

Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting

Date: January 17, 2017
Time: 3:30 – 6:05 p.m.
Location: Abbotsford School District Administration Office

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Rhonda Pauls (Chair)
Phil Anderson
Stan Petersen
Preet Rai
Cindy Schafer
Shirley Wilson

REGRETS: Freddy Latham

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin Godden, Superintendent
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer
Cheryl McLeod, Recording Secretary
Dale Churchill, Director of Facilities
Linda Peters, Director of Finance
Kelly Plastow, Custodial Manager

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pauls called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held November 8, 2016.

The Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held November 8, 2016 were amended and approved to be presented at the Regular (Public) Meeting of January 31, 2017.

The Secretary-Treasurer requested that Agenda Item 7.1 be brought forward in the Agenda.

7.1 2016/17 Second Quarterly Operating & Special Purpose Budget

The Director of Finance reviewed the Second Quarterly Report and responded to questions. The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the Amended Budget will be brought forward to the Public Meeting on February 21, 2017.

3.0 DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

4.0 FACILITIES UPDATE

4.1 Water Quality Update

The Director of Facilities updated the Committee on the status of the district repair project. Eleven sites are left to be completed. The Director reported that at one site, testing for lead was positive after repair. An investigation revealed that the new, commercial grade taps from "Delta Teck", manufactured in the USA and assembled in Canada contain lead, and in fact include a disclaimer on the packaging that one should wash their hands after installing and/or removing these taps. After replacing these Delta-Teck taps, test results found no lead present in the water. The Secretary-Treasurer will follow up on this matter and report to the Committee.

4.2 Long Term Facilities Plan (LTFP)

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the demographic information that is being used to inform development of the Long Term Facilities Plan.

The LTFP frames the facility-related consideration for the next 3-5 years, including requirements from a Policy perspective. The Committee reviewed some of the issues related to enrolment and school facilities and will prioritize them over the next week. The Committee also reviewed some of the alternatives related to the issues presented.

In light of the potential implications of the Supreme Court Ruling and projected enrolment pressures, a review of any and all potential solutions will need to be brought forward and considered. These could include new capacity related projects (new schools or additions), moving district programs, re-purposing district site(s), reconfiguring grades and/or school sites., facilities improvements, transportation service levels, enrolment policies, and facility rentals. A Board Planning Meeting will be scheduled next Tuesday, January 24th, following the Education (COW) Meeting, with dinner provided.

The Committee discussed the impact of Grandfathering rules implemented last Spring and requested grandfathering projections over the next 3-5 years for analysis. The Committee confirmed the intent of the Grandfathering clause; including:

- 1) If a student is in a District Program outside their home school; sibling(s) are not grandfathered at the District Program school. Regular cross-boundary rules would apply.
- 2) When one sibling moves to a new school before another sibling enters the older sibling's previous school, the grandfather rule does not apply. If siblings are not in the same school at the same time, regular cross-boundary rules would apply.
- 3) Under the Grandfather clause, siblings who attend the same school at the same time take precedence over the child who moves into the catchment of that school. The Board agreed that maintaining family continuity was foremost, while accepting the new child within their catchment was the next priority.

Additional reports were requested, including:

- 1) International students' homestay catchment information.
- 2) Current out of catchment enrolment for Grade 6 and 7.
- 3) Unaccounted for school age population in Aberdeen and Bradner areas.
- 4) Regular student cross boundary information.
- 5) French Immersion elementary catchment information.
- 6) District Academy Program information.

The Committee took a brief recess and returned to the table for a working dinner.

4.3 Impact of Supreme Court Decision

The Superintendent expressed his concerns regarding the potential changes from the Supreme Court decision and his hope that implementation will be done in a way that best benefits the students. Mr. Godden reviewed the Barragar Staff Allocator Report, generated with the parameters of the 2002 Collective Agreement. This Report was designed to give the Committee a comparison of today's enrolment and class composition, with that of 2002. The Committee was asked if they required additional information. The Ministry of Education and BCTF continue negotiations on resolving these issues.

The Superintendent will bring a report on the comparison of class size/composition language from 2002 to today, to the Planning Meeting next Tuesday.

5.0 FINANCE UPDATE

There was no Finance Update.

6.0 MINISTRY INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

There were no Ministry or Correspondence items presented.

7.0 BUDGET INFORMATION

7.1 2016/17 Second Quarterly Operating & Special Purpose Budget

This item was discussed at the beginning of the Meeting.

8.0 FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

There were no items presented for future consideration.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items presented as New Business.

10.0 REPORTS

There were no reports presented.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.