

B.A. Parker Public School Replacement Project

Design Steering Committee Meeting

Convened at Geraldton Composite HS- Videoconference Room
With Teleconference Access

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 - 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BAPS Steering Committee	<i>Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Barrett, Chantal Community Rep	X					Luomala, Al Principal (GCHS)					
Chiupka, Wayne Plant Manager (SGDSB)	X					MacOdrum, Kaitie Student (BAPS)					
Czerwinski, Vance Community Rep		X				Mannisto, Mark Board Chair (SGDSB)					
Davis, Julie Parent Council (GCHS)	X					Pella, Patti Director (SGDSB)	X				
Davis, Kirsti Student (GCHS)						Penna, Linda Principal (BAPS)	X				
Davis, Patti Support Staff (GCHS)						Slomke, Lisa Parent Council (BAPS)					X
Kurish, Cathy Teacher (BAPS)	X					Sutherland, Nancy Support Staff (BAPS)	X				
Lindsay, Heidi Teacher (GCHS)						Turner, Jim Trustee (SGDSB)	X				

Note: Drawing of GCHS was attached for reference during discussions

1.0 Welcome

Director of Education Patti Pella welcomed everyone.

She explained the glitch in the communication where the committee should have received the report before it went to the board.

She reported on a meeting she and Bruce had with Nancy Naylor from the Ministry of Education. Additional money for the project was denied.

2.0 Review Minutes: February 12, 2009

The minutes were approved as per attached.

3.0 Update: Ministry of Education

3.1 Board Report No. 18

P. Pella referred to this report as information presented to the Board on March 23, 2009.

4.0 Project

4.1 Project Timelines

Wayne Chiupka wants to bring in the architect to look at the school and do some additional drafts.

5.0 New Business

- C. Barrett: What monies have we committed to the architect?
- W. Chiupka: Confirmed that they have arranged a prearranged amount and the architect fees are spelled out already. We need to have the architect work on drawings and not sketches.
- P. Pella: Explained that the Ministry wants us to reduce the spaces we have in the school and not create more excess spaces.
- C. Barrett: Are we only looking at adding a gym?
- P. Pella: Explained that the Ministry does not want to pay for additional student spaces; they are looking at using internal space in the high school.
- N. Sutherland: Are we are looking at building another gym?
- P. Pella: Clarified that the Ministry feels that we should be using the existing gym.
- N. Sutherland: Requested some strict guidelines to avoid wasting our time.
- P. Pella: Again, emphasized that we need to have more efficient use of space and not build additional space. The Ministry did not support the blueprints that were submitted.
- N. Sutherland: Is there was a five year plan for B.A. Parker.
- W. Chiupka: Explained that BAPS is Prohibitive to Repair and as a result does not get RECAPP funding. Instead it gets PTR funding. B.A. Parker did not get any RECAPP; as did Geraldton Composite HS. The RECAPP money is specifically targeted for items and cannot be used to support this BAPS project.
- N. Sutherland: Reiterated need to have more specific guidelines for the project.
- P. Pella: Pointed out that the need to plan for the future. If more money is put into buildings then there is less money for staff etc.
- N. Sutherland: Inquired about enrolment and having to put in triple and quadruple grades.
- J. Davis: What will happen with other school?
- P. Pella: Explained that the Ministry has confirmed enough money to demolish B.A. Parker PS. The money cannot be used in any other way.
- J. Turner: Confirmed that we are not in a position to sell B.A. Parker PS because we need the land space for students during recesses or outside activities associated with school life.
- C. Barrett: What we are looking at now as far as what we would look at for building at GCHS?
- W. Chiupka: Explained that shops are currently viewed as broad-based.
- N. Sutherland: What about the arrangement with Confederation College and the town's use of the pool?
- W. Chiupka: We must try to work around the space that is used by the college and the town.

- P. Pella: Noted that it is important not to offend community partners.
- W. Chiupka: We need to start again.
- P. Pella: We need to look at what are we willing to give on and what are priorities.
- V. Czerwinski: Raised concern about the possibility of losing shop programs at the high school. He also noted that easement requirements must be regarded.
- W. Chiupka: We need to ensure there is a focus on kindergarten rooms for the build.
- C. Kurish: Is there grant monies kindergarten rooms?
- P. Pella: Yes.
- N. Sutherland: Can the pool be filled?
- W. Chiupka: It is emptied in mid-Oct and then filled in April, when the town operates it again. Any space can be renovated, but this may not be a practical space.
- P. Pella: Requested committee members take the information away and provide feedback regarding school needs.

6.0. Next Meeting Date

Monday, April 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.