

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Board Room, Education Centre

Members: Trustees J. Bennett, R. Campbell, C. Goodall (Chair), P. Jaffe, B. McKinnon, S. Polhill, M. Reid, A. Morell, R. Tisdale, J. Todd, Student Trustees N. Bajaj, S. Chun, I. Frick

Regrets: Trustees G. Hart, P. Schuyler, J. Skinner

Administration: L. Elliott (Director), J. Pratt (Associate Director), R. Culhane (Associate Director), C. Beal (Superintendent), A. Mark (Superintendent), D. Macpherson (Superintendent), S. Builder (Superintendent), R. Kuiper (Superintendent), C. Henriquez (Manager), H. Gerrits (Manager), B. Williams (Supervisor)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved on motion.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2018 October 9 meeting were provided for information.

a. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

None.

4. 2018 Western Middlesex Attendance Area Review

S. Mark presented for feedback the analysis and findings from the Middlesex Study Area Accommodation Options Report. J. Ammendolia, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., was welcomed to the meeting.

Background information on the rationale for the report was described noting the direction of the Board to conduct an Attendance Area Review for Western Middlesex.

J. Ammendolia reported on the environmental scan completed including a review of Ministry and Board policies and procedures; and on the school-based factors considered as part of the review. Factors included enrollment pressures, surplus spaces, enrollment imbalances, and school conditioning.

J. Ammendolia summarized the findings of Watson & Associates outlining three accommodation options for consideration. Additional options regarding Caradoc P.S., East Williams Memorial P.S. and Centennial Central P.S. also were outlined.

Questions of clarification were addressed by J. Ammendolia and S. Mark.

Discussion considered the timing of the report noting the approved motion of the 2018 April 24 meeting providing direction to conduct an Attendance Area Review for Western Middlesex.

Trustees requested additional information on the options considered pertaining to school boundary changes and on the divergent enrollment projections for Oxbow P.S.

5. Capital Priority Projects and Early Years Capital Projects Delayed

S. Marks presented for information capital project delays as a result of the current Ontario government's review of education funding across the province.

The impact on construction schedules for additions, renovations, and childcare/family center spaces was outlined.

J. Pratt advised that if approvals come forward in the next 4-6 weeks, the work could move forward as approved. If approvals are not received in this time frame, Administration will bring forward a report at the January meeting with recommendations for changing the dates.

C. Henriquez clarified the approval process is not on pause, but rather the process has slowed significantly. Projects are at different places in the approval process.

Trustee P. Jaffe suggested consideration be given to writing a letter to the Ministry expressing the concerns of Trustees highlighting the significant investment of resources, adherence to Ministry process, and the impacts the delay is having on communities.

In regards to communication, S. Mark advised one Municipality has been contacted to date; H. Gerrits advised on the monthly meetings with the childcare providers.

L. Elliott advised on meetings held between the CODE Executive and the Deputy Minister and ADMs. J. Pratt further advised on the conversations with Ministry staff at the Council of Senior Business Officials monthly meetings.

6. Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review 01 (EPAR01) Implementation Delays

S. Marks and C. Henriquez presented for information the implementation delays for EPAR 01 explaining the current Ontario government review of education funding across the province.

The impacts of the delays, on motions made at the 2017 May 23 meeting of the Board, were outlined. Those items not able to be completed until capital funding is received from the Ministry were identified. In addition, those items not able to be completed until capital funding dollars are received from the Ministry and requiring Board motion to reflect a new schedule were outlined.

S. Mark further advised there has not been an invitation from the Ministry to submit for Capital Priorities funding.

For those motions predicated on Ministry funding, there was a suggestion that revised motions only come forward with new dates once Ministry funding can be confirmed.

In response to a question regarding renovations to Kettle Creek, C. Henriquez advised the scope of work has not changed. Further, if the addition is not approved, the accessibility needs will be addressed through school renewal. It was noted Ministry approval is not required when the footprint of the school is not changed. In reference to site plan approvals, C. Henriquez confirmed the Municipality approved a draft site plan acknowledging the final site plan submissions are pending approval from the Municipal Building Facilities Manager. This was not at the request of the board.

In reference to the planned media release, there was a suggestion it be sent to Municipalities. It further was suggested a letter be sent home with each student to notify parents of the affected school communities.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Questions and Comments by Members

Trustee J. Todd thanked Trustee Goodall for his term as Chair of the Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee.

9. Future Agenda Items

No discussion.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2019 January 15.

On motion the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Committee Chair