

Carson Graham Community - Carson Capital Project Steering Committee

April 20, 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 Representatives Paul Kim and Melissa Lasure; NVSD Capital Projects Manager Jim Prunty; Carson Graham Athletics Director Tom Larisch; Balmoral Vice Principal Kathleen Barter; Carson Graham Vice Principal Ray Bodnaruk

With regrets: Trustee Representative Susan Skinner

1. Summary Notes – April 8, 2009 Meeting

Dave Pearce distributed copies of the Summary Notes from the April 8, 2009 meeting.

2. Focus Committees - Updates

Transportation – Kathleen Barter, sub-committee Chair, reported that contact has been established with Translink to discuss possible revised transit routes and potential bus passes. Efforts are also underway to acquire pricing from private bus companies for round-trip pickup and drop off. The sub-committee is also investigating district bus use as well as possible Squamish Nation bus for Norgate-area students.

Building/Site Design – Ray Bodnaruk, sub-committee Chair, reported on preparations for the April 24th bus tour of recently constructed/renovated school facilities, advising that a package will be prepared for all participants. He further noted that each stop will provide approx 45-60 minutes of time for questions to be posed to site representatives at each school.

Athletics – Tom Larisch, sub-committee Chair, reported that BC School Sports has confirmed that it is possible to have students who attend a different school play for their home schools during construction and upgrading of their own school. He noted that the sub-committee wants to ensure that both schools work together as soon as possible and the committee will have a further meeting to ensure that all parties understand the consolidation versus closure issue and what that means for students at either school.

Programs – Dave Pearce reported that there will be no career programs offered at Carson Graham during the reconstruction as space and student enrollment is limited. All students heading into their final year of the two-year Chef's Training program will be accommodated through Work Experience placements next year. He advised that the task of the Programs Sub-committee will be to explore "21st Century" careers and provide feedback with respect to the future development of such programs.

Staffing – Dave Pearce reported that the meeting next between the NVTAs and the school district is scheduled for April 21, 2009.

Fine Arts – Dave Pearce reported that efforts continue to identify a chairperson for this sub-committee.

3. Lessons Learned from Sutherland Secondary Capital Project

D. Pearce advised that the information materials referred to in the April 8th meeting will be made available to administrators and staff by May 11th and will include a “Do’s and Don’ts” workbook and a PowerPoint presentation.

4. Steering Committee Meetings

The committee discussed the feasibility of joining the Carson Graham Community and the Balmoral Community steering committees into one. It was agreed that it would be best to wait until after the Board’s decision is made in June regarding the possible consolidation of the two schools.

5. Other

A request was put forward to establish a Moving sub-committee to address matters with respect to the physical move of staff, resources and students from Carson Graham. The committee felt this was a significant area to oversee and that responsibilities, procedures and timelines could be communicated through the sub-committee, reducing some of these demands on the school principal. Further investigation and discussion with the school principal continues in this area.

6. Next Meetings:

May 4, 2009 3:00 pm