

# Carson Graham Community - Carson Capital Project Steering Committee

## June 17, 2009 Meeting Summary Notes

In attendance: Assistant Superintendent Dave Pearce (Chair); Principal Steve Garland; Teacher Representative John Buchanan; CUPE Staff Representative Joyce Griffiths; NVSD Capital Projects Manager Jim Prunty; Director of Facilities & Planning Ian Abercrombie; Carson Graham Vice Principal Ray Bodnaruk; Trustee Representative Susan Skinner

With regrets: Student Representatives Paul Kim and Melissa Lasure; Carson Graham First Nations Teacher Brad Baker; Parent Representative Mary St. Martin

### 1. Balmoral/Carson Graham Consolidation Decision

Dave Pearce reported on the Board of Education's decision June 9, 2009 to consolidate Balmoral Junior Secondary with Carson Graham Secondary School upon the completion of the Carson Graham Replacement Project. The project architect will meet for a second time with the Carson Graham staff during the week of June 22, 2009.

### 2. Focus Sub-Committees - Updates

Fine Arts – The sub-committee has recommended that the school district ensure that Fine Arts opportunities are available to all students attending both Balmoral and Carson Graham. Information that reflects programming will be passed along to school administrators at both locations

Transportation – A notice has gone out to parents and students of Carson Graham feeder schools and to current Grade 8 students attending Carson Graham indicating that a bus shuttle service will be available in the mornings from Carson to Balmoral, and in the afternoons for the return trip from Balmoral to Carson. More details regarding times and the number of busses/trips will be communicated to parents in August via the August school newsletter and the NVSD website.

Design – A meeting has been scheduled between the project architect and Carson Graham staff. A meeting date/time will also be established for the architect to meet with Balmoral staff.

Programs – It was reported by D. Pearce that a draft report, including the recommendation to ensure that traditional career programs continue at Carson, be shared throughout the district. He also reported that the decision was made to ensure that the new Carson school is built with full teaching kitchen. Other spaces in the new Carson school are being looked at for Robotics, Engineering, Animation and CAD.

Athletics – The sub-committee's recommendation is that the schools proceed with all sports for all students. Dave Pearce will meet with Athletic Directors Tom Larisch and Ian MacDonald and NSSSAA Coordinator Gerry Karvelis to establish the process for a BC School Sports mass eligibility appeal. Secretary-Treasurer Irene Young will contact the NV Rec Commission regarding the possibility of use of the Delbrook and Mickey

McDougall Community Centre gymnasiums following the Jan 2010 demolition of the Carson gym. The committee has also asked if the Secretary-Treasurer could begin discussions with the City of North Vancouver regarding the re-turfing of the Carson field in 2012 and the likelihood of establishing two fields on the same footprint as the current field.

Staffing – A process is in place to allow the transfer of staff between both Balmoral and Carson Graham. The same process will be in place for staffing the new Carson replacement school when consolidation of the two schools occurs.

### **3. First Nations Update**

D. Pearce reported that two letters had been sent by the Superintendent to the Squamish Nation regarding the possible donation of First Nations art work for Balmoral and the use of the Squamish Nation bus for transporting students from the Norgate area to Balmoral during the transition period.

### **4. Planning for Summer**

D. Pearce advised that the planning and organization of the Carson teacher and room moves is proceeding well with moving scheduled during the month of July.

### **5. Contractor Selection**

The committee was informed that NVSD has selected Vanbots as the general contractor to work through Phase 1 of the transitional plan and demolition of Carson Graham. Work will begin in July.

### **6. Other**

Further consideration was given to joining the current Balmoral Community and Carson Community steering groups into one. Further discussion will occur at the committee's next meeting.

### **7. Next Meeting:**

Wed Sept 16, 2009 3:00 pm @ Carson Graham