

REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2018 September 11
6:05 p.m. – 7:26 p.m.

Members: Trustees J. Bennett, R. Campbell, C. Goodall, G. Hart, P. Jaffe, B. McKinnon, A. Morell, S. Polhill, M. Reid (by phone), J. Skinner, R. Tisdale, Student Trustees N. Bajaj, S. Chun (-6:57), I. Frick

Regrets: Trustees P. Schuyler, J. Todd

Administration: L. Elliott (Director), J. Pratt (Associate Director), R. Culhane (Associate Director), C. Beal (Superintendent), S. Builder (Superintendent), S. Mark (Superintendent), S. Powell (Superintendent), D. Macpherson (Superintendent), M. Moynihan (Superintendent), C. Glaser (Manager), B. Williams (Supervisor), C. Stager (Manager, -6:20), N. Rayfield (Research and Assessment, -6:20)

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – The agenda was approved on motion.

2. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** – none declared

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 2018 June 12 meeting were provided for information.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING** - none

5. **IN CAMERA**

On motion the committee moved in camera at 6:00 p.m. reconvening in public session at 6:50 p.m.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a. **Video Surveillance System**

Administration will be bringing forward, at the 2018 September 25 Board meeting, an in-year budget request to support the implementation of a proof of concept for a new centralized video surveillance solution.

In response to a question concerning the anticipated cost to fully implement the system, Administration responded that the proof of concept approach with 5 locations will ensure the solution is the correct solution and will allow for a more accurate estimation of costs.

Trustees requested the report include information regarding the costs incurred by the board to address vandalism at schools.

Discussion considered the selection of the sites for the proof of concept approach. C. Glaser advised a committee will be selecting sites and in response to a question advised the Ontario Principal's Council will be approached to identify an elementary and a secondary school principal to join the committee.

It was noted the proposal shifts responsibility of funding video surveillance from a school-based approach to a board-based approach. Administration noted the current model is not sustainable.

b. **Communications Technology Initiative**

Administration will be bringing forward, at the 2018 September 25 Board meeting, an in-year budget request to support the initial phase of a communications technology initiative. Funds will be used to hire a project manager to lead the procurement and multi-year implementation of a new communications solution for the board. Funding also will be used to purchase equipment as an interim measure.

A further in-year budget request will come forward to Trustees in January to support the implementation of the system noting it will be a phased in approach.

Discussion considered alternate avenues for funding. It was confirmed the Ministry does not directly fund communication systems. School Renewal funding may not be used to buy new equipment only to replace existing equipment. L. Elliott advised on provincial efforts to lobby the Ministry to fund technology needs. It further was noted the Attorney General currently is surveying school boards regarding technology.

In response to a question it was noted a budget request was approved approximately 10 years ago to deploy equipment at school sites. Not all hardware issues were addressed at that time.

7. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

Trustees were reminded to take out their nameplate when leaving the meeting so everyone is aware they have left the meeting. Students were reminded to shred confidential documents.

Trustee Goodall reported the transition at Kettle Creek Public School has been very positive noting the staff has done an excellent job.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the committee adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

C. Goodall
Committee Chair