

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

2018 October 9
BOARD ROOM, EDUCATION CENTRE

The Board met in public session at 7:00 p.m. on 2018 October 9 in the Board Room at the Education Centre. The following were in attendance:

TRUSTEES

M. Reid (Chair)	S. Polhill
J. Bennett	P. Schuyler
R. Campbell	R. Tisdale
C. Goodall	J. Todd
G. Hart (-8:02)	N. Bajaj
B. McKinnon	S. Chun
A. Morell	I. Frick (-7:45)

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

L. Elliott	C. Beal
J. Pratt	S. Mark
R. Culhane	C. Henriquez
M. Deman	B. Williams
D. Macpherson	

Regrets: Trustees J. Skinner, P. Jaffe

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair M. Reid called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. acknowledging the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

2. O CANADA

The meeting was opened with the playing of O Canada.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion of Trustee G. Hart, seconded by Trustee S. Polhill.

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None declared.

5. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

a. 2018/2019 Education Centre Renewal Projects

J. Pratt presented for approval a number of renewal projects at the Education Centre for 2018-19. Projects were identified as part of the Ministry's School Facility Condition Assessment Program. As part of this program the Education Centre was reviewed in 2015 by a team of engineers from Accruent. Funding for the projects would be through unappropriated accumulated surplus noting school renewal grants may not be used for school administrative buildings.

The following recommendation was moved by Trustee J. Todd, seconded by G. Hart:

That the recommended renewal projects be approved for the Education Centre for 2018/2019.

In response to a question, J. Pratt confirmed Ministry approval is not required.

S. Mark and C. Henriquez described the projects noting they are basic infrastructure-type projects. C. Henriquez clarified the projects identified are for items at the end of their service life.

Questions of clarification regarding recent repairs, their cost, and potential renewal needs in the future were addressed by Administration. With respect to the latter, C. Henriquez advised he would need to run another report to determine additional renewal needs for the next five years.

Discussion considered the proposed funding envelope and the allowable amounts of spending per Ministry parameters.

S. Marks responded to questions regarding investing in the current building or building new noting the cost of a new building would be approximately 25M.

In response to a question regarding the space utilization review currently underway, Administration noted the review would not inform or impact the infrastructure renewal needs as proposed.

In discussion of school renewal needs, S. Mark advised 45 M has been budgeted for school renewal needs in the current school year.

Additional details regarding the proposed costs were requested by Trustees. This included the Accrual report and identification of renewal needs to be addressed in-year.

The following motion was moved by Trustee R. Tisdale, seconded by Trustee A. Morell, and carried:

That the decision on the recommendation for renewal projects at the Education Centre be deferred to the 2018 October 23 Board meeting.

b. International Welcome Centre at Louise Arbour FI PS

L. Elliott, R. Culhane, and S. Mark presented for approval the renovation of rooms 145, 146, and 147 at Louise Arbour FI PS for a new International Welcome Centre and 50-person multi-purpose meeting room funded through unappropriated accumulated surplus.

The rationale, budget and proposed floor plans were outlined.

R. Culhane added the creation of an International Welcome Centre has been in discussion for the last year noting visits to other school boards to visit their Centres.

The following recommendation was moved by Trustee J. Bennett, seconded by Trustee S. Polhill and CARRIED:

That the renovation of rooms 145, 146, and 147 at Louise Arbour F.I. P.S. be approved for a new International Welcome Centre and 50-person multi-purpose meeting room funded through unappropriated accumulated surplus in the amount of 1.735 M.

It was confirmed Ministry approval is not required.

Administration responded to questions regarding the location, the decision to use the proposed site rather than rent, the design of the space, the impact on students at Louise Arbour during construction, bussing routes, services to be provided, collaboration plans, and access by students across the Thames Valley District.

In consideration of growth in French immersion, Administration confirmed there is capacity at Louise Arbour to accommodate future growth. Little impact on the On-the-Ground (OTG) capacity at Montcalm was identified.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. on motion of Trustee R. Tisdale, seconded by Trustee A. Morell and CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the decision on the recommendation for renewal projects at the Education Centre be deferred to the 2018 October 23 Board meeting.

That the renovation of rooms 145, 146, and 147 at Louise Arbour F.I. P.S. be approved for a new International Welcome Centre and 50-person multi-purpose meeting room funded through unappropriated accumulated surplus in the amount of 1.735 M.

Confirmed:

Chairperson