

MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS ANNUAL MEETING – COUNTY OF SIMCOE

DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2015 at 6:30 PM

LOCATION: ST. DOMING'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
955 CEDAR LANE, BRACEBRIDGE

RE: CPP ANNUAL MEETING 2015

(Agenda and Sign-In Sheet attached)

CALL TO ORDER

6:35 pm

1. INTRODUCTION

Jennifer Sharpe

J. Sharpe welcomed the Community Partners in attendance and introduced Carol Corriveau-Truchon, SMCDSB Trustee, who began the meeting with a prayer.

An overview of the meeting was provided to discuss the Community Planning and Partnerships policy and the Board's Long Term Pupil Accommodation Plans as they relate to potential opportunities for Community Partnerships.

Reference was given to an opportunity to share information toward the end of the presentation.

Information being discussed this evening, including the presentation, handout summarizing the information and providing links, and the expression of interest form will be posted on the Board's web-site.

Round table opportunity was provided for everyone to introduce themselves.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

The highlights of the process related to the Community Planning and Partnership Policy and our Board's obligation to host an Annual Meeting with our Community Partners to share information were reviewed.

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2. LONG TERM PUPIL ACCOMMODATION PLAN

Kristin Pechkovsky

- Review Area Analysis

Presentation continued with a detailed look at each review area analysis which consists of information related to designated school sites, demographic information, utilization, facility details, child care, current grade profile, long term enrolment projections and overall project recommendations.

The overall enrolments, utilization, projections, and number of new project recommendations were identified.

3. CONCLUSIONS / NEXT STEPS

Jennifer Sharpe

It was concluded that St. Dominic's was the only school within the Muskoka / Parry Sound portion of our jurisdiction where surplus space was available in the school to seek partnership opportunities.

Clarification was provided to reiterate that the Board is NOT identifying any type of potential closure for St. Dominic's. The school will continue to function as it is currently. Staff will investigate in more detail as to the amount of surplus space that could be considered for partnership opportunities and the usability of the space.

Those Community Partners that may have an interest in a future project are encouraged to complete an expression of interest which the Board will keep on file.

J. Sharpe summarized the Information related to the development of our long term enrolment projections in this area. These projections are challenging to predict given the changing pattern and make-up of the communities, including their recreational and seasonal nature. Retention Rates are also difficult to predict.

The Board receives development applications in all of these areas which assists in developing the enrolment projections. The Board welcomes future opportunities from our Municipal Partners to help with continuing to develop and refine our enrolment projections.

4. COMMUNITY PARTNERS INFORMATION SHARING

All

The Board currently has child care within our schools which essentially is our starting point for community partnerships.

The Board encourages community partners to bring relevant information that could assist with the current or future development of our Long Term Pupil Accommodation Plans, such as population needs or community needs from a Health Unit perspective.

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We will continue our annual meetings and improve upon linkages in the future to encourage the sharing of information.

Round table opportunity was provided to share information, provide comments and / or ask questions.

Comment: Trillium Lakelands District School Board is faced with a similar overall declining enrolment which is a common phenomenon. There are developments occurring in Kawartha Lakes and Lindsay area, although they are retirement homes. TLDSB has very little partnerships in the schools other than child care. A common concern is that partners do not want to pay for the space within schools. From the Board's perspective, these partnerships need to be at cost recovery to the Board.

Comment: The Ministry is currently subsidizing child care. New partners would not have that ability.

Comment: Cost recovery is essentially the main stumbling block for these partnership opportunities. Long term agreements need to be entered into and community partners often cannot guarantee funding for long periods of time. Legislation is not up to speed with these opportunities such as: safe school act, education act, collective agreements. Until there are legislative changes, we are not going to find partners that can achieve cost recovery. It is also difficult to move passed silos in our organizations. If government wants us to pursue these types of partnerships, they will need to provide seed money to allow a collection of agencies to deliver a program through partnership opportunities.

Comment: Regarding the development piece, the Town of Bracebridge has been the busiest in the past 5-6 months as Council has dropped development charges, increasing the number of multi-residential projects on line. Despite this growth, the majority of the development is geared to seniors / lifestyle.

Comment: If there is reasonable employment in the area, then family oriented residential uses will exist. This may not result in true growth but may provide stable population for our schools. The elementary panel in this area is fairly stable. The Board has an interest in enhancing the enrolment at St. Dominic's.

Comment: There are approximately 6-7 classrooms (approximately 4000 square feet) identified as surplus within St. Dominic's. The Board still needs to define that amount based on what a potential partner may require. The Board understands that the more the surplus space is defined, the easier it will be to market.

Comment: Lease agreements may need to consider longer lengths of time.

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Comment: Monsignor Clair Catholic elementary school in Barrie is another example where our Board is a partner to itself as we accommodate students on the first floor and academic staff on the second floor.

5. QUESTIONS

All

Q: How will the Community Planning & Partnership (CPP) Annual Meetings occur?

A: The annual CPP cycle will include an annual meeting. The Board will investigate further when this annual meeting needs to occur.

C: TLDSB usually has their meeting in November, however, it was held off this year.

ADJOURNMENT

7:25 pm