

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Meeting Summary of the Board's Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting held in the Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre, 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver, British Columbia on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

PRESENT:

Ian Abercrombie, Director, Facilities & Planning
Aline Burlone, Principal, Ridgeway Elementary
Doug Beveridge, AEA Representative
Linda Buchanan, Parent
Lisa Cartwright, NVPAC
Ginny Diebolt, Trustee
Chris Dorais, Trustee
Cyndi Gerlach, Parent
Jerry Guspie, Asst Director, Facilities & Planning
Tina Meyer, Parent

Jim Prunty, Capital Projects
Bryn Roberts, Asst Superintendent
Susan Skinner, Chairperson
Sandy Shaw, Manager, Business Development
Franci Stratton, Trustee Candidate
Mark Thomson, Capital Projects
Jane Thornthwaite, Trustee
Linda Watson, NVTA
Irene Young, Secretary Treasurer

A. Call to Order

Standing Committee Chair Susan Skinner called the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee to order at 7:00 pm.

C.1. North Vancouver Outdoor School (NVOS) Environmental Learning Centre (ELC) - Update

Sandy Shaw, Manager of Community and Business Development, provided an overview of the progress on the Environmental Learning Centre and the Outdoor School's Master Facilities Plan. A public meeting was held in Squamish in early October as the next step in the rezoning process. Attendance was low reflecting the fact that the community had no issues with the rezoning application. The ELC received an acknowledgement award from the Holcim Foundation and has been nominated for a sustainability award at the North Shore Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards ceremony in November.

C.2. School Capital Projects Updates

Secretary Treasurer Irene Young advised that significant progress has been made with the Ministry of Education on developing project agreements for Ridgeway, Queen Mary and Carson Graham schools. The Ministry has accepted that Carson Graham will be a replacement project rather than simply a seismic upgrade which will provide better long term value to the school district. The Ministry has also accepted that both Ridgeway and Queen Mary schools will be restoration projects rather than replacement projects acknowledging the heritage status of these two schools. The goal is to bring completed agreements to the new Board for approval in early December. Ian Abercrombie, Director of Facilities and Planning, provided an overview of the preliminary plans for all three schools, noting that the capacity must still be agreed upon with the Ministry. This will be dependent upon a review of updated enrolment projections that are now underway. Decisions on temporary accommodations which could be off the site must be made over the next several weeks.

C.3. Budget Planning 2009/2010

Secretary Treasurer Irene Young provided an overview of the proposed 2009/10 Operating Budget Development process. The School District has had considerable success with the Tier process and proposes to use it again. The Secretary Treasurer identified some tentative dates to commence the budget process in early 2009. The key date for the School District is May 26, 2009 when the Preliminary Operating Budget Bylaw is brought to the Board for approval. This allows

C.3. Budget Planning 2009/2010 (continued)

sufficient time to ensure that the budget is approved prior to the legislated June 30, 2009 deadline. There was discussion about the merits of inviting partner group representatives to participate on the tier working committees to improve communications and facilitate transparency. It was noted that this idea was under consideration but that the Board would have to approve that decision. The Board retains the authority to approve the final budget.

C.4. North Vancouver Teachers' Association Budget Presentation

Linda Watson, President of the North Vancouver Teachers Association provided an overview of the NVTA's submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services' budget consultations. Copies of the actual submission were provided to all Standing Committee participants.

C.5. Summary of the September 9, 2008 Meeting

The summary notes were provided to Standing Committee participants in their agenda package.

D.1. Future Agenda Items

None were identified.

D.2. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee will be Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre.

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Date

Susan Skinner, Committee Chair
Finance and Facilities Standing Committee

Date

Irene Young
Secretary Treasurer