

Public Schools Branch
Seventeenth Public Board of Directors Meeting
April 16, 2018

Minutes

The Board of Directors for the Public Schools Branch met on Monday, April 16, 2018 at Queen Charlotte Intermediate School.

Present: Susan Willis, Board Chair
Harvey MacEwen
Dale Sabean

Also in Attendance:

Parker Grimmer, Director of Public Schools Branch
John Cummings, Director of Corporate Services
Terri MacAdam, Director of Student Services
Dave Gillis, Leader of Corporate Services
Wendy Bernier, Director of Human Resources
Sheri Gauthier, Confidential Board Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The Board Chair welcomed those in attendance. The Board Chair expressed appreciation to Principal K.J. White for hosting the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

04/18/01 **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabean that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.**

3. Charlottetown Family Capacity Issues

Director Grimmer provided a presentation and reviewed functional capacity numbers for the Charlottetown Family of Schools and proposed recommendations to the Board. Director Grimmer outlined the process and timelines of what the Review of Schools would look like.

Dale Sabean noted that the information has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and expressed an immediate need for change. The Board would see this review consisting of a consultation process to include community members, stakeholders, advisory councils, and PSB staff.

The Board Chair thanked Director Grimmer for his presentation and noted that the information presented will be posted on the PSB website on April 17, 2018.

The Board Chair opened the floor for questions and comments.

Harvey MacEwen noted that he would like to see capacity numbers reviewed again. Harvey also noted that if required, any capital requirements would need to be submitted to Cabinet prior to September 15, 2018.

04/18/02 **It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the Board accept the recommendation in the April 16, 2018 Review of Schools that a more in-**

depth study be conducted using the Category I Study Process for Charlottetown Rural High School, Colonel Gray High School, Queen Charlotte Intermediate School, Birchwood Intermediate School, Spring Park Elementary School, and West Kent Elementary School and that options for change, except a permanent school closure, be explored for these schools and for other schools in the Charlottetown Family of Schools that may be affected by the options for change for these schools. Motion carried.

Discussion on the motion - A timeline of the process will be identified. If there are any construction considerations, the September deadline would be the priority.

The Board Chair noted that discussions here this evening were important for planning ahead for students. This is the current focus but we could be looking at other schools at a future date. Baragar data will be posted on the website April 17, 2018. Any definitions should be accompanied on the data. What does official capacity mean etc. other points of clarification should also be identified.

The Board Chair expressed that the Board will be engaged and assist where necessary during this process. She showed her appreciation for presentations from parents and the public regarding this issue in the past.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.