

BACKGROUND

April 16, 2008

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RICK CONNOLLY

1. The board immediately put in place a comprehensive School District Facilities Plan and empower senior school district staff to implement the plan. The plan should include specific accountabilities for action. The board and senior staff may benefit from the outside assistance of an expert third party to facilitate this process.
2. That the district undertake updated level one-facility audits of all its facilities.
3. The board finalize their decision on school configuration and school size through the strategic planning process.
4. That school closures be put on hold until the district has a comprehensive strategic plan in place.
5. The current computerized maintenance system be upgraded and fully utilized to help implement an ongoing maintenance plan in the district.
6. The district hold off proceeding on a final decision regarding the replacement of Cowichan Secondary School until a decision is made on school configuration.
7. The District Maintain the Annual Facility Grant for its intended purpose and ensure the appropriate staff is fully engaged and accountable to manage it proactively.
8. The district allocate a full time position to Custodial Supervision and also create a dedicated full-time safety officer, reporting to the Director of Operations.
9. That a proactive plan be put in place to repair union/management relationships and create a culture of shared responsibility.
10. That the Ministry of Education engage, with the school district, in a dialogue with Cowichan Valley Regional District with regard to bylaw 3074/3075.

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