

**TRANSITION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF ACTION
RIDGETOWN AREA OF SCHOOLS**

Date: June 9, 2011

Location: Ridgeview Moravian Elementary School

Present: Committee Members:

Director of Education Jim Costello,
Superintendent of Education Dave Doey
First Nation Representative Anita Huff
Transition Facilitator Isabelle Beattie
OSSTF – Barb Young

Others Present: Stephen Jahns – Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Gary Northcott - Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Ridgeview Moravian Elementary School Representatives

Principal	Mary Lynn Anderson
Teachers	Mark MacDonald and Geraldine Van de Kleut
School Council Co-chairs	Jane Lawton, Lynette Scott
Clerical/Custodian	Andrea West
Education Assistant	Stacy Sojak
Students	Griffin Peltier
Community	Kim Galbraith

Ridgetown Public School Representatives

Principal	Todd Tiffin
School Council Chair	Heather Simpson
Clerical/ Custodial	Eileen Osborne
Students	Valerie Gotelaer
Community	Barb McAllister

Ridgetown District High School Representatives

Principal	Mark Hunt
School Council Chair	Susan Kelner
Teachers	Elsa Natvik
Community	Renee Geluk

Regrets: Irene Duff, John Neville, Jody Joseph, Mackenzie Taylor-Noah, Denise Desbiens, Jenny Sheppy, Terri Konecny, Jillian Carter, Kathleen Osborne, Deb Verhart, Michell Jones, Ken Osborne, Lisa deNijs, Sunny Baek, Megan Logan

Note: This document is not a verbatim transcript. Questions and answers have been paraphrased for the sake of clarity and brevity.

Item	Discussion	Action/Responsibility
Welcome And Introductions	Mrs. Anderson welcomed everyone.	
Sidewalk/Crosswalk Issue – Representative from Municipality of Chatham-Kent	<p>Municipality of Chatham Kent Representatives Stephen Jahns and Gary Northcott spoke to three issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving crossing guard from Victoria to Cecil. 2. Sidewalk construction – new policy under consideration subject to Council approval. If approved municipality would pay 50 % of cost and property owners pay other 50 %. Property owners would need to be notified and would have right to appeal to OMB. Sidewalks could be in place by mid September if approved and there are no objections. If there are objections, would have to wait until an OMB meeting convened to appeal(s) and make decision. 3. Crosswalk – Back in 2006, the issue came forward for study. Based on established criteria there was not sufficient need to warrant it. Municipality is hesitant to put in a device that is not warranted. Since the study in 2006 there could have been changes but Municipal data indicates that only about 40 students will not be bused to Naahii Ridge in September. Only 18 of those students are on the north side of Main Street. Other students would not need to cross Main and would likely filter down Hillsdale to school property. <p>Question: (To Chatham-Kent officials) Is there a law that the speed limit is 25 mph in front of school? Answer: If a request was made, speed could be reduced to 40kmh.</p> <p>Question: (To Chatham-Kent officials) There are 2 crossing guards currently. Do we need to apply to have them moved? Answer: Plans are already in place to move the one from Victoria and Main down to Cecil and Main. To move another one, there would need to be a request submitted. There would also need to be consultation with the Separate School Board.</p>	

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Review of Record of Action	<p>Bell Times – Confirmed as per Record of Action Naahii Ridge – 9:15 to 3:35 RDHS Gr 7 and 8 – 9:20 to 3:40</p> <p>Students will not be able to get on the bus and ride to or from Naahii Ridge/RDHS to connect with younger siblings as this is against Transportation Policy because they are not eligible riders.</p> <p>Elly Carther has accepted the .5 Clerk Position at RDHS.</p> <p>School Fees – Grade 7 and 8 students will not be charged the fees that Grade 9-12 students are charged. Locks and lockers to be provided free of charge. They will have the option to purchase gym uniform for a fee.</p> <p>Communication has been improved with Transition Memos that have been sent to all families at RMES, RPS and RDHS. Two memos have been sent out so far.</p>	
Sub-Committees	<p>Colours/Jerseys/Mascots: Grade 6 and 7 students have been polled to determine what they think. Students have overwhelmingly indicated that they want to be the Royals and to use RDHS colours. Students at Naahii Ridge JK to Grade 6 will be known as the Thunderbirds.</p> <p>School Orientation: Grade 8's to RDHS today. Grade 6 and 7 students to RDHS on June 15. RMES and RPS to gather for a Chainsaw Carving Demonstration at RMES on June 14, and for a Powwow on June 24</p> <p>Graduation: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Memorabilia: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Resource/Materials: Mrs. Beattie is overseeing this – ongoing.</p> <p>School Day – Done.</p>	

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	<p>Special Events: Barb McAllister reported that RPS is having a Family Fun Fair and Walk Down Memory Lane on June 16 from 5:30 to 7:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>	
<p>Questions</p>	<p>A letter from a parent was read requesting four items for consideration. All of those items have been discussed at this meeting.</p> <p>Question: What will School Councils look like next year? Answer: Mr. Costello stated that there would probably be two – Naahii Ridge and RDHS.</p> <p>Question: The same question was asked for Student Council because some parents have expressed concerns that the Grade 7 and 8 students should have opportunities for leadership. Answer: Same model as school councils. Gr 7 and 8 students could be part of RDHS and there could be a subcommittee of Gr 7 and 8 representatives to discuss issues unique to those students.</p>	
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Question: Mr. Costello asked the committee if they felt that we should have another meeting in the fall to see how the transition is progressing. Answer: Committee members agreed that this was a good idea.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Monday, October 17, 2011 at RDHS at 6:30 pm</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Mrs. Anderson adjourned the meeting.</p>	