

**Naramata Elementary School
General PAC Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2011**

Minutes

1. Pre-Meeting : 6:00pm

Attended by Jeff Redden, Peter Ord, Ginny Manning, Karla Kozakevich.

Subject : Discussion regarding installation of Natural Playground (playspace) on school grounds next to present playground.

Visual presentation by Jeff Redden on examples of playgrounds. Discussion ensued on type and requirements for a natural playground. Peter provided draft plan and costing quote from Messier Landscaping on possible playground concept.

Require initial scope of reference to be provided by John Hinkley of School District; namely issues on affectson septic system, safety and contract issues.

Action : **Creation of Playscape Sub-committee to develop project further, particularly with regards to costs, schedule of construction and RFP's for contractors.**

2. Regular Meeting

Attending: Jeff Redden, Peter Ord, Janette Davies, Ginny Manning, Karla Kozakevich,

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

3. Welcome

4. Agenda Additions:

None

5. Adoption of Minutes

Motion by Jeff Redden, Seconded by Karla K.

6. Presentation/Delegation

Jeff Redden presented on the outcome of 21st Century Learning workshop hosted by SD67 at Lakeside Hotel in February.

7. Reports:

- a. **Principal** – Jeff Redden, **see Appendix 1**
- b. **School Trustee** – Ginny Manning, **see Appendix II**
- c. **Treasurer** – Janette Davies, **see Appendix III**
- d. **School Planning Council - None**
- e. **DPAC** – No representative, no report

8. Correspondence:

- A card of thanks from student Jeniah Mcelroy

9. Old Business:

- **Natural Play area update:**
See report above.

- **Kitchen Project**
Tabled until updates received from Deb Linton and Joanne Smiley
- **Community Garden Event (Enviro event)**
Peter provided update of events and activities of event to help build compost boxes and clean community garden site. Attendance was between 10 – 15 people, including assistance from SD Board chair Ginny Manning.

10. **New Business:**

- **Community Gardens:**
Catherine Prevost to host garden activities every Wednesday. Jeff reported on: Planting of spring plants for students to harvest for salads. Planting of pumpkins and corn for fall harvest
- **Beach Bash:**
Jodi Trovao will coordinate and will provide update at next meeting.
- **Succession Planning:**
Janette Davis indicated willingness to stay as treasurer for one more year. Peter willing to concede President nomination should there be interest from parents. Karla to assume SPC role for one more year. Discussion of other possible parents to assume executive positions.

11. Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

Appendix I

Trustee Report

TRUSTEE REPORT – April 2011

The Ministry of Education requires districts to prepare a LONG RANGE FACILITIES REVIEW PLAN. The plan will assist with the development of a capital plan that will be accepted by the Ministry of Education. It is a long term plan, looking ahead in order to plan responsibly for the future use of our facilities for our students and to protect the public interest in SD67 assets. The Ministry of Education recommended the use of an independent consultant, Mr. Hugh Skinner of Stantec Consulting Ltd was hired according to the requirements of our Policy 600, Fiscal Control. A copy of the report will be on the website today.

The report looked at enrolment projections, capacity and condition of buildings. It also looked at opportunities for savings and efficiencies and possible opportunities for community partnerships. There is no recommendation in the report for school closure; at present there isn't the capacity in schools to absorb those students. The district also needs to consider the possibility of the introduction of Jr. Kindergarten (4 yr. olds) maybe as soon as 2015 which would require more space.

The next step will be for all the information and ideas from the meeting along with the recommendations in the report to be taken back to the board and administration for review,

exploration and discussion before any decisions are made. Should any of the recommendations in the report be considered it would be in consultation with partner groups and the community.

In response to the recommendations of the 2009-10 Ministry of Education review of the Distributed Learning Program (online courses) the Board approved that the Distributed Learning program, Penticton Alternate School, Penticton Secondary School Learning Centre and Summerland Community Learning Centre be reorganized into one central program.

A central team will work more cohesively to develop a diverse set of course offerings and options for School District 67 students, to better meet the needs of all students.

It will also create more efficient and effective utilization of personnel – teachers, clerical, special education and counselling to maximize offerings and success while avoiding duplication.

The current facilities in Summerland will be maintained. Central Schools will be up and running by September 2011.

The public budget meeting took place on Tuesday, April 12. One of the Board's guiding principles for stewardship is that we take a conservative, long term, multi-year perspective as one strategy to help mitigate funding uncertainties. District wide fiscal discipline has resulted in savings and strong advocacy from trustees and district staff resulted in the reinstatement of funding protection this year. This good news means that at this early stage of the budget process it looks like we will be able to present a balanced budget without cuts. Preliminary budget estimates indicate a continuation of existing service levels and ensures that there will not be any school closures in the foreseeable future. This will allow us to meet our number one budget guideline of keeping students interests foremost during the budget process.

An online survey for input about the budget is on the school district website. SD67.bc.ca Further meetings are scheduled with our partner groups. The preliminary budget will be presented for approval on May 9.

The Shatford Centre for the Performing Arts held its first meeting for the 100th anniversary celebration of Penticton Secondary School. The celebration is slated for May 18 and 19, 2012. Trustee Connie Denesiuk, a Pen High graduate, is the Board representative on the committee. Jane Shaak is the contact. For more information email info@osarts.com.

Ginny Manning
Trustee

Appendix II

Principal's Report

Appendix III

Treasurer's Report