

Carson Graham Community - Carson Capital Project Steering Committee

May 4, 2009 Meeting Summary Notes

In attendance: Assistant Superintendent Dave Pearce (Chair); Principal Steve Garland; Teacher Representative John Buchanan; CUPE Staff Representative Joyce Griffiths; Parent Representative Mary St. Martin; Student Representative Paul Kim; NVSD Capital Projects Manager Jim Prunty;

Guests: Doug Green; Carson Graham Vice Principal Ray Bodnaruk; District Administrator Brad Baker

With regrets: Trustee Representative Susan Skinner; Director of Facilities & Planning Ian Abercrombie

1. Summary Notes – April 20, 2009 Meeting

Dave Pearce distributed copies of the Summary Notes from the April 20, 2009 meeting.

2. Fine Arts Sub-Committee

D. Pearce will be in touch with teacher Teresa Anton-Marlowe with ascertain if she will be willing to serve as the chairperson for this sub-committee.

3. First Nations Update

Brad Baker, District Administrator, reported on the progress of discussions with First Nations with regards to the transition of Carson Graham First Nations students.

- Approx number of First Nations students at Balmoral next year – 45
- Approx number of First Nations students at Carson next year – 50
- Integrated Studies will be offered at both schools
- Donation of Cedar doors to Balmoral from the Artists for Kids Gallery
- Chief-in-Council will donate art work for Balmoral
- Confirmation of a “Sense of Belonging” blessing at Balmoral in Aug/Sept to start the year on a positive note
- At this point in time, it appears that teachers from Carson Graham will teach both Integrated Studies programs

4. Lessons for Sutherland

Former Sutherland Secondary Principal Doug Green provided a PowerPoint presentation on what could be expected, based upon Sutherland’s experience, during the design and construction periods, as well as the roles of school administration and staff and the involvement of students.

5. Design Sub-Committee – Update

Chair Ray Bodnaruk reported to the Steering Committee on the April 24th tour to recent school construction locations – Sutherland, Panorama Ridge, Heritage Mountain, McMath

- Over 100 pictures were taken on the tour and will be incorporated into a presentation at the May 13th Carson Graham Open House. R. Bodnaruk will deliver the presentation at the Open House.

6. Staffing Update

D. Pearce and Steve Garland jointly provided a staffing update. The NVTA and Board have reached agreement on the staff transfer process from Carson Graham to Balmoral. The staffing process will continue through May.

7. May 13, 2009 Carson Graham Open House

The committee was advised that the Open House on May 13th has been designed by the Carson Graham PAC to include teacher speakers on IB, Programs, new school design, and Technology in a new school. Also to be included with be the student perspective of “Living in a New School”.

8. Other

John Buchanan asked if there was a possibility that the City and School District could look into a replacement for the turf field before the 2012 replacement date, with the rationale being project alignment with the construction of the new school and not field re-development after the new school is built. D. Pearce indicated that he would pass along the request to the district’s Corporate Services department for further investigation.

9. Next Meetings:

May 20, 2009 3:00 pm