

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 10, 2019
Board Room

Members: Trustees C. Antone (+6:09), J. Bennett, P. Cuddy, S. Hunt, B. McKinnon (-6:02, +6:23), A. Morell, L. Pizzolato, S. Polhill, C. Rahman, M. Ruddock, J. Skinner (Chair), B. Smith, B. Yeoman, Student Trustees E. Butler and C. Kennedy

Regrets: Student Trustee S. Chun

Administration: M. Fisher (Director), R. Culhane (Associate Director), J. Pratt (Associate Director), C. Lynd (Superintendent), S. Mark (Superintendent), L. Nicholls (Superintendent), D. Macpherson (Superintendent, -8:15), S. Builder (Superintendent), K. Edgar (Superintendent, -8:15), P. Sydor (Superintendent, -8:15), K. Wilkinson (Superintendent, -8:15), P. Skinner (Superintendent, -8:15), C. Kent (Planner, -6:02, +6:23, -8:15), C. Henriquez (Manager, Facilities, -6:02, +6:23, -8:15), H. Gerrits (Manager, -6:02, +6:23, -8:15), B. Williams (Supervisor, Corporate Services)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda was approved on motion.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2019 June 11 meeting were provided for information.

a. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting - None.

4. In Camera

On motion the committee moved in camera at 6:02 p.m.; reconvening in public session at 6:23 p.m.

5. Overview of 2019-2020 Capital Priorities Program and Capital Planning - S. Mark/ C. Kent

S. Mark and C. Kent presented information on the Ministry's 2019-2020 Capital Priorities Program outlining the criteria for submissions. Submissions are due 2019 September 30. The short timeline between the announcement of funding and the deadline for submission was noted.

The process used to identify projects for submission was outlined highlighting information received at a meeting with the Ministry regarding maximizing current space and finding efficiencies; and meetings with municipal partners, the co-terminus boards, and the Consolidated Municipal Services Managers. Six submission have been prepared. As per the direction of the Ministry there is no ranking of submissions.

Each of the six submissions was described noting the accommodation pressures in each area. S. Mark referenced the accommodation planning priority area report presented to trustees at the 2019 June 11 Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee meeting. It was noted only those areas meeting the established criteria for capital project funding were selected by Administration.

Work done to gather the necessary information and materials for submission to the Ministry was outlined noting efforts to work with the schools directly to better understand what is happening in each school community.

S. Mark, J. Pratt, C. Henriquez, and C. Kent responded to questions regarding the use of yield ratios, the purchase of a site in North London for the proposed new school, the availability and use of modular construction, considerations given in the process of determining how to address accommodation issues in each area, and the timeline for review of the submissions.

In reference to the two submissions coming out of the EPAR-01 decisions and the discussion at the meeting, J. Pratt advised that should the Ministry not support the business cases put forward, Administration will bring back alternative recommendations for trustees to consider.

As a point of clarification it was noted the Capital Priorities submissions do not require trustee approval. In response to the discussion on this point, further discussion was referred to the Chair's Committee. The need for longer term accommodation planning was acknowledged. S. Mark advised they will be taking this approach this year. A report will be coming forward to trustees in early 2020.

The mandate and procedural rules of the Advisory committees were raised and referred to the Chair's Committee.

6. Capital Projects Update

S. Mark and C. Henriquez provided a verbal update on current capital projects in process or completed. Information was provided on Kettle Creek PS, the One World International Welcome Centre, Early Years Capital projects, Masonville Public School, the new SE London PS, and Tweedsmuir PS.

Questions of clarification regarding the funding for operating costs for childcare projects was addressed by Administration.

7. Other Business

a. Future Advisory Meeting Agendas

A. Morell facilitated a 'dotmocracy' exercise to identify potential future agenda times for Advisory meetings. Information will be collated and shared with the Chair's Committee and the Director to inform the scheduling of items on future Advisory agendas.

8. Questions and Comments by Members

None.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2019 October 8, 6 p.m.

10. Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

JAKE SKINNER
Committee Chair