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Increased Funding For New Consolidated Devine Street/Johnston Memorial School

The Ministry of Education has increased the funding allocation for the new consolidated Devine Street/Johnston Memorial School in Sarnia. The Ministry originally allocated \$7.286M for the project. During a recent review the school board was advised of the following adjustments in Ministry funding - \$320,000 for demolition costs, \$682,000 for full day accommodations for 4-5 year old student spaces and a \$510,029 increase for higher construction costs, bringing the total new allocation for the project to \$8,798,000.

A committee is being formed to recommend to the Board a new name for the consolidated school. Trustees Paul Millman and Elizabeth Hudie will serve on the committee with the Principal, two representatives of the School Advisory Councils, two community representatives and a Superintendent of Education.

The ad hoc committee is to invite suggestions for names for the new facility from individuals or groups throughout the area. The committee will submit its recommendation to the Board for approval. It is hoped that a name could be approved for September 2009.

Boundary Review Meetings

In October 2008 Trustees approved the commencement of community consultation regarding possible boundary changes for the catchment areas of High Park Public School, Hanna Memorial Public School, London Road Public School and Queen Elizabeth II Public School in Sarnia.

The first meeting was held on Monday, January 12, 2009 involving School Council Chairs, Principals, Staff and Students from the school involved. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at High Park Public School.

The goal of the review is improved delivery of program and system efficiencies.

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