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- Present:
Trustees: Chair Jane Bryce, Vice-Chair Scott McKinlay, Randy Campbell, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Elizabeth Hudie, Tom McGregor, Bob Murphy, Lareina Rising, Shannon Sasseville
- Student Trustee: Cole Anderson and Brittany McLaren
- Staff: Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Joy Badder, Dave Doey, Mike Gilfoyle, Gary Girardi, Taf Lounsbury and Phil Warner
- Regrets: Trustees Randy Campbell and Jack Fletcher
- Recording Secretary: Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer
- Call to Order: Chair Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the public. She explained that this is a constituted Board Meeting of the LKDSB and that applause or jeering would not be permitted. She explained that Trustees applaud staff, students or community members when they receive awards of recognition and for student performances. Delegations are not a performance. She quoted the Section 3.20 from the LKDSB Procedural By-laws:
All persons attending meetings of the Board shall show respect for others in their language and conduct. Any person who interrupts or disrupts a meeting of the Board shall be expelled from the meeting in accordance with the Education Act, ss 207 (3). Audio or video recording devices may not be used at any meeting of the Board or its committees without the prior permission of the Chair of the Board or the Director of Education.
- #2016-96
Approval of the Agenda
May/24/2016
Moved by Elizabeth Hudie, seconded by Tom McGregor,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting Public Session of May 24, 2016 be approved."
CARRIED.
- Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No declarations of conflict of interest were issued.
- #2016-97
Approval of Minutes
May/10/2016
Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Bob Murphy,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 10, 2016."
CARRIED.
- Business Arising: Trustee Douglas referred to page 7 and stated that he is not a graduate of SCITS. The Minutes will be revised to reflect this change.
- #2016-98
Action of the Regular Board Private Session be the Action of the Board
Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Elizabeth Hudie,
"That the Action of the Regular Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board."
CARRIED.
- Questions from the Public: Chair Bryce referred to the LKDSB Procedural By-laws Section 3.16 and 3:17, In addition to the foregoing, persons or groups may pose questions to the Board in accordance with the following procedure:
a) the questioner shall submit the question either orally or in writing to the Chair of the Board;
b) the Chair or his/her designate shall answer the questions if the information is immediately available or send a written reply following the meeting; and

- c) the questioner may ask a follow-up question for clarification. The Board may limit the number of questioners as it sees fit.

Chair Bryce requested that the individuals state their name and provide their email address so an answer could be provided if a follow-up reply was needed.

Valerie Riess, parent of a South Plympton Wyoming student, asked if the estimates from the architect were made available for the different options at South Plympton and Wyoming Public Schools. Superintendent McKay confirmed that the estimates were not provided to the Board. In response to Valerie Riess's questions regarding the sewer costs at Wyoming Public School and the septic system replacement costs at South Plympton Public School, Superintendent McKay confirmed that Administration did look at the cost of a new septic system costing \$200,000 compared to annual cost of sewer charges costing \$5,000 per year and confirmed that septic system normally last 40 years. In response to Valerie Riess's follow up question comparing the costs over 40 years, Superintendent McKay commented that the analysis does not take into account the initial cost outlay of the \$200,000 in current dollars for the new system versus spending \$5,000 each year into the future which spreads out cost.

Trustees Appointment to
the Ad Hoc Naming
Committee
Report B-16-56

Chair Bryce advised that the Board had passed a Motion at the May 10, 2016 Board Meeting to form an Ad Hoc Naming Committee for the Consolidated St. Clair Secondary School and Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School. Chair Bryce thanked Trustees Douglas and Murphy for agreeing to serve on the Ad Hoc Naming Committee for the Consolidated Sarnia Secondary School. She advised that Director Costello is working with Principals Wiersma and Keane to collect the names of School Council Chairs, students and staff to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. A link has been placed on the Sarnia South Secondary School ARC website to allow community members who are interested in serving on the Ad Hoc Committee to submit their names. She explained that Director Costello would be appointing the members to the Ad Hoc Naming Committee by June 1, 2016. As per Board By-laws, Ad Hoc committees exist for a period of three months however, the three-month term for the Naming Committee will exclude July and August. The Ad Hoc Naming Committee will meet prior to June 30, 2016 to establish criteria for the new consolidated school name, process to gather input from appropriate stakeholders, timelines for community input and when to present a recommendation to the Board for approval. The Committee will be asked to report back to Board at the August 30, 2016 Board Meeting with this information. The Naming Committee will be asked to submit a final report containing a recommended name for the consolidate school to the Board for approval at the end of October 2016. Chair Bryce explained that the Committee could decide to meet over the summer and bring a recommendation to the Board for approval in August or September.

#2016-99
Trustees Douglas and
Murphy to Serve on the
Consolidated SCSS/SCITS
Naming Committee

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Tom McGregor,

"That the Board appoint Trustees Dave Douglas and Bob Murphy to serve on the Ad Hoc Naming Committee for the Consolidation St. Clair Secondary School/Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School."

CARRIED.

Addendum to the Final
Staff Report on the
Consolidation of South
Plympton and Wyoming
Public Schools

Director Costello explained that the LKDSB Pupil Accommodation Report 2015/2016 and Initial Staff Report on the Consolidation of South Plympton and Wyoming Public Schools were presented to the Board in compliance with LKDSB Regulation *Pupil Accommodation* No: R-AD-106 on November 24, 2015. On April

Report B-16-57

26, 2016, Trustees received the Final Staff Report on the Consolidation of South Plympton and Wyoming Public Schools. He advised that the Addendum to the Final Staff Report on the Consolidation of South Plympton and Wyoming Public Schools provides Trustees with a final summary of the community consultation process and presents final recommendations for Trustees' decisions. He commented on the delegations to Board. He commented that throughout the Pupil Accommodation Review process, the majority of ARC and community members recognized the advantages of consolidating South Plympton and Wyoming Public Schools; however, there has been some disagreement over the most appropriate site for the consolidation, the timeline for implementation and the safety concerns that would arise in choosing the site. He confirmed that Administration has followed both the Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline and LKDSB Regulation No: R-AD-106. He commented that Administration has been objective in its analysis of both schools and remains confident in its original recommendations. He outlined the program benefits for the students. Transitions can be stressful for students, especially those in the primary grades. A transition from one school to another brings a different facility, unfamiliar teachers and administrators, new groups of friendships and classmates, as well as different expectations. One school will eliminate a large transition for students at the end of grade three. With a consolidated site, more siblings could attend one school together.

Trustee Sasseville joined the Meeting.

Director Costello advised that a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school allows for more opportunities for mixed sessions for remediation, tutoring, or enrichment activities. Teachers are more informed about students and their specific strengths and needs from an earlier vantage point as there are more staff in the same site. This allows teachers to participate in collaborative problem-solving to determine solutions for behavioral/academic challenges and view progress in individual students. A Kindergarten to Grade 8 school provides increased opportunities for students from a greater span in age groups to interact with each other. A school approach to literacy and numeracy allows a continuous plan to be developed for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. As part of the student consolidation at the Wyoming site, a pre-school room and Before and After school program would be included in the child care plan for the site. There is also the potential of expansion of services to include younger children subject to funding approval from the Ministry, appropriate service demand and participation from the child care provider.

Director Costello explained the impact on transportation services. CLASS believes that with a complete routing redesign of all existing Wyoming elementary buses and integration with the local coterminous Board routes, all eligible students can be transported with fewer routes than are currently in place. There are currently six buses servicing the three elementary schools in Wyoming and if the school consolidation were to be at the Wyoming Public School site, CLASS believes that they would only require four or five shared buses to transport all of the eligible students. This reduction will provide minor, incremental mileage cost reductions for both school boards annually and will also support our commitment to environmental stewardship and continuous efficiency improvements.

Director Costello explained the rationale for selecting the Wyoming Public School site for the consolidated school. He commented on the FCI, operating costs, location of the buildings, size of the buildings, architectural costs (the septic system replacement costs versus the sewer costs), transportation and the proximity to student walkers.

Director Costello outlined the revisions made to the Initial Staff Report. Due to concerns from parents and staff the timeline was extended from a consolidation at the Wyoming Public School site in September 2016 to consolidation at the Wyoming Public School site in September 2017. This will increase the timeframe for construction and the Transition Committee by a full calendar year. CLASS will work with the school Principal to establish parameters regarding priority for courtesy applications for the consolidated school. All courtesy seat applications must meet the approved courtesy seat criteria and parameters (found at: <https://www.schoolbusinfo.com/courtesy-login.asp>) however a Kindergarten to Grade 3 priority could be applied to approved applications under the direction of the school Principal. Courtesy bus stops cannot be located within the walk boundary for any school; students are required to meet the school bus at an existing stop or along the path of the bus outside of the walk distance boundary. Parents expressed a desire to have a crossing guard assigned to the intersection of Broadway Street and Niagara Street. He explained that the Town of Plympton-Wyoming has an established process for requesting crossing guards. Their process is initiated by a formal request in writing for their review and consideration. If the Trustees approve the consolidation of the schools at Wyoming Public School site, CLASS will consult with the school Principal to confirm request details and then submit this formal request to the Town in 2016/17 with a proposed start date to align with the consolidation of the schools. A school crossing guard is governed by the rules outlined in the Highway Act. Director Costello advised that due to concerns expressed by parents in regard to construction while students and staff are in the building, architects outlined a potential strategy to complete updates at Wyoming in phases as outlined in the Final Staff Report.

Director Costello outlined the membership on the Transition Committee and the associated responsibilities as well as possible sub-committees. He commented on the success the Board has had in the past with the Transition Committees.

Director Costello commented on the formation of an Ad Hoc Naming Committee. He advised that he would be communicating with the Principal and Vice-Principal regarding the selection process for Ad Hoc Naming Committee Members. Administration is recommending that the Naming Committee be established as of September 6, 2016. As per Board By-laws, Ad Hoc committees exist for a period of three months. Administration is recommending that the Naming Committee meet before September 30, 2016 in order to establish criteria for the new consolidated school name and a process to gather input from appropriate stakeholders. He explained that the Naming Committee would be asked to submit a final report containing a recommended name for the consolidated school to the Board for approval for the January 10, 2017 Board Meeting.

#2016-100
Consolidation of South
Plympton and Wyoming
Public School Approved
September 2017

Moved by Tom McGregor, seconded by Shannon Sasseville,

“That the Board approve the consolidation of South Plympton Public School and Wyoming Public School at the Wyoming Public School site in September 2017.”

Trustee Hudie commented that she was pleased to see Administration address the concerns of the parents regarding safety, the railway tracks, the possibility of a crossing guard and moving the implementation year back to 2017. She supported not relocating the Alternative Learning and Living Program (ALLP) classroom for the year.

Vice-Chair McKinlay requested a Recorded Vote

Non-Binding Vote

Student Trustee Cole Anderson	Yes
Student Trustee Brittany McLaren	Yes

Binding Vote

Elizabeth Hudie	Yes
Dave Douglas	Yes
Tom McGregor	Yes
Bob Murphy	Yes
Shannon Sasseville	Yes
Ruth Ann Dodman	Yes
Lareina Rising	Yes
Jane Bryce	Yes
Scott McKinlay	Yes

CARRIED.

#2016-101
Wyoming Area ARC
Dissolved

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Elizabeth Hudie,

“That the Board dissolve the Wyoming Area Schools Accommodation Review Committee.”

CARRIED.

Chair Bryce thanked the ARC members for serving on the committee.

#2016-102
Ad Hoc Naming Committee
Formed for the
Consolidated South
Plympton/Wyoming Public
School

Moved by Elizabeth Hudie, seconded by Bob Murphy,

“That the Board approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to recommend to the Board a name for the consolidated South Plympton and Wyoming Public Schools and appoint two Trustees to serve on the Committee.”

CARRIED.

#2016-103
Tender Award – Barrier
Free Washroom
Renovation at Wallaceburg
District Secondary School
Report B-16-58

Superintendent McKay reported on the tender award for the barrier free washroom renovation at Wallaceburg District Secondary School. He noted that there was only one bid submitted and that originally the bid was over budget. The Board partners with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent on the pool operation so Administration contacted them. The Municipality has responded with additional funding for the project. The Board is taking some additional money from its accessibility budget for 2015/2016.

Moved by Tom McGregor, seconded by Scott McKinlay,

“That the Board award the tender to the successful bidder, Elric Contractors.”

In response to Vice-Chair McKinlay’s question, Superintendent McKay confirmed that it is unusual to receive only one bid for a project like this. He confirmed that Administration and the Municipality were surprised that the bid came in over budget estimates. Trustee Murphy advised that he heard the renovation will require closing the pool for the summer and noted that it is the only public pool in Wallaceburg. Superintendent McKay explained that the scope of the project requires that the contractors take the full site for safety reasons. The trade-off is that it will be closed for one summer but the community will have a better facility into the future. Director Costello explained that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent operates the pool.

CARRIED.

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- #2016-104
Tender Award – Partial
Roof Replacements at
Tecumseh Public School
and Wallaceburg District
Secondary School
Report B-16-59
- Superintendent McKay presented the tender award for partial roof replacement at Wallaceburg District Secondary School and Tecumseh Public School.
- Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Elizabeth Hudie,
- “That the Board award the tenders to the successful bidder Keller Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc.”
- CARRIED.
- #2016-105
Tender Award – Partial
Roof Replacement and
Asphalt replacement at
Victor Lauriston Public
School
Report B-16-60
- Superintendent McKay presented the tender award for the partial roof replacement and asphalt replacement at Victor Lauriston Public School.
- Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Elizabeth Hudie,
- “That the Board award the tender to the successful bidder, Intrepid General Ltd.”
- Superintendent McKay confirmed that with the award of this tender, there will be about \$300,000 left in the School Condition Improvement budget for the 2015/2016 school year. This is the last of the large tenders that will be brought to Board for approval.
- CARRIED.
- Elementary Teacher/
Board Communications
Committee Update
Report B-16-61
- Chair Bryce presented the report of the Elementary Teacher/Board Communications Committee. She attended the May 10, 2016 meeting on behalf of Trustee Sasseville.
- Native Advisory Committee
Update
Report B-16-62
- Trustee Rising reported on the May 18, 2016 meeting of the Native Advisory Committee held at Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School in the Indigenous room. She advised that they are still working on an official name for the room. It will be in place for the 2016/2017 school year. Representatives from Kettle and Stony Point First Nation shared news of the signing of a resolution document transferring land at Ipperwash back to First Nation jurisdiction from the federal government, signalling the beginning of a new era in the community. Aamjiwnaang First Nation is working on education policy updates and development, as well as the release of recommendations regarding their Junior Kindergarten program. Walpole Island First Nation will be announcing a new name for their elementary school on June 10. They also reported that the Ojibwe immersion language program will be continuing into its second year. Superintendent McKay and Manager of Finance Anderson provided a review of the 2016/2017 budget and details of the funding being provided for First Nation, Métis, and Inuit education initiatives. Trustee Rising shared information about her participation in a teleconference with other Native Trustees that focused on measuring and sharing progress via a provincial report card. She referred to the OPSBA Charter of Commitment on First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education and the survey sent out. She advised that there was a 60% response rate to the survey which was excellent. NAC members discussed the need to have something like the OPSBA Charter at the LKDSB and are planning to look into it for the next school year. An update was provided on the success of the Annual Student Symposium held at SCITS this year. Hosting the event was uplifting for the staff and students at SCITS and it was an amazing day of learning for students.
- Parent Involvement
Committee (PIC) Update
- Director Costello reported on the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting held on May 16, 2016. He advised that Superintendent McKay attended to present information on the 2016/2017 budget and gather input. PIC suggested that a student survey be developed to gather input on the impact of the TELP for next year. Director Costello explained that the Ministry is considering the possibility of

revoking some grants for technology and is asking school boards for data to support a positive impact on student learning. Feedback was provided on the Dr. Jean Clinton presentations held in May. PIC received an invitation from the Thames Valley District School Board to apply for a regional grant to host a larger event next year. PIC is reviewing the membership for the 2016/2017 school year. He advised that PIC members are interested in developing a PIC Facebook page.

Consolidated St. Clair
Secondary School and
Sarnia Collegiate Institute
and Technical School
Transition Process
Update

Superintendent Girardi advised that former Secondary Principal Roberta Buchanan has agreed to serve as facilitator for the Transition Committee and guide the process. He met with a representative from Aamjiwnaang who has agreed to serve on Transition Committee. Administration is working towards finalizing members on the Transition Committee. Meetings are underway with Building Services and Information Technology staff. The staffing process is underway for the consolidated school staff. Staff from both schools will be together on the June 6 Professional Development Day.

Trustee Question

Vice-Chair McKinlay commented on the courtesy seat policy and the need to ensure that the parents of the South Plympton/Wyoming Consolidated School clearly understand the details. He noted that the Board does not have a lot of flexibility regarding implementation of it. Director Costello commented on the methods used to direct parents to the courtesy seat application process. Principals share information in newsletters as well. It was suggested that a meeting with the parents impacted be arranged so they understand the process. It was noted that students in a household may be impacted differently.

In response to Trustee Rising's question about when Trustees would have the opportunity to know what is next on the ARC agenda for the fall, Chair Bryce confirmed that the Board policy requires that the Director present a pupil accommodation report every year in the fall. Director Costello advised that Administration's energies have been focused on the current reviews. The decisions made will now allow Administration to move forward and think about next year. He advised that enrolment projections for September need to be confirmed and examined to determine next steps. Administration will endeavor to bring the report earlier hopefully in September or October. He referred to the six visions contained in the November 2015 report and the interest the visions have generated throughout the district. He noted that all six visions are subject to revisions as data changes. Administration is concerned about secondary enrolments in some areas.

Announcements

The June 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting will be held at the Chatham Education Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment
8:20 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Bryce declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board