Trustee J. Fraser - 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 4:40 pm*)
E. Watson, Planning Manager
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	No representative
COPVPA	Jill Voros, Members' Liaison – Middle/Secondary
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President Elect
CUPE	Darcy Egeland, Shop Steward
DSC	No representative

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add: Information Item 7.3 - Response to Okanagan Mission Residents' Association.

Reports/Matters Arising

May 15, 2013 Committee Report - Received.

Recognition/Presentations/Delegations

1. **École Glenmore Elementary School Project Identification Report**

Judy Shoemaker, Consultant, Renaissance - GHM Architects Inc. and Henk Kampman, Renaissance - GHM Architects Inc. provided a review of the information contained within the Project Identification Report which was compiled by a Steering Committee comprised of School District staff and the consultant group. The project has been in the Capital Plan since 1999. Various options were reviewed for the project, including replacement on site, replacement off site (Burtch Road, Dilworth Road or Summit Drive sites), and extensive renovations/additions at the existing site. Options evaluation criteria included student demographics, educational programming, site suitability, community partnerships, and financial and facility condition. A detailed review of options included existing educational and operational deficiencies, facility condition assessment (e.g. building code and traffic assessment), development of site options (e.g. space allowances and physical site layouts), and capital costs and life cycle analysis. The cost for replacement on the existing site would be approximately \$16.6 million, renovations/additions to the existing building would be approximately \$14.5 million, and a rebuild at the Burtch Road site (deemed the most suitable off site location) would be approximately \$17 million. The Steering Committee's recommendation is to rebuild the school on the existing site. Should this option be approved, the only disruption to students would be use of the playfields and play area during the construction and field replacement period. As required by the Ministry of Education, the report also reviewed adjacent schools in order to determine if there were other alternatives for accommodating the over-capacity student enrolment at Glenmore Elementary School.

Committee members discussed the information provided and the options as outlined.

Committee Members Queries/Comments

Trustee Butler requested a brief update on the purchase of the Aspen Grove Golf Course property. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the District of Lake Country is in support of the purchase; however, permission must be obtained from the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) in order to change the non-farming land use designation. This item will be added to the next meeting of the ALC which is tentatively scheduled for August 2013. Until a decision is received, no further action will be taken. Should the ALC not approve the change in non-farming land use designation, the sale will collapse.

Discussion/Action Items

1. École Glenmore Elementary School Project Identification Report (PIR)

The Planning Manager provided a brief recap of the information provided in the presentation.

Outcome

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended:

THAT: The École Glenmore Elementary School Project Identification Report be submitted to the Ministry of Education as attached to the agenda and as presented at the June 19, 2013 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

AND THAT: The 2013/2014 Capital Plan submission include a request for a total replacement of École Glenmore Elementary School on the existing site:

- **With a capacity of 80K+450 students**
- **With a total project budget, including reserves, of \$16,672,007**

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to develop a Neighbourhood Learning Centre community consultation process to identify and confirm the current gaps in community programs and services for review by the Board, should the Ministry of Education support the next stage of the Project Development Report.

2. Future of Grade 7 Students in Lake Country Schools

A brief review of the challenges in the Lake Country area schools for current enrolment and future enrolment projections at the elementary level was provided, as well as a chronology of meetings and community engagement which has taken place since 2010. The Long-Term Facility Plan was approved by the Board of Education at the December 12, 2012 Public Board Meeting and included moving to a future grade configuration of Kindergarten - Grade 5 elementary schools, Grade 6 - 8 middle schools, and Grade 9 - 12 secondary schools. Two Focus Group Meetings were held in the spring of 2013 which included trustee representatives, staff, and representatives from each Lake Country elementary school. If the recommendation is approved at the June 26, 2013 Public Board Meeting, communication will be sent home with students on the last day of school outlining changes which will take place in September 2014. Committee members discussed the information provided.

Outcome

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the relocation of grade 7 students from Oyama Traditional School, Peter Greer Elementary School and Davidson Road Elementary School to George Elliot Secondary School where an interim Grade 7-8 middle school program will be created, as of September, 2014;

AND THAT: The Board of Education direct staff to work with the George Elliot Secondary School administration and the District of Lake Country to develop plans for a six classroom portable annex to house the Grade 7 students.

3. Future of Grade 7 Students in Okanagan Mission Schools

A brief review of the challenges faced in the Okanagan Mission area was provided. The situation in this area is more acute due to rapid growth. The consultation process began in 2010 and has included public consultation sessions, staff attendance at Parent Advisory Council Meetings, and use of an online survey process. A Focus Group, including trustee representatives, staff, and representatives from each of the elementary schools in the Okanagan Mission area, met in May 2013 to discuss the concept of creating a grade 7 - 8 middle school program at Okanagan Mission Secondary School. The school has a portable annex currently in place that has the capacity to house the grade seven students attending the middle school program. The ability to deliver further feedback was provided to each Mission area school community. Committee members discussed the information provided.

Outcome

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended that The Board of Education approve the relocation of grade 7 students from Chute Lake Elementary School, Anne McClymont Elementary School and Dorothea Walker Elementary School to Okanagan Mission Secondary School where an interim Grade 7-8 middle school program will be created, as of September, 2014.

4. Westside Elementary School Catchment Review Options

Following Board approval of the Westside Area Work Plan at the April 24, 2013 Public Board Meeting, staff have progressed through the first stages of the Plan and have developed a draft elementary catchment option. A review of the information contained within the Westside Catchment Area Option Development Report was provided. Meetings have been held with key stakeholders, including the District of West Kelowna, the District of Peachland and Westbank First Nation and input has been received regarding neighbourhood growth, future road connections, and impacts that could affect school catchment areas. Meetings have taken place with Westside school principals, and District staff have presented at the Shannon Lake Elementary and Rose Valley Elementary School Planning Council Meetings. A comprehensive consultation plan will be initiated with Westside school communities in order to gather as much feedback as possible. With the opening of Mar Jok Elementary School in September 2014, existing portables will be closing at Shannon Lake and Rose Valley Elementary Schools. Committee members discussed the information provided as well as the impact of schools of choice options at the elementary school level. The recommendation was amended to more accurately reflect the proposed direction.

Outcome

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended that the Board of Education direct staff to proceed with community engagement on a hybrid of closed and open elementary catchments which entails creating distinct boundaries around each elementary school, with the exception of creating a shared zone between Helen Gorman Elementary and Glenrosa Elementary Schools.

Information Items

1. 2013/2014 Five Year Capital Plan Submission

The Planning Manager reviewed the Capital Plan Submission which is very similar to the 2012/2013 submission. The top five priorities remain the same as the previous year. Transportation requirements will be reviewed with the opening of Mar Jok Elementary School in September 2014 and the future changes in District school grade configurations. A Project Identification Report has been completed for Rutland Middle School and the District continues to research an appropriate site for the rebuilding of the school.

2. Portables From School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

The Secretary-Treasurer provided brief background information on the availability of the portables which, although older, have been fully upgraded (e.g. mechanical, lighting, carpets) within the last two years. The portables will be stored at the George Elliot Secondary school site until they are needed.

3. Response to Okanagan Mission Residents' Association

The Committee discussed the information contained within the response.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- École Glenmore Elementary School Project Identification Report (PIR)
- Future of Grade 7 Students in Lake Country Schools
- Future of Grade 7 Students in Okanagan Mission Schools
- Westside Elementary School Catchment Review Options

Future Public Board Meeting Information Items:

- 2013/2014 Five Year Capital Plan Submission
- Portables From School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

Items for Future Planning and Facilities Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule

August 28, 2013 (*tentative*)

September 18, 2013

October 16, 2013

November 20, 2013

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