



"Accepting the Challenge"

Facilities/Transportation Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 10, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room, Administration Office

Present: D. Karnes, Chairperson, P. Bartlette, J. Murray (Alternate),
M. Snelling (entered 10:30 a.m.) G. Malazdrewicz, K. Zabowski,
M. Clark, R. Harkness

Regrets: G. Barnes

Guest/Observer: S. Couling

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Karnes, Chairperson called the Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Karnes noted he had received a Petition with 55 signatures from residents of the Village of Kemnay and surrounding area opposing the Brandon School Division's School Catchment Recommendation #1 to expand the Alexander Catchment area.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Facilities/Transportation Committee Agenda was approved.

3. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS:

NIL

4. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

a) **FACILITIES REPORT REVIEW AND PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**

The Committee reviewed the feedback from the public consultations and the Petition received from the residents of the Village of Kemnay and surrounding area regarding the proposed changes to the school catchment areas.

Discussions were held regarding each individual recommendation as follows:

Recommendation #1 – Concerns were expressed regarding providing transportation for school of choice students. A suggestion was made to overlap catchment areas so that it was no longer a school of choice issue. It confirmed this is currently provided under school of choice. It was felt this proposal would cause more confusion as students would need to identify the school they would attend in an overlapping catchment. The Supervisor of Transportation confirmed that under policy transportation is provided to school of choice students if they would normally be provided bussing to their catchment area school. The number of students affected by the change in catchment was also discussed and reviewed. It was agreed Recommendation #1 be removed and that the promotion of Alexander School was a marketing situation which needed to be addressed with new families. The Committee discussed how the School Division could help promote Alexander School to area residents through the Transportation Department and the Division Office. Supervisor of Transportation, Mr. Harkness, confirmed that the Transportation Department does not promote one school over another, however, they do provide new residents with their choice of programming options. It was also agreed that the Superintendent's Office would have general information available regarding Alexander School and promote the school in the newspaper just prior to September.

Recommendation #2 – Agreed to take forward to the Board of Trustees for approval on June 28, 2010.

Recommendation #3 – Director of Facilities and Transportation, Mr. Clark, distributed a walk-out distance map for the Committee to review. It was noted bussing would be required for approximately 27 students which was a greater number of students than originally estimated. Discussions were held. Assistant

Superintendent, Mr. Malazdrewicz, noted the reasoning for the change in catchment under Recommendation #3 and the impact on students who are split and moved to two different schools for two years before moving on to high school. He spoke about the need for stability and continuity for students entering Grades 7 and 8. The Committee agreed to defer Recommendation #3 until Senior Administration has had an opportunity to look at the operational cost versus the student emotional stability cost as it relates to this proposed change to the catchment area.

Recommendation #4 – Agreed to take forward to the Board of Trustees for approval on June 28, 2010.

Recommendation #5 – Agreed to take forward to the Board of Trustees for approval on June 28, 2010. The Director of Facilities and Transportation was asked to inquire about a crosswalk or some other form of designated crossing from the City of Brandon with respect to providing students with a safe area to cross Douglas Street.

Recommendation #6, 7 and 8 – Agreed to take forward to the Board of Trustees for approval on June 28, 2010.

It was noted that the revised list of recommendations would be presented to the Board of Trustees at the Regular meeting of the Board set for June 28, 2010. Prior to that date, the revised list of recommendations would be placed in the Brandon Sun for the public's information.

Recommendation:

Recommendation #1 - That the Oak Ridge Development be included in the Kirkcaldy Heights catchment and that the Clare Development be moved from the Betty Gibson (K-6)/Earl Oxford (7-8) catchment to the Kirkcaldy Heights catchment.

Recommendation #2 – That the Island Park Development be moved from the George Fitton catchment area to the King George catchment.

Recommendation #3 – That the Riverview catchment area be extended from its current west line down the center of Douglas Street west to include the west side of Douglas Street.

Recommendation #4 – That the area south of Victoria Avenue to Van Horne and between 42nd and 50th Streets be moved from the Riverheights catchment to the Waverly Park catchment.

Recommendation #5 – That the Grade 7 and 8 students residing north of the CP rail tracks and south of the Assiniboine River between 1st Street and 18th Street be reallocated to the New Era School catchment from the Earl Oxford School catchment.

Recommendation #6 – That Betty Gibson, Riverview and Valleyview Schools become K-8 schools when appropriate school enrolment and facilities are available.

b) Division Archives

Trustee Karnes brought forward a request from the Friends of Education Fund Committee regarding the storage of Division Archives currently housed in Fleming School. He noted concerns were expressed regarding storage of the archives once the sale of Fleming School has been completed. Director of Facilities and Transportation, Mr. Mel Clark, confirmed that the Division will be able to store the archives. The Committee agreed to receive the request as information until such time as the Fleming School Building has been sold.

c) TRAFF ALERT CROSSING GUARD PADDLES

The Committee discussed the TRAFF Alert Crossing Guard Paddles sample brought back from the NSBA Conference. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Zabowski, noted that the Division could pay for the one sign that was brought back from the NSBA and then purchase more on an as needed basis. The Committee requested a second set of crossing guard paddles be purchased so that all patrols at one school crossing could have a paddle. Prior to buying the second set of paddles, Senior Administration was directed to contact both the City Police and MPIC to determine whether or not the Division can use

the Crossing Guard Paddles as MPIC currently supplies all Manitoba School Divisions with flags to be used at student crossings.

d) WYFA BUILDING PROPOSAL

Director of Facilities and Transportation, Mr. Clark, reviewed the proposal from the Westman Youth Football Association for a storage building to be placed on the sports field at Neelin High School. He noted that further investigation of what is expected of the Division regarding costs and responsibilities was required. Discussions were held and the Committee asked questions for clarification regarding how much the WYFA used Neelin's football field; the amount of investment and commitment the WYFA has already put into the Neelin field; the availability of grants; the size of the storage space available to the school; and the length of the proposed agreement.

The Committee agreed that Senior Administration should continue to talk with the WYFA and pursue a possible partnership agreement.

5. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

a) Green Acres Roof Update

Mr. Clark, Director of Facilities and Transportation, provided a verbal update on the progress being made with respect to replacement of the Green Acres School Roof. He noted the weather had currently placed the project about two weeks behind schedule.

b) 5 Year Capital Plan

Mr. Clark, Director of Facilities and Transportation noted the 5 Year Capital Plan submission forms had been forwarded to the schools for completion. The Division submission has been extended to the end of July.

c) Meeting with Minister of Education – In-Camera

In-Camera discussions were held regarding the recent meeting with the Minister of Education which took place on June 2, 2010.

6. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TBA

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karnes, Chair

P. Bartlette

M. Snelling

J. Murray (Alternate)