

MINUTES
LOCAL SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE
4305 HAMILTON ROAD, DORCHESTER

PRESENT: Michelle Smibert, Chair/Council Representative
Sharron McMillan, Vice-Chair/Council Representative
Nancy Delorey, Community Member
Ken Empey, Community Member
Sally Taylor, Community Member
Kirk Hallman, Community Member
Marc Bancroft, Director of Planning & Development Services/Staff Resource
Sara Henshaw, Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Arlene Morell, Thames Valley District School Board Trustee, Middlesex County

ABSENT: Gerry Armstrong, Community Member
Kristine Brown, Community Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) June 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by: S. Taylor
Second by: S. McMillan
(Resolution: LSAC-12-2023)

THAT the minutes of the Local School Advisory Committee regular meeting held on June 7, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

(a) Ministry of Education: Capital Priorities Funding (per A. Morell, Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB), Middlesex County)

Ms. Morell noted that she is not speaking on behalf of nor does she represent the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB). Her opinions are own as an elected Trustee in Middlesex County, and not necessarily that of the Board. *The Education Act* which governs the work of the Trustee stipulates that:

“A trustee’s role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit the board’s entire jurisdiction while representing the interests of their constituents. Trustees must also communicate the views and decisions of the board back to their constituents.”

Ms. Morell discussed the following with the committee:

- 2023-2024 Capital Priorities Program Submissions
 - Submission deadline – October 20, 2023
 - Funding announcements will be made Winter 2024
 - Details of what project proposals should include
 - New - Board Performance Assessment
 - School boards will be assessed on performance history delivering capital projects
 - New - Enhanced Accountability Framework
 - How to submit proposals

Committee members inquired about the following:

- Determination of Catholic vs. Public School Board
 - Possibility of combined schools
- Regina Mundi – timeline on being torn down and new school erected
- Budget for childcare building in Lambeth, Regina Mundi and new Belmont School
- Details regarding new Belmont school
- EarlyOn Childcare Centre – opening date
- Further discussion on renaming of schools (LDSS, etc.)
- How long project can sit on capital project list
- Budget amount, increase from previous year, deficit

A. Morell answered the committee members’ questions.

Moved by: N. Delorey
Second by: K. Hallman
(Resolution: LSAC-13-2023)

THAT the presentation provided by Arlene Morell, regarding Ministry of Education: Capital Priorities Funding, be received for information.

Carried.

5. REPORTS OF STAFF

- (a) Thames Valley District School Board Updates (per M. Bancroft, Director of Planning & Development Services)

There was some discussion.

Moved by: K. Empey
Second by: S. McMillan
(Resolution: LSAC-14-2023)

THAT Report PDS-060-23 titled, "Thames Valley District School Board Updates" from the Director of Planning & Development Services, that was supported by Council on October 16, 2023, be received for information;

AND THAT the verbal update provided by the Director of Planning & Development Services be received for information.

Carried.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

No items.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No items.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was some discussion regarding the following:

- Bus cancellations
- Driver shortages
- Driver Contracts
- Attendance review

Moved by: K. Empey
Second by: K. Hallman
(Resolution: LSAC-15-2023)

THAT staff be directed to contact a representative from the Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services ("mybigyellowbus.ca") to see if they can appear as a delegation at an upcoming meeting of the Local School Advisory Committee to discuss driver concerns.

Carried.

10. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: S. McMillan
Second by: N. Delorey
(Resolution: LSAC-16-2023)

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Carried.

Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.