

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Grimsby-Lincoln Room

- PRESENT:** Dave Schaubel (Chair), Sue Barnett (for Helga Campbell), Diane Chase, Kevin Maves, Dale Robinson
- ADMINISTRATION:** Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Wes Hahn, Warren Hoshizaki, Paula MacKinnon, Kelly Pisek, Stacy Veld
- GUESTS:** Lora Campbell, Linda Crouch, Student Trustee Justin Dube, Cam Hathaway, Student Trustee Katelynn Hilborn, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Ann Kennerly, Sue Mabee, Sue Mark, Lisa Mooney, Kim Yielding
- REGRETS:** Helga Campbell
- SECRETARY:** Erin DeRosario

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Schaubel called the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Superintendent Paula MacKinnon introduced Secondary Principal Ann Kennerly, and invited her to discuss the three Educational Research proposals and reports.

PROPOSAL #1

The Impact of Principals' Transformational Leadership Behaviours on Teacher Efficacy and Leadership Development

PROPOSAL #2

REVIVRE! Research on Aging and Integration of Life Experiences in Residence: Encouraging young university students to work with seniors in long-term care homes in French: the inclusion of a formal volunteer program

PROPOSAL #3

Canadian and World Studies Teachers and Museums in Niagara

Chair Schaubel asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Moved by Dale Robinson, Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the report of the Educational Research Committee of May 21, 2015, be received.”

CARRIED

Chair Schaubel invited Superintendent Lora Courtois to review her report.

WEST PELHAM ACCOMMODATION REVIEW INITIAL STAFF REPORT

Superintendent Courtois clarified the child care options that are offered at the schools in the Initial Staff Reports. She reviewed the general profile information of the School Information Profiles for E.W. Farr Public School and Pelham Centre Public School. The proposed accommodation option was discussed, including all of the student, programming and fiscal benefits that could result. The facilities and funding implications were discussed, and the Committee was informed that classroom additions and renovations, as well as capital investment would all be required in order to facilitate the proposed consolidation scenario. A concept drawing of E.W. Farr PS was displayed to demonstrate an architect's concept of the proposed additions to the school. The programming and transportation benefits and efficiencies were also reviewed. An explanation of how West Pelham's Accommodation Review meets the criteria set out in Policy (F-2) for a Modified Accommodation Review was shared. The proposed timelines for the initiation of the West Pelham Modified Accommodation Review were reviewed, should the Initial Staff Report be approved by Trustees.

Superintendent Courtois clarified a question from Trustee Diane Chase pertaining to transportation and bus ride times. It was then noted for Trustee Chase that one of the 'best practices' from past accommodation reviews is the creation of a transition committee, to assist the community in the consolidations resulting from an accommodation review. Superintendent Wes Hahn confirmed for Trustee Sue Barnett that the West Pelham Modified Accommodation Review process is very well supported, with the opportunity for families to come together, amongst many other benefits. Superintendent Courtois clarified for Trustee Chase that the Town of Pelham did not demonstrate a preference between a standard Accommodation Review and a Modified Accommodation Review.

Moved by Diane Chase, Seconded by Dale Robinson

***“That the Board receive the West Pelham Initial Staff Report; and,
That the Board initiate the West Pelham Modified Accommodation Review for E.W. Farr PS and Pelham
Centre PS; and,
That staff be directed to provide notice of initiation as set out in the DSBN Accommodation Review
Policy (F-2).”***

CARRIED

Chair Schaubel invited Superintendent Courtois to discuss her next report.

SOUTH CENTRAL ST. CATHARINES ACCOMMODATION REVIEW INITIAL STAFF REPORT

Superintendent Courtois reviewed the general profile information of the School Information Profiles for Glen Ridge Public School and Oakridge Public School. She reviewed the proposed accommodation option, highlighting the student, programming and fiscal benefits that were considered as rationale when choosing the accommodation review option. Facilities and funding were discussed, noting that Oakridge PS would require an additional Early Learning Kindergarten Program (ELKP) room and a potential daycare addition along with renovations to Oakridge PS, to accommodate the increased population should the proposed option be approved. Capital investment would be required to add an ELKP room and potential daycare. The other necessary renovations would be supported using facility renewal funding. An architectural concept drawing of

Oakridge PS was displayed, which illustrated the building if the proposed additions and changes are implemented. The programming and transportation benefits and efficiencies of an accommodation review were explained. It was noted that the South Central St. Catharines Accommodation Review meets the criteria set out in Policy (F-2) for a Modified Accommodation Review. Implementation timelines were discussed, should the Trustees approve the Initial Staff Report.

Superintendent Courtois clarified for Trustee Chase that the City of St. Catharines representatives prefer the standard accommodation review process for any accommodation review. Superintendent Kelly Pisek added that the City of St. Catharines representatives were advised of the DSBN's priorities in student programming, while the representatives noted their concerns about how the Glen Ridge property will be utilized in the future if the school should be closed for instructional purposes. Superintendent Pisek clarified for Trustee Crouch that as per Executive Director Lori Powell at NSTS, all of the students in the Glen Ridge catchment area would be bussed to Oakridge PS, regardless of grade, for safety reasons. Trustee Crouch raised several concerns regarding the consolidation scenario into Oakridge PS. She indicated that she would like Briardale PS to be included as part of the accommodation review for the South Central St. Catharines Review, as she feels it is a better option than Oakridge PS. Several Trustees indicated their preference that Briardale not be included, as well as their reasons to support their preference. Chair Schaubel advised Trustee Crouch that she may present her proposal for Briardale to be included as a motion to the Board of Trustees.

Chair Schaubel asked if there were any further questions or comments and there were none.

Moved by Diane Chase, Seconded by Sue Barnett

***“That the Board receive the South Central St. Catharines Initial Staff Report; and,
That the Board initiate the South Central St. Catharines Modified Accommodation Review for Glen
Ridge PS and Oakridge PS; and,
That staff be directed to provide notice of initiation as set out in the DSBN Accommodation Review
Policy (F-2).”***

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Schaubel asked if there was any new business and there was none.

NEXT MEETING

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Grimsby-Lincoln Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dale Robinson, Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee adjourn.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.