



CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

**Planning and Facilities Committee
Public Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

Board of Education: Trustee C. Desrosiers, Chairperson
Trustee J. Fraser, Committee Member
Trustee L. Tiede, Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee W. Broughton

Staff: Mitch Van Aller, Director of Operations
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO (*arrived at 6:07 pm*)
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools (*arrived at 6:05 pm*)
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Sarena Smith, COPAC Member-at-Large
George York, CUPE Operations Shop Steward
Ryan Ward, COPVPA Middle School Representative
Zach Johnson, DSC - Grade 11 at KSS

**The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held
on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

AGENDA

February 2, 2022 Committee Agenda - approved as presented.

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Planning and Facilities Committee Public Meeting Report - January 19, 2022

January 19, 2022 Committee Report - received as distributed.

PRESENTATION

The Universal Need for Universal Wellness through Universal Washrooms

6:05 pm: The Deputy Superintendent of Schools joined the meeting.

6:07 pm: The Superintendent of Schools/CEO joined the meeting.

Participating by Zoom from École Kelowna Secondary School:

Staff:

Troy White, Principal (pronouns he/him)

Christey Hughes, Vice-Principal (pronouns she/her)

Students:

Chris Goodwin, Grade 12 Student (pronouns she/her)

Ollie Fodell, Grade 12 Student (pronouns he/him)

Chris Goodwin and Ollie Fodell, Grade 12 students from École Kelowna Secondary School, shared their journeys and experiences as transgender students and highlighted the need for universal washrooms in schools. The need for universal washrooms is not only for transgender students but for students with medical needs such as irritable bowel syndrome, endometriosis, and diabetes. Many students avoid going to the washroom while at school to avoid harassment, embarrassment, and/or anxiety. Washrooms should have floor to ceiling stalls with waste baskets and doors without gaps to ensure each student has the privacy they deserve. Students are requesting support of the Board of Education to ensure universal washrooms are in all schools.

The Committee expressed their gratitude to both students for sharing their stories and the need for universal washrooms in schools.

The Director of Operations shared that Mount Boucherie Secondary, Rutland Middle, Springvalley Middle, Canyon Falls Middle, and H.S. Grenda Middle schools all have universal washrooms.

The Committee discussed the need for all schools to have universal washrooms and requested that the Superintendent of Schools/CEO prepare a general report regarding the status of universal washrooms within Central Okanagan Public Schools. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO will present his report at a future Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

The Committee referred the student presentation to the Board of Education as an information item.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Carrie Broughton: Mrs. Broughton expressed her gratitude to the students for their presentation on universal washrooms and queried if there is any provincial funding available due to accessibility reasons.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the District can request provincial funding through the school enhancement fund.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS QUERIES/COMMENTS

There were no queries/comments from Committee members.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2022/2023 through 2027/2028

The Director of Operations stated that the five year Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan is prepared annually and provided to the Board for approval prior to submitting to the Ministry of Education's Capital Planning Branch. The AFG can be used for roof renewal/replacements, mechanical renewal/replacements, electrical renewal/replacements, site renewal/upgrades, facility renewal/upgrades, functional improvements, disable access, and health and safety upgrades. The AFG Plan is a living document and may be changed to respond to District needs.

The Director of Operations presented the draft 2022/2023 through 2027/2028 Annual Facility Grant Plan which was drafted with the assumption that the province will provide the usual \$3.8 million in funding.

The Director of Operations stated that due to the province underfunding the AFG, the District will be deferring \$9.828 million of maintenance projects.

The Committee discussed the need for additional AFG funding and determined that the Board should advocate for an increase to the AFG.

Outcomes:

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2022/2023 through 2027/2028, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 2, 2022 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

THAT: The Board of Education advocate for additional funding for the Annual Facility Grant.

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Committee correspondence.

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

There were no items requiring special mention.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

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- Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2022/2023 through 2027/2028 (*Action*)
- The Universal Need for Universal Wellness through Universal Washrooms Presentation (*Information*)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- *School Bus Safety Including: Seat Belts*

- *Superintendent of Schools/CEO Report on Universal Washrooms in Central Okanagan Public Schools*

May

- Transportation Update
- Capital Plan Submission

June

- Energy & Sustainability Presentation

FUTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings start at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

March 2, 2022, April 6, 2022, May 4, 2022, June 1, 2022

September 7, 2022, October 5, 2022, November 2, 2022

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Questions - Please Contact:

Trustee Desrosiers, Chair at 250-718-6303 or Chantelle.Desrosiers@sd23.bc.ca

Mitch Van Aller, Director of Operations at 250-870-5150 or Mitch.Vanaller@sd23.bc.ca

Chantelle Desrosiers, Chair