

The Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Open Meeting held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Boardroom and by Google meet. (*)

PRESENT

Trustees: Chair Connolly (Committee Chairperson), Trustee MacKenzie (Board Chairperson), Trustee Martin(*), Trustee Tanguay, Trustee Leahy, Trustee Durst, Trustee Gaskell (Senior Student Trustee), Trustee Heitzner (Junior Student Trustee)(*).

Absent/Regards: Superintendent Armstrong

Administration: Director O'Sullivan, Superintendent , Di Ianni, Superintendent Heuchert, Superintendent Selby, Superintendent Piggott(*), Superintendent Kahler.

Guests:

Recorder: Mrs. Sarah Barker

A. Call to Order

Trustee Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

1. Opening Prayer

Superintendent Piggott led the Committee of the Whole in Opening Prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgment

Superintendent Heuchert respectfully acknowledged that the Committee of the Whole meeting is taking place on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Trustee Durst, seconded by Trustee Leahy, that the Committee of the Whole Open Agenda for Monday, June 10, 2024 be accepted.

Carried.

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Open Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Durst, seconded by Trustee Martin, that the Committee of the Whole Open Meeting Minutes from Monday, May 13, 2024 be accepted.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Draft Budget 2024-2025 Report

Superintendent Sean Heuchert reviewed the budget report presented in the Agenda. Changes were made by the Ministry to the terminology in the budget reports, for strengthening transparency with the public.

There were discussions regarding inflation challenges, and budget pressures. This includes transportation costs, staff sick leaves, software updates and some unexpected expenditures.

Being in its third year of deficit, the Board needs to apply for approval from the Ministry. The Board accumulated surplus from the previous year cannot exceed 1%, so it needs to be under 1.2million. The Board has already started the process for this Ministry approval. The draws on the surplus were reasonable, and the Board hopes to draw attention to capital funding rules that were changed by the Ministry during the building of the Holy Cross CSS sports field, which has contributed to the annual deficit.

Student enrollment is reported as being at its highest in 15 years, with elementary increasing by 22 FTE and secondary increasing by 194 FTE. Staff and class sizes are driven by these numbers, and will be reviewed in the fall once numbers are confirmed.

Superintendent Heuchert wanted to thank the Senior Team and the Finance Team ,especially Chief Financial Officer Teri Smith and Financial Analyst Rose Pearse for all of the hard work with the budget. The complexity of mapping the new budget format and redoing all of the fields in EFIS (accounting system), meant the staff had to enter the budget twice. With added pressures of calculations for Bill 124 in Payroll, it has been very heroic work.

There were questions regarding clarification on some of the budget funding, staffing and school budget support.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Leahy, seconded by Board Chairperson MacKenzie, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Board that the 2024-2025 Consolidated Expenses Budget, in the amount of \$221,823,763 be approved as presented.

Carried.

C. Information Items:

1. Northumberland Capital Improvement Report

The committee discussed the recent visit to Notre Dame CES, in Cobourg. There were comments regarding the poor condition of the facility and how the school is not up to modernized standards.

New plans, created by architect Glen Wilcox, to eliminate the pie shaped classrooms were presented. This would give a better layout, while keeping the same square footage. This would cost Board funding approximately 5 million dollars. The total FCI is 7.8 million dollars.

The committee discussed waiting until the next Capital Priorities submission to make an application for help with funding, as the school needs more than just the renovation presented.

In order to add square footage to a school, Ministry approval is required, even if no Ministry funding is being provided. The committee hopes the Ministry will take the recommendations from OCSTA to revisit the accommodation review timelines, and try again to establish some funding support from that process.

There are timeline pressures to close St. Michael CES in Cobourg, as it will not be up to the accessibility standards required by 2025. This school would require a minimum of three elevators installed, along with other renovations to comply.

There were discussions regarding the options available from the Accommodation Review, and the timelines with these options. The previous Board motion in 2017 presented 5 options. It was discussed to revisit these options and see what flexibility there is without violating the ARC process. The two questions were if the committee is recommending a renovation, or waiting and asking the Ministry for addition.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Tanguay, seconded by Trustee Leahy, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board receive the Notre Dame Capital Improvements Overview for information further, that the board request that Senior Administration investigate acting on the 2018 ARC in light of the current circumstances and the Ministry and the Province.

Carried.

D. Old Business:

There were no old business items.

E. New Business

Impact of Recreation Opportunities for PVNCCDSB regarding Bonnerworth Park Redevelopment Discussion

Motion: Moved by Trustee Leahy, Seconded by Board Chairperson MacKenzie, that Trustees and Board Administration conduct a review of the Bonnerworth Park Redevelopment in the City of Peterborough to determine if there will be any impact on St. Peter Catholic Secondary School and/or the Board's elementary athletics program.

And,

Following the review, should it be determined that impact does exist, that the matter be referred to the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting for further action.

Carried.

Trustee Jenny Leahy began discussions regarding the City of Peterborough plans to redevelop Bonnerworth Park. The committee was concerned regarding the impact redeveloping this park would have on school sporting events.

F. Next Meeting:

1. September 16, 2024, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
2. October 21, 2024, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
3. November 11, 2024, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
4. December 9, 2024, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
5. January 13, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
6. February 10, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
7. March 17, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
8. April 7, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
9. May 12, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
10. June 2, 2025, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.

G. Conclusion

1. Closing Prayer

Superintendent Piggott led the committee in closing prayer.

2. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee Tanguay, seconded by Board Chairperson MacKenzie, that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Carried.

John Connolly
Committee Chairperson
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Sean Heuchert
Superintendent of Business
and Finance