

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Planning and Facilities Committee Special Meeting DATE: May 30, 2012

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Moyra Baxter STAFF CONTACT: Alan Cumbers, Director of Operations

Board Attendees:

Trustee M. Baxter - Chairperson
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff - Committee Member
Trustee D. Butler – Acting Committee Member
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee M. Pendharkar
Trustee C Gorman - Committee Member (*absent*)

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:

COPVPA	Kevin Auclair, Members' Liaison – Middle/Secondary
CUPE	Darcy Egeland, Shop Steward
COPAC	No representative
COTA	No representative
DSC	No representative

Agenda - Additions/Amendments/Deletions

May 30, 2012 Committee Special Meeting Agenda - approved as presented.

Reports/Matters Arising

April 18, 2012 Committee Report - Received.

Discussion/Action Items

1. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Long Term Facility Plan

The Secretary-Treasurer provided a brief review of the Ministry requirements and the timeline for submission of the District's Long Term Facility Plan. Should it be necessary, the Board has the ability to amend the Long Term Facility Plan, once it has been sent to the Ministry, and resubmit the Plan with amendments. The committee discussed the general recommendations contained within the report, and the fact that a minimal amount of public feedback was received during the public consultation period. Once specific zonal recommendations have been established, they will be provided at the June 20, 2012 Planning and Facilities Public Meeting, prior to being sent to the Board of Education for review at the June 27, 2012 Public Board Meeting. Zonal recommendations will be dependent on many factors, including building condition/compatibility, student demographics and specific community needs. The Superintendent reviewed the rationale for the recommended future grade configurations for elementary, middle and secondary schools. This is a long-term goal and may take years to establish throughout the District. Minor amendments were made to the general recommendations.

Outcome

The Planning and Facilities Committee agreed that the following recommendations be sent to the Board of Education for approval to support the development of the Long Term Facility Plan:

RECOMMENDATION #1:

THAT: The District work towards the long term goal of phasing in a consistent grade configuration in all areas of the District with K – 5 elementary schools, Grade 6 – 8 middle schools and grade 9 – 12 senior secondary schools.

The timing of changes to the grade configuration structure will be based upon:

- **The best needs of the students**
- **The needs of each individual and unique community within the school district**
- **The need to manage growth and the best use of existing school buildings**
- **Financial considerations**

RECOMMENDATION #2:

THAT: When planning for construction of new schools, where appropriate, the enrolment capacities fall within the following sizes:

- Elementary schools – 350 to 500 students (optimum 400 students)
- Middle schools – 500 to 800 students (optimum 650 students)
- Secondary schools – 1,200 to 2,000 students (optimum 1,500 students)

RECOMMENDATION #3:

THAT: The French Immersion middle school program be decentralized to provide greater accessibility to French Immersion middle school students in outlying areas of the District, provided that the program is sustainable in terms of enrolment, location, form and cost.

RECOMMENDATION #4:

THAT: Early Learning Programs be provided at regionally located schools, and wherever possible, at those schools that have been identified through the Early Learning Development Indicator as those schools that have the greatest need. The location of any Early Learning Program must be sustainable in terms of capacity availability, enrolment, location, form and cost.

RECOMMENDATION #5:

THAT: To serve the diverse educational needs of students, distinct schools, unique programs and specialty academies be supported, provided that the specific program is approved by the Board, the program operates within the parameters of the School Act, there is available space, qualified staff and evidence of student demand, and the program is financially feasible and sustainable.

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

Future Public Board Meeting Action Item:

- School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Long Term Facility Plan

Items for Future Planning and Facilities Committee Meetings

- Naming of the new elementary school on McDougall Drive in West Kelowna
- The City of Kelowna proposed traffic improvement for Glenmore Elementary School
- SBO Disposition/Relocation Recap
- Bus tour for Trustees with invitations to various Municipal Councils to join in to tour existing and future school sites

Meeting Schedule

June 20, 2012	August 29, 2012	
September 19, 2012	October 17, 2012	November 21, 2012

Questions - Please Contact:

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