

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE II – PLANNING AND FACILITIES

TUESDAY, 2010 January 19

Committee Report to the Board Monday, 2010 February 01

The Committee met to discuss the following items:

1a. Delegation – Strathcona PAC

A. Ellis, T. Wilcox and D. Duncan, members of Strathcona PAC, gave a brief presentation regarding the Brook & Associates report on the Strathcona NCLD Space Program. They highlighted the following:

- o that approval of the recommendation is important to ensure that the seismic upgrading process can begin;
- o that an additional 4 classrooms be added to the renewal plan to ensure adequate space for enrolment growth;
- o that the cafeteria space remain, and a larger industrial kitchen be added;
- o that the primary building be removed if a suitable proponent is not in place by the end of the seismic upgrading project.

The delegation was thanked for their presentation.

NOTE: Item 2 was discussed.

1b. Delegation – General Gordon PAC

C. French and E. Pickett, from the Gordon PAC, provided their response to the Brook & Associates report on the Gordon NCLD Space Program. They distributed five charts and provided their opinion that the recommendations in the report do not reflect the values identified at the Gordon Visioning Session and Open House; and highlighted the following needs of the school:

- o Ensuring the safety of students, staff, and all who use the school facility.
- o Minimally maintaining the current space with a focus on opportunities for flexibility and expansion of educational and community programming.
- o Meeting the full demand for childcare services.
- o Making sustainability a priority, including fully funding LEED standards and recognizing the sustainability advantages of renovation.
- o Expanding the covered play and outdoor learning spaces.

The delegation was thanked for their presentation.

1c. Delegation – West Kitsilano Residents Association

J. Pierce and L. Benge, from the West Kitsilano Residents Association, spoke on their position for the full or partial retention, and seismic upgrade, of Gordon Elementary. They emphasized that parents and community members at the vision session and open houses showed strong support for a retention/renovation option.

The delegation was thanked for their presentation.

1d. Delegation – General Gordon School Renewal Working Group

B. Urhich, member of General Gordon School Renewal Working Group, spoke about:

- o the Neighbourhood Centre of Learning and Development (NCLD) process
- o how it needs to be more streamlined; and
- o previous discussions regarding their concerns with the Ministry about “thinking big” and not being limited by Ministry area standards.

The delegate was thanked for his presentation.

1e. Delegation – General Gordon Staff

M. Locke and C. MacIntyre, teachers of Gordon Elementary, expressed appreciation to the Gordon parent group for their efforts to have the space allotment for new schools increased. They indicated that they still have concerns about the lack of covered play areas and storage space, and coordination with outside rentals. Apart from these issues, all school staff met and declared a unanimous preference for a complete school replacement building.

The delegation was thanked for their presentation.

2. Strathcona NCLD Space Program Report

M. Dale, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, C. Sidjak, Facilities Manager – Planning, and L. Green, Associate Superintendent, reported on the progress of the Neighbourhood Centre for Learning and Development (NCLD) consultation process for Lord Strathcona Elementary. L. Schmidt of Brook + Associates was contracted to develop the work plan and manage the NCLD consultation process which resulted in the Lord Strathcona NCLD Space Program Report.

The NCLD Steering Committee has reviewed the feedback and recommendations provided by Brook + Associates and believe that this project should now advance to the project definition and optimal design stage.

In response to delegates concerns, staff confirmed:

- o that the proposed school capacity has included consideration of a new elementary school at International Village. If approved by the Ministry, the site of the Strathcona attendance area would be reduced by shifting the boundary line to Main Street. Therefore, the request for a larger school at Strathcona would diminish the business case for the International Village school proposal; and
- o that the proposed concept plan includes retention of the existing school kitchen facilities which are situated in the basement of the auditorium building.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Trustees endorse the proposed conceptual program and recommendations presented in the *Lord Strathcona NCLD Space Program Report* prepared by Brook and Associates and authorize staff to proceed to project identification and definition of an optimal design solution.

NOTE: The agenda returned to Item 1b.

3. General Gordon NCLD Space Program Report

M. Dale, C. Sidjak and L. Green reported on the progress of the Neighbourhood Centre for Learning and Development (NCLD) consultation process for General Gordon Elementary. L. Schmidt of Brook + Associates was contracted to develop the work plan and manage the NCLD consultation process which resulted in the General Gordon NCLD Space Program Report.

The NCLD Steering Committee has reviewed the feedback and recommendations provided by Brook + Associates and believe that this project should now advance to the project definition and optimal design stage.

G. Vockeroth, VESTA representative, affirmed that the teachers are unanimous in their support for the complete new building option.

Based on the input provided by parents, the Committee discussed the need to hold the Ministry accountable for previous comments. The Board Chairperson offered to contact the Premier's office asking for confirmation of comments made by Ministry staff regarding the proposed school space.

Committee members decided to table decision on the recommendation noted below until a response is received from the Ministry.

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4. Educational & Facilities Best Practice Planning Workshop

A. Grant and R. Moore, Facilities Project Directors, spoke about the Fielding Nair International interactive workshop on February 4th. This workshop will introduce key stakeholders to global education and facilities best practice ideas and how these might apply within the context of the district's own unique needs.

This item was received for information.

5. Submission of Motions – BCSTA 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Chairperson referred to the memorandum dated 2010 January 08, entitled *Submission of Motions - BCSTA 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM)*. The deadline for submissions of motions to the BCSTA are 2010 February 11 for Extraordinary motions and 2010 February 19 for Substantive motions.

Committee members were asked to submit their motions via email to either Trustee Wong or Mark Dale. Trustee Wong informed the committee that he will be presenting a motion regarding the restoration of the Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) funding.

This item was received for information.

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 2010 February 02 at 1730 hours.

Allan Wong, Chairperson

Committee II Members Present:

Carol Gibson, Ken Clement

Other Trustees Present:

Patti Bacchus, Allen Blakey, Mike Lombardi,
Jane Bouey, Ken Denike

District Management Present:

Steve Cardwell, Lynn Green, Brenda Ng, Mark Dale

Association Representatives Present:

Shaun van der Hoop, VSTA
Glenn Vockeroth, VESTA
Mark Pearmain, VASSA
Darren Mitzel, VEPVPA
Julianne Doctor, DPAC
Denis Polishchuk, DSC