

Balmoral Community - Carson Capital Project Steering Committee

June 16, 2009 Meeting Summary Notes

In attendance: Assistant Superintendent Dave Pearce (Chair); 08-09 Balmoral Principal Mark James; Parent Representatives Sherri Thomas; Student Representative Stephanie Wood; 09-10 Balmoral Principal Michael Kee

Regrets: Trustee Representative Mary Tasi; CUPE Staff Representative Suzanne Postle, Teacher Representative Toby MacDonald

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 staff of Balmoral will now meet with the project architect to share their thoughts and provide input regarding room configurations. School Principal Mark James will coordinate the meeting with Project Manager Jim Prunty and Director of Facilities Ian Abercrombie.

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.

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 confirmed that packing is underway at Carson Graham with moving scheduled to happen during the months of July and August. The process is on time and on target.

5. Other

The possibility of a joint steering group combining the Balmoral Community and Carson Community Capital Steering Committees was discussed and further discussions will continue in September 2009.

6. Next Meeting:

Monday, Sept 21, 2009 3:30 pm at Balmoral