

## BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm

The Board of Trustees of Vancouver Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in the Boardroom at the Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Trustees Present: M. Lombardi, in the Chair, J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, F. Ballantyne, J. Fraser, P. Noble, C. Richardson, S. Robertson, A. Wong, T. Zhao (student trustee)

Also Present: S. Robinson, Superintendent of Schools  
R. Horswill, Secretary Treasurer  
N. Brennan, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services  
J. Stewart, Associate Superintendent-Employee Services  
D. Nelson, Project Lead-Long Range Facilities Plan  
M. Kassis, Director of Instruction-Field Services  
J. Meschino, Director of Facilities  
C. Atkinson, District Principal-Project Director-Secondary  
C. Caparas, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the meeting of the Board is being held in the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish peoples.

### I. GENERAL GORDON ELEMENTARY OUTBUILDING OPTIONS

#### 1. Motion to dissolve the Board Meeting into Committee of the Whole

Moved by J. Alexander, seconded by J. Fraser, that the Board dissolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 2. Senior Management Report on General Gordon Elementary Outbuilding Options

The Secretary Treasurer presented and reviewed a report dated March 4, 2016 entitled *General Gordon Elementary Outbuilding Options*. The General Gordon Elementary “yellow schoolhouse” outbuilding is scheduled to be demolished as part of the replacement school project. Leading up to the demolition, the Board received communication requesting the building be preserved and also received communication requesting that the area be turned into green space for children. The report contained information pertaining to the issue and options for Board consideration.

This item was received for information.

#### 3. Delegations re General Gordon Elementary Outbuilding Options

The Chairperson reviewed the Procedures for Delegations to the Board.

The following delegates presented on the General Gordon Elementary Outbuilding Options. No written briefs were provided.

- V. Stephens, Gordon Elementary Parent Advisory Council
- B. Mikulec, BC Retired Teachers’ Association, Heritage Committee
- J. Pierce, West Kitsilano Residents Association
- B. Ash
- C. Anderson, Vancouver Vanishes
- J. Mosley, Vancouver Heritage Foundation

**I. GENERAL GORDON ELEMENTARY OUTBUILDING OPTIONS**

**3. Delegations re General Gordon Elementary Outbuilding Options (continued)**

- o J. Gordon, West Kitsilano Residents Association
- o C. Smith
- o A. Guthrie-Warman, Heritage Vancouver
- o J. Coates

Delegates expressed their concerns regarding the demolition of the General Gordon Elementary School “yellow schoolhouse” outbuilding. Some provided input on possible ways in which the outbuilding could be retained.

The Chairperson thanked the delegates for their presentation.

**4. Motion to Rise from Committee of the Whole**

Moved by J. Alexander, seconded by A. Wong, that the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Motion to Reconvene the Board Meeting**

Moved by J. Alexander, seconded by P. Bacchus, that the Board meeting be reconvened.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Board Discussion re General Gordon Elementary Outbuilding Options**

Main Motion

Moved by J. Alexander, seconded by P. Bacchus, that the Board endorse “Option 2 – Retain Building for Other Use” contained in the General Gordon Elementary Outbuilding Options report, on the condition that scheduled occupancy of the school for September 2016 is not affected.

That the Board direct staff to issue an Expression of Interest (EOI) by March 20, 2016, which closes April 20, 2016, for proponents to submit a proposal that retains and restores the General Gordon Yellow Schoolhouse outbuilding. As a condition of the EOI, the proponents shall reimburse the Vancouver School Board (VSB) for any incremental costs incurred as defined in the EOI, and shall assume responsibility for all costs of planning, restoring, and future maintenance of the outbuilding in accordance with uses approved by the VSB and the City of Vancouver.

That the Board authorize the demolition of the General Gordon Yellow Schoolhouse outbuilding if: a) the “Option 2- Retain Building for Other Use” jeopardizes occupancy of the school for September 2016, or b) no acceptable proposals are received by April 20, 2016, or if a selected proposal signed agreement is not finalized by May 10, 2016 (as deemed acceptable to the VSB). As the case may be, staff are directed to notify the Board and communicate appropriately prior to the outbuilding being demolished.

The Secretary Treasurer clarified the Gordon Elementary project risks and cost implications to delay the demolition of the outbuilding.

**I. GENERAL GORDON ELEMENTARY OUTBUILDING OPTIONS**

**6. Board Discussion re General Gordon Elementary Outbuilding Options (continued)**

First Amendment

Moved by P. Noble, seconded by S. Robertson that the main motion be amended to read as follows:

That the Board explore options to retain the General Gordon yellow school house for potential other uses, including the following actions:

1. VSB meetings with Heritage BC, Heritage branch of BC Government and Vancouver Heritage Foundation and other relevant organizations re potential funding/support.
2. Meet with COV re heritage designation of school house and any relaxations, flexibility from COV as a result of designation, including relaxation of lane easement, parking etc., relaxation of costs for permit changes.
3. Issue and widely publicize request for expressions of interest for organizations to repurpose the school house to lease for their use, with funds to be provided by these organizations for any upgrades or other costs required for that use, including costs of operation.
4. Deadline for expressions of interest to be determined by staff, with final submissions no later than April 27.

Discussion ensued on the rationale for and against the amendment.

The mover of the amendment withdrew the amendment.

Second Amendment

Trustee Noble moved to amend the main motion by replacing the deadline for the submission of expression of interest from April 20 to April 27.

Discussion ensued on the rationale for and against the second amendment

A vote was taken on the second amendment and it was declared

DEFEATED

For: P. Noble, S. Robertson, C. Richardson, F. Ballantyne

Against: J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, J. Fraser, M. Lombardi, A. Wong

A vote was taken on the main motion and it was declared

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **II. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **A. Meeting of February 29, 2016**

Moved by J. Alexander, seconded by A. Wong, that the minutes of the February 29, 2016 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **B. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **1. Notice of Motion: 2016/2017 Restoration Budget**

Moved by P. Bacchus, seconded by A. Wong, that the Board request that staff develop an updated 2016/17 Restoration Budget (based on last year's version and updated with current numbers) as part of the budget process.

Discussion ensued on the rationale for and against the motion.

CARRIED

For: J. Alexander, P. Bacchus, J. Fraser, M. Lombardi, A. Wong  
Against: F. Ballantyne, P. Noble, C. Richardson, S. Robertson

## **III. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

### **A. Maquinna Annex (verbal)**

The Superintendent of Schools provided an update on the school closure process for Maquinna Annex.

### **B. School Highlights**

The Superintendent of Schools reported on the following items:

- Loran Scholarships awarded to district students, B. Vaisey of Vancouver Technical Secondary and S. Tsui of Hamber Secondary;
- Annual VSB Science Celebration for elementary students and District Science Fair for secondary students; and
- Superintendent's visit to Beaconsfield Elementary;

## **IV. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

The Student Trustee reported on the following items:

- Passport to Play at Tupper Secondary;
- Youth Week at Creekside Community Centre; and
- District Science Fair.

**V. COMMITTEE I: MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING**

**A. Reports**

**1. Meeting of March 2, 2016**

The Chairperson of the Committee, P. Bacchus, presented the report of the March 2, 2016 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following items from the report:

**a. Medical Marijuana-Related Business in Vancouver**

Moved by F. Ballantyne, seconded by C. Richardson, that the Chair of the Vancouver Board of Education write to Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council on behalf of the Board calling on the City of Vancouver to increase the distance between retail medical marijuana-related stores and schools from the current 300 metres to 500 metres to better mitigate the negative impacts of marijuana-related businesses on the youth of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b. Centre for Aboriginal Education, Culture and History**

Moved by P. Bacchus, seconded by A. Wong, that the Vancouver Board of Education initiate a consultation with the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish First Nations, in addition Aboriginal Focus School parents and Vancouver Aboriginal community members and organizations (including the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council), to determine if there is support for making a request to the federal government for infrastructure funding for the construction and development of a Centre for Aboriginal Education, Culture and History along with a new building for the Aboriginal Focus School at the MacDonald School site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**c. Local School Calendar 2016-2017**

Trustee Wong excused himself from this item due to a perceived conflict of interest. Trustee Wong left the meeting.

Moved by P. Bacchus, seconded by F. Ballantyne, that the Board of Education:

- o adopt the proposed School Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year; and
- o adopt the proposed school calendars for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Wong returned to the meeting.

The Board considered the following information items:

- o Delegation: Child Care Administrators Network
- o Delegation: Vancouver Secondary Teachers Association (VSTA): Spare Blocks & Funding
- o Strategic Plan Update
- o Vancouver Learning Network (VLN) Update

Moved by P. Bacchus, seconded by J. Alexander, that the report of the March 2, 2016 meeting be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**V. COMMITTEE I: MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING (continued)**

**A. Matters Arising from the Report**

**1. Revised Notice of Motion: Medical Marijuana-related Business in Vancouver**

Moved by F. Ballantyne, seconded by C. Richardson, that the Vancouver Board of Education direct senior staff to monitor, as appropriate, the City of Vancouver development permit process regarding marijuana-related businesses currently underway and those that may arise in the future. Staff will report back to the Board as appropriate, on approved permits and appeals in progress on medical marijuana-related permits.

The mover of the motion indicated that there is no urgency to deal with this matter. With that, the Chairperson ruled that the motion will be considered by the Board at its next regular meeting.

**VI. COMMITTEE II: PLANNING & FACILITIES: None**

**VII. COMMITTEE III: EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES: None**

**VIII. COMMITTEE IV: PERSONNEL & STAFF SERVICES**

**A. Reports**

**1. Meeting of March 3, 2016**

The Chairperson of the Committee, F. Ballantyne, presented the report of the March 3, 2016 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following information items from the report:

- District Emergency Response Procedures
- Choice Programs – Class Size and Class Composition

Moved by F. Ballantyne, seconded by P. Bacchus, that the report of the March 3, 2016 meeting be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**IX. COMMITTEE V: FINANCE & LEGAL: None**

**X. REPORT OF PRIVATE AND RESTRICTED SESSION ITEMS**

The Chairperson reported that:

- at the Board's Private Session on January 25, 2016, the Board approved a motion regarding a Student Trustee request to attend a conference. Additionally, the Board directed staff to prepare an amendment to existing policy with regard to student trustees' attendance at conferences.
- at the Board's Restricted Session of January 25, 2016, the Board approved a motion regarding a district management contract.
- at the Board's Private Session on February 9, 2016, the Board:
  - approved a motion regarding a request for a Level 2 Appeal Hearing (Section 11); and
  - approved a motion regarding exempt compensation and approved that the decision on this item no longer remain private as of noon, February 10, 2016.
- at the Board's Private Session on February 29, 2016, the Board:
  - approved a motion regarding a Section 11 Appeal;
  - approved a motion regarding Vancouver Learning Network (elementary and secondary); and
  - approved a motion regarding the yellow school house at Gordon and that a statement be issued at the end of the meeting.

**XI. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Trustee Wong reported on a meeting held with the Vancouver Public Library Board.

Trustee Alexander and Trustee Richardson reported on attending a reading by S. Johnston of her book entitled Matrons and Madams.

Trustees Richardson reported on attending:

- a retreat at the Britannia Community Services Society;
- Vancouver Technical Secondary Senior Theatre's presentation of "Hiroshima: Crucible of Light"; and
- the Governor General of Canada Honours event.

Trustee Lombardi and Trustee Fraser reported on attending a Science Fair event at Langara College.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES: None**

**XIII. QUESTION PERIOD**

Staff responded to questions on what efforts were made to preserve the old Sir James Douglas building and what series of events prompted demolition of the building.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by J. Alexander, seconded S. Robertson, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

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Mike Lombardi, Chairperson

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Russell Horswill, Secretary Treasurer