

Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Greg McNally Boardroom, Kemptville

PUBLIC SESSION

A. OPENING

Meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

A.1 Territorial Acknowledgement; Associate Student Trustee Guindon

A.2 Opening Prayer; Trustee Laton

B. ROLL CALL

B.1 Board Members

Present: Sue Wilson, Chair
Karen McAllister, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Cooney
Christopher Cummings
Brent Laton
Donna Nielsen (via Teams)
Karen Torrie-Racine
Chloe Finner, Student Trustee
Brooke Guindon, Associate Student Trustee

B.2 Senior Board Officials

Present: Laurie Corrigan, Director of Education
Ashley Hutchinson, Superintendent of Business/Treasurer
Brent Bovaird, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Dawn Finnegan, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Heather Gerber, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Norma McDonald, Superintendent of School Effectiveness

Tracy O'Brien, Superintendent of School Effectiveness

B.3 Recorder: Judith Bériault, Executive Assistant

B.4 Others: Amber LaBerge, Communications Lead
Paul Mesman, Manager of Plant & Maintenance
Dr. Krista Kiiffner, Clinical Supervision Psychologist
Christie Kent, Consultant, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

C. AMENDMENT TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

LATON

"That the Governance Committee approve the agenda of the Governance Committee Meeting of February 6, 2024, as presented."

Carried.

D. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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"That the Governance Committee approve the minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting held on December 5, 2023, as presented."

Carried.

F. RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

F.1 Projections and Demographics; Superintendent Hutchinson

Superintendent Hutchinson began by introducing Paul Mesman, the new CDSBEO Manager of Plant and Maintenance. She proceeded to introduce Christie Kent, Consultant with Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

Ms. Kent began her presentation by explaining the components of enrolment projections for school board accommodation planning and continued with the enrolment projections for CDSBEO. According to 2021 census indicators and the 2015-2022 birth data, the Board's 10-year enrolment projections predict an increase in student enrolment, in elementary and secondary schools.

F.2 Revised Financial Estimates for the Fiscal Period: September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024; Superintendent Hutchinson

Superintendent Hutchinson presented the 2023-2024 revised financial estimates, beginning with an enrolment summary, revenue, revised staffing, and expenditures. She concluded her presentation with some of the current budget pressures we continue to face.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

G.1 Bell Times – Sleep Research; Superintendent Hutchinson

Superintendent Hutchinson introduced the sixth presentation in a series of presentations regarding bell time changes. Superintendent Bovaird introduced Dr. Krista Kiiffner, Clinical Supervision Psychologist, who presented a summary of the research review done on the impacts of a later school start time. Dr. Kiiffner highlighted some of the research limitations, concluding that high-quality research that supports sound policy and decision making regarding shifting school start times to improve adolescents' health and educational functioning is currently lacking.

G.2 Update – Former Vincent Massey PS; Superintendent Hutchinson

Superintendent Hutchinson provided an update, in follow-up to Superintendent McDonald's presentation to the Board of Trustees on December 5, 2023. Superintendent Hutchinson met with the co-terminous board and reviewed the plan for the former Vincent Massey PS, as proposed by the City of Cornwall. The plan has changed, since first introduced to the public. School boards are part of the planning committee for the space. An update will be provided at the next Governance Committee meeting.

H. CLOSING PRAYER

I. ADJOURNMENT

LATON

"That the Governance Committee Meeting of February 6, 2024, be adjourned."

Carried.

Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.