School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Meeting Summary of the Board's Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting held in the Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre, 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver, British Columbia on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

PRESENT:

Ian Abercrombie, Director, Facilities & Planning
Heather Abramyck, NVTA
Georgia Allison, Director of Financial Services
Holly Back, Trustee
Liz Bell, SSG
Anna Bonga, Windsor House parent
Linda Buchanan, Trustee
Doug Beveridge, AEA Representative
Lisa Cartwright, NVPAC
Kelly Clarke, NVTA
Dianne Fairfield, Fairfield Music
Lory Fairfield, Fairfield Music
Barry Forward, Trustee
Wayne Froese, Windsor House parent
Steve Galliford, Windsor House PAC co-chair
Rachel Goddyn, Windsor House parent
Karl Graham, NVPAc
Karen Harrop, AEA
Renee Hislop, SSG
Susannah Howick, AEA
Helen Hughes, Windsor House/SANE
Cary Hungle, AEA
Bob Jackson, CUPE
Jeff Jackson, Manager, Maintenance
Mark James, SSG Representative
Mark Jefferson, Coordinator, Human Resources
Larry Johnson, Asst Superintendent
Bal Kang, Infrastructure Mgr, IT Services
Kelly Laroue, VP, Seymour Heights
John Lewis, Superintendent
Mike McGraw
Don McKay, NVPAC
Susan McLean, NVTA
Marianne Macario, NVTA
Chris Miller
Dave Montgomery, AEA
David North, Lions Gate Christian Academy
David Overgaard, SSG Representative
Dave Pearce, Asst Superintendent
Bryn Roberts, Asst Superintendent
Sandy Shaw, Mgr, Commun. & Business Develop.
Susan Skinner
Franci Stratton, Standing Committee Chair
Scott Sutherland, AEA
Mary Tasi, Trustee
Arlie Thompson, AEA
Jane Thornthwaite, Trustee
Leslie Uhlenbruck, NVPAC
Barb Walter, Director, Human Resources
Deb Wanner, Principal, Fromme Elementary
Linda Watson, NVTA
Natalie Whyte, NS Child Care Centre
Irene Young, Secretary Treasurer

A. Call to Order

Standing Committee Chair Franci Stratton called the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee to order at 7:00 pm. Chair Stratton noted that there would be a change to the agenda and that additional budget proposals would be tabled after group discussion on the budget tiers.

C.1. Ministry of Education (MOE) Grant Announcement

Secretary Treasurer Irene Young reviewed the March 15, 2009 grant announcement, reporting that the 2009/10 Final Operating Grant Total for SD 44 (North Vancouver) is $119, 854,579 the same as the previous year's total grant. The Secretary Treasurer noted that School District will benefit from labour settlement funding and that funding protection is currently in the grant but is subject to change dependent on Summer Learning. Director of Financial Services Georgia Allison presented the three year budget overview noting the impact of continuing declining enrolment.

C.2. Report of the Budget Working Groups

Standing Committee Chair Franci Stratton provided an overview of the process which included three meetings of the Budget Tier Working Groups. Secretary Treasurer Young noted that there are many challenging budget reduction proposals under consideration because of the difficult financial position of a $3 million shortfall faced by the school district for 2009/10.

C.2. Report of the Budget Working Groups (continued)

Chair Franci Stratton introduced each Budget Tier Chair who reviewed the proposals that their working committees had developed and recommended. Following the tier presentations, Chair Stratton asked participants to break out into table groups to provide feedback on all of the tier proposals and to provide other suggestions to assist the Board in attaining a balanced budget.

C.4. Additional Budget Proposals

Once the discussion groups reconvened, Superintendent John Lewis presented a list of Additional Budget Proposals developed by senior administration for consideration and/or replacement of one or more of the budget proposals identified in the Preliminary Report of the Budget Working Groups. The participants again broke out into table groups to provide feedback on these additional budget proposals.

After reconvening the groups, Chair Franci Stratton closed the discussion by thanking the participants and advised that feed back forms would be collected by the School District until Tuesday, April 14, 2009. The feed back would be incorporated into a budget plan to be presented at the April 21, 2009 Finance & Facilities Standing Committee meeting.

C.5. Summary of the March 3, 2009 Meeting

The summary notes were provided to Standing Committee participants in their agenda package.

D.1. Future Agenda Items

A Preliminary 2009/10 Budget Plan will be presented at the next Finance and Facilities Standing Committee meeting.

D.2. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee will be Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Sutherland Secondary, 1860 Sutherland Avenue, North Vancouver.

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.