

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Special General Affairs Committee DATE: February 1, 2018

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee R. Cacchioni STAFF CONTACT: K. Kaardal, Superintendent/CEO

Attendees:

Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee R. Cacchioni (Chairperson)
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman (*arrived at 6:40 pm*)
Trustee L. Mossman
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
T. Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent
E. Sadlowski, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Van Aller, Director of Operations
R. Oliver, Assistant Superintendent
R. Ovelson, Assistant Superintendent
D. Widdis, Planning Manager
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	No representative
COTA	Mary Hope, Second Vice-President
COPVPA	Kevin Auclair, Executive Member
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

Agenda – Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add	Item 7	Public Question/Comment Period
The February 1, 2018 Agenda was approved as amended.		

Report/Matters Arising

The June 7, 2017 General Affairs Committee Public Meeting Report was received as presented.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Reconfiguration Trigger Points for Families of Schools

The Board of Education has committed to working toward the implementation of the Long-Term Facility Plan which includes the move to a common grade reconfiguration when conditions support the change in each area of the School District. The desired grade reconfiguration for schools being: Elementary K-5; Middle 6-8, and Secondary 9-12 across the District. Schools in the Rutland area were reconfigured in September of 2015 to the preferred configuration. The Superintendent reviewed in his presentation to the Committee the proposed Reconfiguration Timeline for each area:

Rutland	Completed in 2015
Okanagan Mission	September 2019 (upon the opening of the new Middle School)
Lake Country	Opening of new Lake Country Middle School
North Central Kelowna	Opening of new Glenmore Secondary
South Central Kelowna	Opening of new Glenmore Secondary
Westside	September 2018

Due to the increased enrolment pressures at elementary schools on the Westside over the past three years, a consultant was hired to conduct an enrolment study of the Westside to look at options available to the School District to respond to these pressures. The recommendation of staff to the General Affairs Committee is for a staged reconfiguration:

Elementary K-5
Constable Neil Bruce Middle 6-8
Glenrosa Middle 6-9
Mount Boucherie Secondary 9-12

The recommendation for the staged reconfiguration is to make use of the available space at Glenrosa Middle School and reduce the portable pressures at Mount Boucherie Secondary and Westside elementary schools.

The enrolment for all schools on the Westside was presented – current and projected.

On January 31st the Board of Education approved the following regarding French Immersion on the Westside:

THAT: The Board of Education support a K-12 French Immersion program on the Westside.

THAT: The Board of Education support a late entry Middle School French Immersion (6-8) Learning Community Program to be located at Glenrosa Middle School starting September 2019 (Option C);

AND THAT: École George Pringle Elementary School will be the French Immersion early entry feeder school to Glenrosa Middle School.

THAT: The location of a secondary French Immersion program in West Kelowna be determined upon completion of the proposed Capital Projects related to the Westside Area Study.

The allocation of portables at Westside schools was reviewed, along with the possible number of total portables required for the reconfiguration, subject to local government approval and building code requirements.

The costs of the three options: status quo; reconfigure, reconfigure in stages was reviewed. The costs of a new portable is \$180,000 - \$200,000 installed. The more affordable option is to reconfigure in stages.

6:40 pm

Trustee Gorman arrived.

Public Question/Comment Period

Parents, community members and staff were provided with the opportunity to respond to the presentation.

The following individuals expressed concerns and asked questions on the topic of the reconfiguration of the schools on the Westside:

Janet Wiker
Sarah Neukomm
Matt Whitt
Tanya Lister
Chantelle Desrosier
Karen Benson
Jennifer Adams
Jason DeMarinis
Jennifer Turner

Terry Lum
Lisa Paynter
Stephanie Morgan
Shannon Kirkey
Trevor Kirkey
Susan Derickson
Innes Wunderlich
Christen Wilson

The concerns/questions expressed included:

- Portable situation at Rose Valley Elementary – overcrowding has contributed to minimizing access to physical education programs and washrooms
- Concern of only three days' notice of meeting
- Maturity of grade 9 students to be placed with grade 12 students at Mount Boucherie Secondary
- Safety of portables
- Teachers' reaction to reconfiguration
- Mount Boucherie Secondary already at capacity
- Impact on electives/sports teams at Mount Boucherie Secondary
- Additional portables being added to the Mount Boucherie Secondary site
- Maturity/responsibility of Grade 6 students in middle school format
- Transition of students from elementary to middle
- Communication to parents about reconfiguration
- Implementation date of 2018 – move to 2019 to provide additional time to prepare students for transitions
- Arrival of grade 9 students from Glenrosa Middle to Mount Boucherie Secondary
- Transition of students when Rutland area students went through reconfiguration
- French Immersion at Glenrosa Middle

The Committee members discussed the staff recommendation

THAT: Staff should proceed with developing the recommended options including an implementation plan and timelines for each area;

AND THAT: A communication plan also be developed for each area.
and the implementation date of 2018 or 2019.

Outcome

The General Affairs Committee made the following recommendation:

THAT: Staff should proceed with developing the recommended options including an implementation plan and timelines for each area;

AND THAT: A communication plan also be developed for each area.

For implementation September 2019.

and referred the recommendation to the Planning and Facilities Committee for further discussion.

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

Planning and Facilities Committee:

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee:

THAT: Staff should proceed with developing the recommended options including an implementation plan and timelines for each area;

AND THAT: A communication plan also be developed for each area.

For implementation September 2019.

Items for Future General Affairs Committee Meetings

Amendments to Policy 705 – Relations with Parents of Students

Amendments to Policy 715 – Consultation with Partners in Education

Future General Affairs Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 4:00 pm

Questions – Please Contact:

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