



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (RICHMOND)

**COUNCIL/BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2001
1:00 p.m.

Place: 3rd Floor Meeting Room
School District Administration Office

Present: Trustee Sandra Bourque - Chair
Trustee Donna Sargent*
Councillor Lyn Greenhill

Regrets: Councillor Harold Steves
Trustee Gerry Retallick

Also Present: D. McLellan, General Manager - Urban Development
J. Beran, Planner - Urban Development
C. Volkering Carlile, General Manager - Parks Recreation and Cultural Services
K. Sparrow, Director Recreation and Cultural Services
K.L. Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
G. McLean, Manager of Facilities
G. Hackenbruch, Recording Secretary

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED BY S. BOURQUE AND SECONDED BY L. GREENHILL:

THAT the agenda for the Tuesday, October 30, 2001 meeting be adopted with the following addition:

Item 5.4 - OCP Consultation Policy

CARRIED

2. BRIEFS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

3. MINUTES

MOVED BY L. GREENHILL AND SECONDED BY S. BOURQUE:

THAT the minutes of the June 26, 2001 Council/Board Liaison Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 City of Richmond Task Force on Drugs and Crime

Councillor Greenhill stated that no meeting has been held for the past year. Councillor Greenhill provided an update on an initiative proposed by Vancouver City Council. She stated that Vancouver City is in a consultation phase with regard to the provision of safe injection facilities but there appears to be little support for this initiative on Richmond council. Councillor Greenhill pointed out that as Richmond shares a Health Board with Vancouver, it is possible that this initiative may also be suggested for Richmond. Trustee Bourque noted that RADAT was to have an initiative in place for elementary schools in the Richmond School District but that without the task force meeting it is difficult to know how to proceed for other education initiatives in the city. It was noted that prevention work was to be the focus for elementary schools while intervention had been the focus at secondary schools in the District.

4.2 Early Childhood Development Initiative

Mr. McLellan said that direction was required under item 3 of the Preschool Initiative Meeting Notes of September 17, 2001. He asked if it were appropriate to bring it through this committee. Mr. McLellan said that as a community we could have access to some funding by embarking on this program. Trustee Bourque conveyed that due to the core review process taking place within various Ministries it might prove difficult to acquire further funding. Trustee Bourque agreed that clarification was required on item 3 of the Notes and will request that Associate Superintendent Bruce Beairsto provide such clarification.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Regular Maintenance and School Vandalism Costs

A memo was included with the agenda package. Mr. Morris provided an overview of the continuing rising costs with regard to school vandalism. He stated that a recommendation is being taken to the Board to develop a policy on video surveillance at District schools. He said that a Task Force was in place involving the RCMP and that there is improved coordination with the school district to focus on the 'hot spots'. He stated that Julie Brown has been given the security portfolio for the District. Mr. Morris also provided a brief overview around security arrangements for Halloween, including the coordination with the RCMP and stated that some Parent Advisory Councils have hired private security guards between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 2 a.m.

**Donna Sargent entered the meeting at 1:20 p.m.*

5.2 School Site Acquisition Charge

Mr. McLellan stated that the attachment to the agenda was for information. Mr. Morris asked about development activity in Richmond. Mr. McLellan provided an overview and said that it appears that smaller applications are the most active at this time with very few large applications in the Planning Department. Ms. Beran mentioned that it was felt that the events of September 11 had had an impact on development applications. Mr. McLellan reported on a proposed BC Packers single family development. Discussion took place around schools that could be affected by this large single family development. Trustee Bourque requested an update on the MOT Lands in Richmond. Mr. McLellan responded that no update was available at this time but did state that Council had asked that a "vision" for this parcel of land be presented by December this year. Mr. Morris stated that he had had some discussion with developers and they had indicated that a large development was envisaged for this land. However, Councillor Greenhill stated that this proposal had fallen through. Mr. Morris asked if it were feasible to approach the Government's 'Dumb Rules Committee' with the suggestion that this legislation be cancelled. Mr. McLellan responded by proposing that this suggestion be raised at the next Urban Development Institute meeting which is held bi-monthly.

5.3 Tall Ships

Ms. Cathy Volkering-Carlile provided a report on this item that included the infrastructure and development required. This included such items as the possibility of the City asking for use of schools in the area for an internet cafe for those on the ships, as well as showering facilities and parking for up to 20,000 visitors per day using school parking. Accommodation and a shuttle service for those outside of Steveston were also mentioned. It was requested that the City provide their requirements to the School Board for Board approval. Ms. Volkering-Carlile set out methods which are aimed at providing the opportunity of involving all children in this event, including a potential roll out into curriculum development for elementary schools and the opportunity for secondary school students to board the ships for a couple of days. The vision is for the emerging of a large program, dependent on the involvement and interest of the community. Mr. Morris stated we have to be cognizant of confirmed rentals as well as the fact that schools may already be planning events for this early to mid August 2002 time period. Ms. Volkering-Carlile will provide correspondence relating to the exact dates involved but indicated that it be a period of approximately 10 days which includes set up and tear down. Trustee Bourque conveyed that due to financial constraints imposed by the Ministry of Education, the Board might not be in a position to freely provide the use of Board facilities. Trustee Bourque asked that the City advise the Board of their expectations with regard to costs as soon as they are available. Ms. Volkering-Carlile advised that she would ensure the District is kept aware of developments in a timely manner. Trustee Sargent asked if this event had been approved. Councillor Greenhill stated that it has not but indicated it will be discussed in November 2001.

5.3 OCP Consultation Policy

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Ms. Beran referred to the handout and provided an update that included changes that will put in place. She provided a background on the proposed revised policy that City Staff had hoped to bring to Council once feedback was received from the Council Board Liaison Committee. Ms. Beran set out the proposed guide for City staff of when they should initiate consultation with the School District with respect to OCP bylaw amendments as well as on a regular basis in order to plan for the anticipated needs of the School District. She requested input as to the proposed policy and its appropriateness. Trustee Bourque asked if City Council had as yet seen this Policy. Ms. Beran indicated that it was hoped to obtain the approval of the School District prior to taking it forward to City. Trustee Bourque stated that this item should be put forward to the Personnel & Finance Committee for consideration.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

7. PENDING ITEMS

Nil

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Council Board Liaison Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at the school district administration offices (THIRD floor meeting room). The in-camera session will follow the public session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY L. GREENHILL AND SECONDED BY D. SARGENT:

THAT the regular meeting of Council/Board Liaison Committee be adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Bourque, Chairperson