

## School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Meeting Summary of the Board's Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting held in the Sutherland Secondary gymnasium, 1860 Sutherland Avenue, North Vancouver, British Columbia on Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

### PRESENT:

Ian Abercrombie, Director, Facilities & Planning	Leslie McGuire, AEA
Heather Abramyck, NVTA	Susan McLean, NVTA
Georgia Allison, Director of Financial Services	Tim MacLeod, AEA
Holly Back, Trustee	Marianne Macario, NVTA
Ross Bligh, AEA	Greg Milner, NVSD Administrator
Linda Buchanan, Trustee	Dave Montgomery, AEA
Doug Beveridge, AEA Representative	David Overgaard, SSG Representative
Lisa Cartwright, NVPAC	Dave Pearce, Asst Superintendent
Victor Elderton, AEA	Cathy Piteaux, AEA
Mary Feltham	Sandy Shaw, Mgr, Commun. & Business Develop.
Barry Forward, Trustee	Susan Skinner, Trustee
Steve Galliford, Windsor House PAC co-chair	Dan Storms, NVTA
Karl Graham, NVPAC	Franci Stratton, Standing Committee Chair
Todd Henderson, AEA	Scott Sutherland, AEA
Helen Hughes, Windsor House/SANE	Mary Tasi, Trustee
Cary Hungle, AEA	Arlie Thompson, AEA
Bob Jackson, CUPE	Jane Thornthwaite, Trustee
Mark Jefferson, Coordinator, Human Resources	Barb Walter, Director, Human Resources
Larry Johnson, Asst Superintendent	Linda Watson, NVTA
Bal Kang, Infrastructure Mgr, IT Services	Irene Young, Secretary Treasurer
John Lewis, Superintendent	

### A. Call to Order

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

### C.1. Budget Plan - Presentation

Standing Committee Chair Stratton commenced the meeting with an overview of the budget development process so far noting that the School District is facing a much more difficult budget challenge than in the past several years. This has resulted in the need to look at some very difficult budget reduction options. The budget process, however, has been much more open than ever before and has brought forward some very creative ideas as well demonstrating strong school district and community engagement. The second draft report of the budget tier working groups was distributed to participants.

Secretary Treasurer Irene Young indicated that the proposals in the second draft report of the budget tier working groups now totaled \$2.9 million which meant that the school district was still \$100,000 short of the \$3 million budget target. The second draft report reflected input from the April 7, 2009 Finance and Facilities Standing Committee meeting. Some budget proposals in the preliminary report that were viewed as unacceptable were no longer included and in addition some new proposals were added. Secretary Treasurer Young noted that there was no change in Tiers 1 and 2 and reviewed the changes in Tiers 4 and 5. Tier 5 still included the possible closure of Plymouth Elementary by June 30, 2009 with estimated savings of \$400,000 in operational costs and potential new lease revenue of \$150,000.

Superintendent Lewis noted the changes to Tiers 3 and Tiers 6 – 10.

**C.2. Group Discussion**

Standing Committee Chair Stratton asked participants to discuss the second draft report in their table groups for about 45 minutes and provide feedback on the new budget feedback sheet that was handed out. Standing Committee Chair Stratton closed the group discussion advising that budget feedback would continue to be accepted by the School District until Friday April 24, 2009. A budget consultation update would be provided to the Board of Education at the April 28, 2009 Board meeting. The goal is to have the completed 2009/10 budget and budget bylaw brought to the Board for approval at the May 26, 2009 Board meeting.

**C.3. Summary of the April 7, 2009 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 announced in June 2009 at the last Public Board meeting of the year.

**H. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.