

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

Date: October 4, 2017

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

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, Sue Bond, Staff Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Shelby Sims, Staff Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Stacey Gore, School Advisory Committee Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Sheri Gifford, Community Representative, Tecumseh Public School, Gary Girardi, Superintendent of Education – Capital Planning and Accommodation, Jaime Gudrie, Recorder

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

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Welcome and Introductions – Chair Ruth Ann Dodman	<p>Chair of the Ad Hoc Naming Committee Trustee Ruth Ann Dodman welcomed the committee on behalf of the LKDSB and stated that naming the consolidated school is one of the most important jobs in the transition of the two schools.</p> <p>Trustee Shannon Sasseville thanked the committee members for volunteering their time.</p> <p>Introductions were made around the table.</p>	
Review of the Board	Superintendent Girardi reviewed the Policy and Regulations associated with	

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<p>Regulations on Naming and Renaming of Board Facilities – Superintendent Girardi</p>	<p>the Naming and Renaming of Board Facilities (P-AD-1015-14 and R-AD-105-14).</p>	
<p>Establishment of the criteria and process for obtaining input on possible names for the consolidated school – Chair Trustee Dodman</p>	<p>Superintendent Gary Girardi explained to the committee that an Ad Hoc Committee has a three month timeline, and that in this case, the timeline for a recommendation to the Board is November 28, 2017. He stated that the committee can petition the Trustees to extend the timeline to the first Board Meeting of the new year.</p> <p>Superintendent Girardi explained that Ad Hoc Naming Committees in the past have set the naming criteria, the public was asked to submit names, the list of the names was reviewed by the committee, a short-list of names was determined, the public was asked to provide input on the short-list, and finally the committee chose a name to recommend to Trustees.</p> <p>Trustee Sasseville noted that the situation for John N. Given and Tecumseh Public School was unique as there was an indigenous component to it, and suggested that feedback be sought from the Indigenous Liaison Committee and community members. Trustee Dodman suggested that Trustee Lareina Rising’s opinion could be sought.</p> <p>Superintendent Girardi asked the committee if they would like to set criteria and seek public input or if they would like to wait to wait for further information prior to setting criteria and seeking public input.</p> <p>Committee member Shelby Sims suggested that LKDSB Indigenous Liaisons Janette Richmond and Chris Riley could be contacted. Superintendent Girardi responded that somebody could be invited to a meeting if the committee would like.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the steps that were taken in the past to change the name of Tecumseh High School to Tecumseh Public School. Superintendent Girardi will look into this and report back to the committee.</p> <p>There was a discussion around keeping the name Tecumseh Public School</p>	

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	<p>and each committee member was asked for their thoughts on this. There was consensus around the table that the Tecumseh Public School name should remain. Following this discussion, the committee decided that they would seek public input on keeping the name Tecumseh through an online and paper copy survey, with the following rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tecumseh is the name of the previous high school, as well as one of the two elementary schools on the consolidated site; • Tecumseh is recognized for making a significant contribution to society in the district, province and country and a monument is dedicated to him in Chatham-Kent; and • The name Tecumseh is also used to identify a local park and a historical parkway along the Thames River. <p>There was also a discussion on renaming a section of the school to honour the John N. Given Public School name.</p> <p>The committee requested that the information prepared for public input be provided to committee members for their approval prior to publishing. They thought this would also give committee members who could not attend the meeting an opportunity to provide feedback.</p> <p>Principal Moore stated that it is important to note that if the name remained the same the culture of the school would be John N. Given Public School and Tecumseh Public School coming together, and would not be Tecumseh Public School absorbing John N. Given Public School.</p>	
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft of public information to committee by Wednesday, October 11 • Committee to provide feedback by Friday, October 13 • News Release sent to public on Monday, October 16 • Online and hard copy survey open for feedback from Monday, October 16 to Friday, October 27 • Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 2 to discuss survey results • Recommendation to Board November 28, 2017 	
Next Meeting	Thursday, November 2, 2017, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at John N. Given Public School.	

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Adjournment	Chair Dodman thanked the committee for their time and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.	