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NATURE OF DISCUSSION

Our discussions centred around Education problems in such areas as Finance and Construction; Use of Physical Facilities; Parents Association; Organization Structure ; Curriculum and Youth Problems.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICTS

The major recommendation is that a Team City Council establish 18 Community Service Districts in Vancouver with managers assigned to each, reporting to a general manager at City Hall. These Community Service District managers would have the authority and responsibility to co-ordinate and administer all civic and voluntary services and physical facilities within his district. The present professional groups, (School board, Parks, Social Service etc.) would be reduced in size and supply professional guidance, research, and advice to the district organizations. The budgeting of funds would also be done on a district basis.

There are many advantages and precedents for this concept. Wherever it has been used, increased citizen participation has resulted; financial savings have been realized; more imaginative and appealing programs have been developed and land, physical plant and equipment have had greater use.

FINANCING

The Committee recommends a complete study of the cost of education, the source of funds and the effective use of money spent. Part of this study should be handled by the Finance Committee.

CURRICULUM

The Committee recommends that through the Community Service District concept the curriculum be designed to meet the needs of that district.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

A Team City Council should initiate a complete study of the School Board organization and attitudes. There is need for a change.

DESIGN OF SCHOOL

Team should initiate some new thinking in the design and remodelling of schools.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Committee would advise a Team Council to encourage the Parents Association to rethink the role of parents in the school. Presently many school principals do not like the PTA groups.

YOUTH

We recommend a Team Council to initiate a family life education course in all day and night schools. Also, an awareness program on the dangers involved in the use of all kinds of drugs.

If Vancouver citizens are going to become involved in their city, get full value for their tax dollar, make full use of professional services and completely utilize all facilities available to them, then a Team City Council should put these recommendations into practice. All of these recommendations can be most effectively handled through the Community Service District concept.