



"Accepting the Challenge"

Facilities/Transportation Committee Minutes

Monday, June 30, 2010, 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room, Administration Office

Present: D. Karnes, Chairperson, P. Bartlette, G. Malazdrewicz, G. Barnes,
M. Clark, R. Harkness

Regrets: J. Murray (Alternate), M. Snelling

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Karnes, Chairperson called the Committee meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Facilities/Transportation Committee Agenda was amended to include the Valleyview Parent Council email regarding the school's gym roof which had been referred to the Committee by the Board of Trustees at their Regular Meeting held June 28, 2010.

3. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS:

NIL

4. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

a) FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barnes, reviewed the five year capital plan with the Committee. It was noted that a public release of the projects has been provided and the Green Acres roof is the only item the Brandon School Division has received approval for the current year. The Committee reviewed and discussed the requests for gymnasiums at both George Fitton and Green Acres Schools; the inclusion of staff washrooms in all proposed renovations to address concerns raised at Workplace Safety and Health meetings; the need for a cafeteria at Vincent Massey High School and the government's position on funding for school cafeterias; review of certain vocational programs at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary High School and the possible renovations that may result from the program review; follow-up with early learning child educators by the Associate Superintendent regarding childcare space in the Division Schools. The Committee also reviewed the Division's requests and priorities with respect to roofing renovations; access requests; and mechanical requests. Discussions were held regarding the possibility of approaching MASBO for a list of provincial requests related to roofing and infrastructure for the purpose of requesting MSBA to lobby for more funds to improve school building infrastructure. Discussions were also held regarding the need for an Elevator at Meadows School, noting there is currently a child in the school who will require access to the second floor within the next few year; along with the need for an elevator and a lift at O'Kelly School. The Committee agreed to recommend for approval the Five Year Capital Plan Update 2011-2016.

Recommendation:

That the Five Year Capital Plan Update 2011-2016 be approved for submission to The Public Schools Finance Board.

b) VALLEYVIEW SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA REVISION

The Committee reviewed a letter received from a parent regarding the removal of the recommendation relating to Valleyview School Catchment. It was noted that the proposed recommendation had been postponed until Senior Administration and the Transportation Department could determine the number of students affected and the costs to bus the students to Earl Oxford School. Supervisor of Transportation, Mr. R. Harkness, confirmed that the bussing of students from the proposed revised catchment to Earl Oxford School could be done for relatively no additional costs as it was simply a matter of rerouting one

of buses currently in the area. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barnes, noted the Superintendent's Office strongly recommends that all students in Valleyview School's Grade 6 class be kept together in the same school for Grades 7 and 8. The Committee discussed the proposed issue of grandfathering students whose older siblings have already left the school. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barnes, noted Division practice for grandfathering and that parents would be required to apply under "school of choice". The Committee agreed to move forward with the proposed recommendation regarding Valleyview School Catchment.

Recommendation:

That all the Grade 7 and 8 students residing in the area west of McDiarmid Drive and east of 34th Street, the Valleyview School K-6 catchment, be moved from Riverheights School to Earl Oxford School effective the 2011/2012 school year.

c) VALLEYVIEW SCHOOL GYMNASIUM ROOF

The Committee discussed the letter received from the Valleyview School Parent Council expressing concern about the poor condition of the school's gymnasium roof and the long standing issue of the roof leaking water during the spring thaw and periods of moderate to heavy rain. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barnes, noted a request for emergency repair of the roof had been forwarded to the PSFB. He noted the communications which had been forwarded to the PSFB regarding various areas of concern the Division had with respect to the Valleyview School roof and other infrastructure concerns and the lack of response from the PSFB with respect to these communications. Discussions were held and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chair of the PSFB noting the Division's concerns and the letter from the Valleyview School Parent Council as an additional communication supporting the Division's concerns.

Recommendation:

That a letter be forwarded to the Public Schools Finance Board Chairperson regarding the replacement of the Valleyview School gymnasium roof.

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 building should be sealed to the gym by next week. The roof is going well and will be ready by school start up. It is hoped that all the classroom work will also be completed for school start up. The Committee suggested using casual staff to help move furniture etc. if timelines were tight.

b) Letter from Transportation Department

The letter regarding transportation emergency evacuation drills was received as information..

6. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TBA

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Karnes, Chair

P. Bartlette

M. Snelling

J. Murray (Alternate)