

**CHATHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
TRANSITION COMMITTEE
MINUTES / RECORD OF ACTION**

Date: September 13, 2017

Location: Tecumseh Public School, 287 McNaughton Ave. W, Chatham, ON, N7L 1R8

Present: Committee Members: Daphne Zondag, Principal, John N. Given Public School, Daloni Van Goethem, School Council Chair, John N. Given Public School, Nicolle Evans, Teaching Staff Representative, John N. Given Public School, Jenn Jackson, Teaching Staff Representative, John N. Given Public School, Shawna Ray, ECE Staff Representative, John N. Given Public School, Dana Goodall, Clerical Staff Representative, John N. Given Public School, Melanie Hadlock, Student Representative, John N. Given Public School, Della Lambkin, Parent/Community Representative, John N. Given Public School, Darlene Penney, Principal, Tecumseh Public School, Kristen Heaton, School Council Chair, Tecumseh Public School, Carrie-Lynn Brown, School Council Co-Chair, Tecumseh Public School, Susan Bond, Teaching Staff Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Tecumseh Public School, Cristina Haskell, EA Staff Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Yvette Caron, Clerical Staff Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Theresa McFadden, Parent/Community Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Maclean Norris, Student Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Gabriella Ostropolec, Student Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Judy Rountree, Teaching Staff Representative, Dylan Purdy, Student Representative, John N. Given Public School

Resource Personnel: Dave Doey, Facilitator of the Transition Process, Angie Barrese, Superintendent of Education – Program: Special Education, Jaime Gudrie, Recorder, Gary Girardi, Superintendent of Education – Capital Planning and Accommodation

Regrets: Ron Rivait, LKETFO President, Kevin Hadlock, Parent/Community Representative, John N. Given Public School, Debbie Smeltzer, CUPE 1238 President, Jolene Greenbird, First Nation Representative, Tecumseh Public School

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	<p>Facilitator of the Transition Process, Dave Doey, welcomed the committee. Committee members who were not in attendance at the previous meeting were introduced.</p> <p>Dave Doey explained the Board's policy and practice of recognizing traditional territory. He read the <i>Traditional Territory Preamble</i> and <i>Traditional Territory</i></p>	

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	<p><i>Acknowledgement.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Traditional Territory Preamble</i></p> <p><i>We acknowledge that the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi known as the Anishinaabeg and the Delaware known as Lunaapeew inhabited these lands at the time of the written treaties, these being: Treaty #2; Treaty #7; Treaty #29. We also acknowledge the earlier Indigenous people that travelled these lands prior to 1790 in the time of the Wampum treaties. It is through their connection with the spirit of the land, water and air that we recognize their unique culture, traditions, and values. It is their belief that they are part of the land that sustains all life, and it is the sacred responsibility of all people to ensure that the environment remains protected. Finally, we acknowledge that their inherent languages preclude any English/French meaning.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Traditional Territory Acknowledgment (1. Short version 2. Extended version)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. We acknowledge that the land on which we are gathered is part of the traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware Nations.</i> <i>2. We acknowledge that the land on which we are gathered is part of the traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware Nations.</i> <p><i>These Indigenous Nations, known as the Anishinaabeg and Lunaapeew, agreed through their ancestral languages to the mutual sharing of the land, with obligations and responsibilities to the environment.</i></p> <p><i>Today these responsibilities and obligations extend to all Peoples.</i></p>	
Review of Agenda	<p>The agenda was reviewed and the committee did not provide any revisions or additions.</p> <p>Superintendent Girardi added that he would be providing the committee with an update on the Tecumseh Public School parking lot and the crosswalk on McNaughton Avenue and on the Ministry application process. He noted that</p>	

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	<p>Kent Orr, CLASS, Architectura, and Andy Scheibli, Manager of Building Services will be invited to the next meeting.</p>	
<p>Review of Record of Action – June 14, 2017</p>	<p>The Record of Action was reviewed and there were no revisions or questions from the committee.</p> <p>Superintendent Girardi noted that Chris Riley, Indigenous Liaison, and Superintendent Helen Lane, whose portfolio includes Indigenous Education, will be invited to attend the next meeting to share the First Nation perspective on future decisions to be made by the committee.</p>	
<p>Principal Reports</p>	<p>Principal Zondag provided an update from John N. Given Public School. The girls soccer teams from both John N. Given Public School and Tecumseh Public School have merged for the 2017-18 school year, as there was not enough interest shown from each school to field two separate teams. She noted that there were no cuts, so every student who showed interest in being part of the team has been invited on the team. The students practice at Tecumseh Public School, and a John N. Given Public School Student Representative noted that they have had one practice, and it was fun getting to know each other. The first game was held on Thursday, September 14. Principal Zondag noted that there weren't enough jerseys for all of the girls, so plain white jerseys were purchased by Principal Moore, which will have the logo for the consolidated school added at a later date. She clarified that the boys' team is separate for each school.</p> <p>Principal Zondag noted a joint application was made from John N. Given Public School and Tecumseh Public School for the Super Kids CK, Healthy Kids Community Challenge Grant program through the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. The schools are using it as a combined opportunity for the children. Committee member Carrie-Lynn will teach the kids how to make apple sauce and glazed carrots, and there will be a family fun night for both schools in November. She also stated that the Respect Tour has been scheduled, and John N. Given Public School students will join Tecumseh Public School students at Tecumseh Public School. Track and field will also be together at Chatham-Kent Secondary School in May, and the schools are planning a joint PA Day on September 29.</p> <p>Principal Chris Moore noted that the two schools are looking at the concept of sharing field trips, which would save the schools some money and create a good</p>	

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	<p>atmosphere for the students. He mentioned collaborative learning across schools with collaborative marking, which would build relationships in order to get to know each other's students prior to when they come together, and know the student names and supports needed.</p> <p>Dave Doey exclaimed that the reports from the Principals were so energizing to hear and noted that it is just a sample of what is going on, with more to come.</p> <p>Daphne reported that everyone has been so open and welcoming so there is no resistance to the transition.</p>	
Naming Process Update	<p>Superintendent Girardi provided the committee with information on the Ad Hoc Naming Committee. He explained that the Ad Hoc committee is separate from the Transition Committee, and its role is to recommend a name for the consolidated school. Once the Ad Hoc committee recommends a name and it is approved by Trustees, the Transition Committee will be responsible for deciding on the mascot and colours of the consolidated school.</p> <p>Superintendent Girardi provided the committee with an update on the application process with the Ministry. He said that the submission for funds has gone to the Ministry and the decision is expected in January. He noted that scheduled internal and external building work will move forward no matter what the decision is, and that there has already been work done in the building in the summer. He said that the scheduled work includes the parking lots and safe crossing for students across McNaughton Avenue. Kent Orr, CLASS, has met with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and he will be invited to the next meeting, along with Andy Scheibli, Manager of Building Services, and the architect, in order to discuss the two proposals with the committee. Following the meeting, Kent Orr will bring the committee's input to the Municipality. The two proposals will be sent to committee members prior to this meeting to give them time to gather input from the school communities. Superintendent Girardi stated that Senior Administration wants to ensure the position of the school community is established and heard.</p>	
Formation of Sub-committees	<p>The committee was provided with examples of sub-committees from past transition committees. There was a discussion amongst the committee and the following sub-committees below were chosen. If the committee feels another sub-committee should be added it can be decided at a later date.</p>	

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	<p>Memorabilia – physical items Della Lambkin (chair) Kristin Heaton Theresa McFadden Nicolle Evans</p> <p>Amalgamation (current year) Daphne Zondag (chair) Chris Moore Carrie Lynn Brown</p> <p>Traditions and Identity – celebrations and special events, school colours and mascot Jessica Spafford (co-chair) Susan Bond (co-chair) Shawna Ray Nicolle evans</p> <p>Resources (staff) Cristina Haskell (co-chair) Jenn Jackson (co-chair) Kari Aubertin Dana Goodall Yvette</p> <p>Graduation/Awards Judy Rountree (co-chair) Grade 8 teacher from John N. Given (co-chair) Melanie Hadlock Gabiella Ostropolec Maclean Norris Dylan Purdy Jessica Spafford Kevin Hadlock *It was suggested that Grade 8 teachers from both schools be involved in this committee.</p> <p>The principals from John N. Given Public School and Tecumseh Public School will ask staff if there is anyone who would like to join the sub-committees at the</p>	

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	September PA Day.	
Questions/Suggestions from the Public	Principal Zondag noted she would like to draw attention to the concerns expressed from the community in regard to crossing McNaughton Avenue and she asked if the crosswalk could have more safety measures added. Superintendent Girardi responded that he will invite Kent Orr to attend the next meeting in order to take committee input and bring this forth to the Municipality. He reminded the committee that Mayor Randy Hope attended the Accommodation Review Public Meeting and stated he would work with the LKDSB and that the Municipality has asked for LKDSB input.	
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Tecumseh Public School.	
Adjournment	Dave Doey thanked the committee for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.	