



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

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CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning and Facilities Committee

Public Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education: Trustee C. Desrosiers, Chair
Trustee W. Broughton, Committee Member
Trustee L. Guderyan, Committee Member
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee L. Tiede
Trustee A. Geistlinger (*via public zoom broadcast*)

Staff: Rob Drew, Director of Operations
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
David Widdis, Planning Manager
Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Kieran Fahy, CUPE Secretary-Treasurer
Nicola Baker, COPAC Vice-President
Zach Johnson, DSC Co-President

There was no representative from COPVPA.

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

AGENDA

June 7, 2023 Committee Agenda – approved as amended:

- *add Appendix D to 2024/2025 Five Year Capital Plan Submission.*
- *move Item 7.2 "Rutland Middle School Update" to 3.2 - Staff Presentations.*

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Planning and Facilities Committee Public Meeting Report - April 5, 2023

April 5, 2023 Committee Report - received as distributed.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Sustainability Initiatives for the 2022/2023 School Year

Harold Schock, Energy and Sustainability Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the District's 2022/2023 energy and sustainability initiatives, with a focus on electric buses. The District currently has six electric buses in the fleet. While there are challenges with electric vehicles (the charging infrastructure, complex repairs, mileage limitations and winter weather in the Okanagan) the buses are very popular with both drivers and students alike. Research is ongoing with respect to adding additional buses to the fleet. The Transportation Department has audited the District's bus routes and calculated whether electric buses could serve all routes and field trips, with adequate charge time included.

The District continues to work with FortisBC and Natural Resources Canada's commitment to transitioning to sustainable transportation, and has been shortlisted for funding to support the acquisition of electric school buses and battery storage.

Mr. Schock also reviewed the low carbon credit process. The District achieved carbon neutrality through a combination of actual emission reductions and carbon offset purchases. This approach allowed the District to effectively manage their greenhouse gas emissions and balance out its carbon footprint.

Mr. Schock responded to questions and comments from the Committee.

The Committee Chair thanked the Energy and Sustainability Manager for his presentation.

Rutland Middle School – Update

The Director of Operations gave an overview of the plan to pivot the District's funding request from the Ministry of Education and Childcare (the "Ministry") to seek a renovation of Rutland Middle School, instead of a replacement. The replacement of Rutland Middle School has been a priority for over 15 years; however, the Ministry has advised that their province-wide priority is to provide funding to reduce reliance on portables, and seismic upgrades.

The Ministry allocates funding to replace one school per year in the province. With almost 1600 schools in 60 districts, there is a very good chance that Rutland Middle School would continue to languish for many years on the replacement list, as it is not a top priority.

The Director of Operations stated that Rutland Middle School is structurally solid, and a renovation would offer the opportunity to create a modern, safe and accessible learning space. There would be improvements to the building envelope, an upgrade to the mechanical system to

improve efficiency; an upgrade to improve accessibility for students and staff, the modernization of learning spaces, and portables would be removed from the school fields.

The Operations Department would also be able to seek funding through minor capital funding.

The Director of Operations and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO answered queries from the Committee.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Kaylyn Martin, the PAC President of Rutland Middle School, thanked the Director of Operations for his presentation. Ms. Martin advised that many parents had reached out to her on this issue as they were disappointed to see that the District was no longer planning to seek the replacement of Rutland Middle School. Ms. Martin attended Rutland Middle school herself, and feels the school still looks the same as when she was a student there, and is outdated compared to other middle schools in the District. Ms. Martin stated that after hearing the presentation from the Director of Operations, she now realizes that parents should be advocating to the province to seek funding for an addition to Rutland Middle School, and asked for information on how parents could help.

The Director of Operations and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared ways parents could lobby the government on this matter.

Reg Volk, a teacher with the District for 35 years, had concerns about the Rutland neighborhood and what the local politicians and school trustees were doing to advocate for residents. He queried the Committee on the purchase of ALR property, the current health and safety assessment of Rutland Middle School, and the plan for students during a renovation.

Trustee Tiede stated she was confident that we have the attention of the government. The Minister of Health recently toured Rutland Middle School, and the school was also a big topic of conversation with the Minister of Education and Child Care during her recent visit to Kelowna. Trustee Tiede is confident that the school is not being overlooked or forgotten, and that District staff will do an excellent job in updating and renovating the school.

The Committee Chair reiterated that if any members of the public had further questions or concerns they could contact the Committee Chair, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO or the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO via email or telephone.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS QUERIES/COMMENTS

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2024/2025 Five Year Capital Plan Submission

The Director of Operations summarized the five-year capital plan submission, which is submitted annually, and due on June 30, 2023.

The Director of Operations answered queries from the Committee members.

Outcome:

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended the following to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Capital Plan Resolutions for the 2024/2025 Five Year Capital Plan as outlined on the attached summary, as attached to the Agenda, and presented at the June 7, 2023 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

2022/2023 Transportation Services Update

Gail Prokopchuk, Transportation Manager, gave an update on the Transportation Department for the 2022/2023 school year and provided information on the new software called Tyler Drive™ which is being implemented in the coming year.

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

None

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

None

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

Public Board Meeting - June 14, 2023

- 2024/2025 Five Year Capital Plan Submission (Action Item)
- 2022/2023 Transportation Services Update (Information Item)
- Rutland Middle School Update (Information Item)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September

- Summer Projects Update

October

- Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

FUTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Questions - Please Contact:

Trustee Desrosiers, Chair at 250-718-6303 or Chantelle.Desrosiers@sd23.bc.ca

Rob Drew, Director of Operations at 250-870-5150 or Rob.Drew@sd23.bc.ca

Chantelle Desrosiers, Chair