

Public Schools Branch
Twentieth Public Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2018

Minutes

The Board of Directors for the Public Schools Branch met on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at West Kent Elementary.

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
Karen Redmond, Manager of Policy and Planning
Dave Gillis, Leader of Corporate Services
Sheri Gauthier, Confidential Board Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. The Board Chair welcomed those in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

09/13/01 **Capital Budget Submission was added to the agenda as item #6.**

It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabean that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

3. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 29, 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

09/13/02 **It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabean that the minutes of the August 29, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting be adopted as presented.**

Motion carried.

4. West Kent Elementary Presentation

The Board Chair introduced and welcomed Principal, Tracy Ellsworth and Vice Principal, Emily Waye to their new roles at West Kent Elementary.

Tracy Ellsworth, Principal, welcomed those in attendance to West Kent Elementary and shared information about the school.

The Board Chair expressed her appreciation for Tracy's remarks and appreciated the staff at West Kent for hosting the Board this evening.

5. Charlottetown Area School Review Report

Elementary Option No. 1 - Rezone students living in Orchard Hill/Lewis Point Park area who are currently zoned to Spring Park Elementary and who are in the English program to West Royalty Elementary.

Elementary Option No. 2 - Rezone students living in the 'Queen Street circle' area (this includes Burns Avenue, University Avenue, Brown's Court, Belvedere Avenue, and North River Road), who are currently zoned for Spring Park Elementary and are in the English program to West Royalty Elementary.

O9/13/03

It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabean that the Director of the Public Schools Branch complete further analysis of the implications of options 1 and 2 on class composition and programs.

It is expected that this work will be provided to the Board of Directors by the end of the 2018 calendar year.

It was further moved that the Public Schools Branch postpone their decision on Elementary Options 1 and 2 of the Charlottetown Family of Schools Study Report 2017-2018 to rezone students in the English program at Spring Park Elementary to West Royalty Elementary until the end of 2018.

Motion carried.

Elementary Option No. 3 - Rezone students living on North River Road, Churchill Avenue, Peake Street, Windsor Street, Spring Street, Villa Avenue, Victoria Street, Green Street, Highland Avenue, McGill Avenue, Greenfield Avenue, Ambrose Street, Pembroke Terrace, Vail Drive and Greenfield Avenue who are currently zoned for West Kent Elementary and who are in the English program to St. Jean Elementary.

O9/13/04

It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that option 3 of the Charlottetown Family of Schools Study Report 2017-2018 could have a negative impact on the composition of the regular English program.

Enrolment projections do not indicate overcapacity at West Kent Elementary until 2021, the Public Schools Branch will actively monitor student enrolment and will defer any action until required, at which time there will be consultations with the community to look at possible options.

It was further moved that the Public Schools Branch reject Elementary Option 3 of the Charlottetown Family of Schools Study Report 2017-2018 to rezone students living on North River Road, Churchill Avenue, Peake Street, Windsor Street, Spring Street, Villa Avenue, Victoria Street, Green Street, Highland Avenue, McGill Avenue, Greenfield Avenue, Ambrose Street, Pembroke Terrace, Vail Drive and Greenfield Avenue who are currently zoned for West Kent Elementary and who are in the English program to St. Jean Elementary.

Motion carried.

Secondary Option No. 2 - Acquire property to build a Stratford Secondary (grades 7-12) in Stratford to accommodate intermediate and senior high school students for a

population of 1400 students. Rezone all students living in the Stratford zone who are currently zoned for Birchwood Intermediate and Charlottetown Rural Senior High to the 7-12 school in Stratford. Rezone all students living in the Donagh zone who are currently zoned for Stonepark Intermediate and Charlottetown Rural Senior High to the 7-12 school in Stratford. Redistribute remaining intermediate and senior high school students between the three existing intermediate and two senior high schools.

Secondary Option No. 3 – Acquire property to build a senior high school (grades 10-12) in Stratford. Rezone all students living in the Stratford zone and the Donagh zone who are currently zoned for Charlottetown Rural Senior High to the 10-12 school in Stratford. Redistribute remaining senior high school students between the two existing senior high schools.

O9/13/05

It was moved by Dale Sabean and seconded by Harvey MacEwen that the Public Schools Branch accept in principle that additional infrastructure be built in Stratford to accommodate students in the Stratford and Donagh school zones, with first consideration being given to high school enrolments and that there be work with impacted communities, the Public Schools Branch, and government to determine the appropriate number of schools, grade configurations, programs in schools, and schedule for construction.

It was further moved that the Public Schools Branch requests that the Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture recommend to the Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy that funds be acquired through the upcoming 2019-2020 capital budget process to undertake the identified work.

It was further moved that the Board of Directors reject Secondary Options 1, 4, and 5 as specified in the Charlottetown Family of Schools Study Report 2017-2018, and adopt the consequent requirement to rezone students as a result of the completion of new additional infrastructure.

Motion carried.

6. 2019-2020 Capital Budget Request

The Board Chair called upon John Cummings, Director of Corporate Services to speak to the 2019-2020 capital budget request. Mr. Cummings summarized the priorities for the period for the Boards' consideration and possible approval.

O9/13/06

It was moved by Harvey MacEwen and seconded by Dale Sabean that the Board request funding in the upcoming capital budget from the Province of Prince Edward Island for the following projects:

- 1. Construction of 10 classroom addition at West Royalty Elementary;**
- 2. Construction of new Sherwood Elementary;**
- 3. Construction of infrastructure solution for secondary students in the Stratford and Donagh school zones;**
- 4. Immediate increase in school capital repair budget to the Public Schools Branch of \$3M annually;**

5. **Needs assessment and construction of findings for Montague Consolidated and Eliot River Elementary;**
6. **Allocation of funding to conduct assessments of schools older than 20 years old to formulate a priority renovation plan and to make allowances in the capital plan for it to commence within the next five years;**
7. **Fuel tank replacements;**
8. **Service vehicle replacements;**
9. **Communication and software upgrades;**
10. **Additional school busses.**

Motion carried.

The Board Chair acknowledged the work of Director Parker Grimmer, Public Schools Branch Staff and Volume 18. The Charlottetown Area School Review has been a large piece of work over a short period of time and look forward to the work ahead.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.