

BOARD MEETING
Monday, 2005 February 07

The Board of School Trustees of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in the Board Room

(Room 114) at the Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. on Monday 2005 February 07, at 19:00 hours.

TRUSTEES
PRESENT:

A. Montani, in the Chair
A. Blakey
A. Kenyon
J. Bouey
K. Millsip
J. Cheng
A. Wong
N. Herron
A. Reimer

ALSO PRESENT:

C. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
T. Grant, Associate Superintendent - Area
G. Little, Associate Superintendent - Area
V. Overgaard, Associate Superintendent - Learning Services
L. Anderson, Associate Superintendent - Continuing and International Education Services
P. Wlodarczak, Associate Superintendent - Human Resources
R. Krowchuk, Director - Finance & Administration
Y. Eamor, Manager - Communications
B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer
W. Fraser, Recorder

PLANNING & FACILITIES

Reports

6. Meeting of 2005 January 25
 - (a) The Chairperson of the Committee, K. Millsip, presented the report of the 2005 January 25 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Trustees considered the following item from the report.
 - (b) (i) Cellular Towers Motion
Moved by K. Millsip, seconded by A. Blakey, that no further installations of cellular antenna be permitted on any school building or school grounds regularly used by students; and

THAT VSB policy, KMGA: Incompatible Land

Uses Near Schools, be amended to include any installation of cellular antenna within 305M (1,000 feet) of a school as an incompatible use and that the Board be so notified of any potential installation.

Speaking in support of the motion, some trustees noted that:

- research has been done on this item prior to it being thoroughly discussed at previous meetings;
- although the research is not definitive on the possible negative effects of electro-magnetism on human physiology, due to the standard of diligence that the Board must assume in protecting students, it is only prudent to support the motion;
- there should be global caution exercised on the effects of electro-magnetism, until it is conclusively proven to be harmless; and
- in the past, little consideration was given to the potential and cumulative ill effects of other products such as coal dust, asbestos or tobacco products, and the passage of time has shown that that lack of consideration has been a mistake.

A vote was taken on the motion, and it was declared

CARRIED