

**AD HOC NAMING COMMITTEE FOR THE
CONSOLIDATED JOHN N. GIVEN AND TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOL
MINUTES/RECORD OF ACTION**

Date: November 2, 2017

Location: John N. Given Public School, 92 Churchill Street, Chatham, ON, N7L 3T5

Present: Ruth Ann Dodman, Chair, Trustee, Shannon Sasseville, Trustee, Daphne Zondag, Principal, John N. Given Public School, Elizabeth Mariconda, Staff Representative, John N. Given Public School, Deb Brecevic, Staff Representative, John N. Given Public School, Della Lambkin, School Advisory Committee Representative, John N. Given Public School, Stephany Knight, Community Representative, John N. Given Public School, Chris Moore, Principal, Tecumseh Public School, Shelby Sims, Staff Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Sheri Gifford, Community Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Gary Girardi, Superintendent of Education – Capital Planning and Accommodation, Shannon Evans, School Advisory Committee Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Jaime Gudrie, Recorder

Regrets: Angie Barrese, Superintendent of Education, Program: Special Education, Daloni Van Goethem, School Advisory Committee Representative, John N. Given Public School, Stacey Gore, School Advisory Committee Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Sue Bond, Staff Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Andrew Martin, Community Representative, John N. Given Public School, Eric Vankesteren, Community Representative, Tecumseh Public School

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Item	Discussion	Action/Responsibility
Call to Order – Chair Trustee Dodman	Trustee Dodman welcomed the committee.	
Traditional Territory Acknowledgement	Superintendent Girardi read the Traditional Territory Acknowledgement.	
Review of Record of Action – October 4,	There were no questions or concerns on the Record of Action.	

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2017		
<p>History on Change from Tecumseh Secondary School to Tecumseh Public School under the former Kent County Board of Education</p>	<p>Superintendent Girardi provided the committee with a follow-up from the October 4 meeting on the history of the change from Tecumseh Secondary School to Tecumseh Public School. He relayed the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Chatham Daily News Article published in August 2006 stated that “Tecumseh Secondary School opened in 1957 and was converted to an elementary school in 1988. One of the smaller high schools in the former Kent County Board of Education system, Tecumseh only reached a maximum of 650 students.” • A Motion passed by the Kent County Board of Education at a Special Board Meeting held on July 21, 1987, “That The Kent County Board of Education transfer the use Tecumseh Secondary School to an Elementary School facility effective September 1, 1988.” The Motion was carried. • A Motion passed by the Kent County Board of Education at a Special Board Meeting held on October 20, 1987, “That the name Tecumseh be retained in any future use of the facility.” The Motion was carried. • The Motions passed by the Kent County Board of Education came from an Ad Hoc Consolidation and Review Committee. <p>Trustee Sasseville remarked that the Motion that the name Tecumseh be retained in any future use of the facility was an interesting Motion and that it is possible the Motion still exists. Superintendent Girardi noted that the Motion was passed by the former Kent County Board of Education, which no longer exists. The Kent County Board of Education was amalgamated with the Lambton County Board of Education to form the Lambton Kent District School Board.</p>	
<p>Review of the Input on Retaining the Name Tecumseh Public School</p>	<p>There were a total of 119 survey submissions. 112 submissions were in favour of keeping the name Tecumseh Public School and 7 submissions were not in favour of keeping the name Tecumseh Public School.</p> <p>Breakdown by Stakeholder Group: Students - 11 Parents - 76</p>	

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	<p>Staff - 4 Alumni - 18 Community Members - 6 Alumni/Community Member - 2 Alumni/Community Member/Student - 1 Parent/Student - 1</p> <p>Trustee Sasseville communicated that she shared the social media post on her Facebook page and those who commented suggested that the name remain the same and something within the school be re-named John N. Given.</p> <p>Some committee members remarked that community members have spoken to them and were in favour of keeping the name Tecumseh Public School.</p> <p>It was noted that there were not many staff members who provided input through the survey. Superintendent Girardi explained that often staff members are happy to leave some of these items to the will of the community.</p> <p>Trustee Sasseville asked if there was any feedback heard from the Indigenous Communities. Superintendent Girardi responded that Chris Riley, Indigenous Liaison, and Helen Lane, Superintendent of Education, will be attending the Transition Committee meeting and they are looking forward to speaking on the name Tecumseh as well as sharing their perspective on the mascot.</p> <p>Trustee Sasseville said that she was concerned that there would be a recommendation from the committee without the First Nations perspective. Superintendent Girardi responded that the Ad Hoc Naming Committee followed its protocol. He said that there has only been concern expressed for the mascot of the school.</p> <p>Principal Moore noted that he received a late response to the survey from one of the school's Indigenous families and they were very much in favour of the name Tecumseh Public School and felt it was important to keep the name and honour the man.</p>	

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<p>Decision on Presenting a Recommendation to the Board for Approval (November 28, 2017 Board Meeting)</p>	<p>Committee members unanimously agreed to recommend that the name Tecumseh Public School be retained.</p> <p>Trustee Sasseville remarked that she would likely make the comment publicly that the committee did not hear from the First Nation partners, but that the committee did not hear opposition either.</p> <p>Principal Moore said that one of the school's parents is a policy writer who works at Moraviantown and he felt the name was acceptable and an honor, but had an issue with the mascot.</p> <p>Superintendent Girardi reported that a request for feedback on the name of the consolidated John N. Given and Tecumseh Public School was sent to all Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) contacts, including the four First Nation partners of the Lambton Kent District School Board (Kettle & Stony Point First Nation, including its Radio Station <i>The Eagle</i>, Walpole Island First Nation, Delaware Nation at Moraviantown, and Aamjiwnaang First Nation). Trustee Sasseville agreed that there was an opportunity to provide feedback and thanked Superintendent Girardi for the information.</p>	
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>The committee decided to bring the recommendation to Trustees at the November 14 Board Meeting to be held in Chatham.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Trustees Dodman and Sasseville, along with Superintendent Girardi, thanked the committee for participating on behalf of the Lambton Kent District School Board.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.</p>	