

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting DATE: September 17, 2014

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

Board Attendees:

Trustee J. Fraser - Chairperson
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff - Committee Member
Trustee R. Cacchioni - Committee Member
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Van Aller, Director of Operations
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
D. Widdis, Planning Manager
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (*recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	Zenta Epp, Member at Large
COPVPA	Jill Voros – Executive Member – Social
COTA	No representative
CUPE	Darcy Egeland, Representative
DSC	No representative

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

September 17, 2014 Agenda – approved.

Reports/Matters Arising

June 18, 2014 Committee Report - received as presented.

Committee Members Queries/Comments

Trustee Baxter

Requested information on the opening ceremony for Mar Jok Elementary School.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the opening ceremony would typically take place later in the school year, once students and staff have settled in and the school routine has been established. There has been some discussion regarding having the ceremony take place close to the Chinese New Year (February 18, 2015); however, planning for the ceremony is in the preliminary stages only.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Regional Strategic Transportation Plan Endorsement

The Secretary-Treasurer provided background information on the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan which was developed by the six local governments and is designed to be a blueprint for the ideal regional transportation outcome for the Central Okanagan. The Plan supports the local sustainable transportation needs reflected in all of the Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO) member policies and partnering stakeholders. The Plan addresses strategic requirements for the future by taking pressure off arterial roads and motivating the public to use different modes of transportation from their personal vehicle. The Board's endorsement would mean agreeing with the philosophy of the Plan and would not constitute a commitment for funding or any obligation on the part of the School District.

Committee members discussed the possibility of having input into the planning for future bike lanes and sidewalks as the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan progresses.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education send a letter of support to the City of Kelowna/ Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO) endorsing the Regional Strategic Transportation Plan.

2. Constable Neil Bruce Middle School – Daimler Road Parking – Interim Safety Improvements

A review of the history of school site improvements to address safety and congestion concerns to date was provided by the Planning Manager. At a meeting on August 21, 2014 between the District of West Kelowna Mayor and staff, and the Board Chair and School District staff, the District of West Kelowna requested cost-sharing support from the School District for proposed traffic improvements that are on off-site roadways outside the school property. Committee members discussed the School District's previous request for a second driveway access at the back of the school, which has not been supported by the District of West Kelowna.

Although capital assistance for off-site roadways and sidewalks is beyond the School District's ability and mandate, School District staff will continue to support and work with the various stakeholders to improve safety on the roadways in and around the school site, when fiscally possible. Committee members discussed the inclusion of the Constable Neil Bruce Middle School Planning Council members in future reviews of on-site improvements.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education direct Operations staff and the Principal of Constable Neil Bruce Middle School to undertake an assessment of the site conditions at the school and discuss additional opportunities available that can improve safety on the school site;

And that the Board of Education send a letter to the District of West Kelowna commending the work done on improving safety and traffic congestion concerns at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, reiterating that, per the Board's letter of March 14, 2014, capital assistance for off-site roadways and sidewalks is beyond the Central Okanagan School District's financial ability and mandate, and advising that staff will continue to assess the situation.

Information Items

1. Summer Projects 2014

The Director of Operations reviewed the summer projects substantially completed to date, which included three major capital projects (the new Mar Jok Elementary School, the Okanagan Mission Secondary School Addition, and the George Elliot Secondary School Annex). Mar Jok Elementary School and the GESS Annex are ready for student occupancy; however, the Okanagan Mission Secondary School has approved occupancy for the academic wing, the gym and the drama room floor only. The drama room upper floor and the weight room have not been completed as yet.

The BCTF Labour Dispute has impacted regular work scheduled for completion at District sites in the summer. Operations staff are in the process of drafting a schedule of anticipated project completions now that schools will be back in session, which will be communicated out to schools. Currently, only emergent items are being addressed in order to ensure readiness for school opening.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Items:

- Regional Strategic Transportation Plan Endorsement
- Constable Neil Bruce Middle School – Daimler Road Parking – Interim Safety Improvements

Future Public Board Meeting Information Items:

- Summer Projects 2014

Items for Future Planning and Facilities Committee Meetings

- Amendments to Policy 605 – Educational Facility Planning (*Referred from the June 25, 2014 Public Board Meeting*)

Meeting Schedule

October 15, 2014

November 19, 2014

Questions - Please Contact:

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