



**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX
LOCAL SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Jackie Tiedeman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The first item of business was the appointment of a New Chair from among the three Council Members. Due to the leave of absence of Cr. McLinchey it was agreed that the Chair will be appointed at this meeting and the Vice Chair at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

A.CORNELISSEN/D. DALES: That Joan Nichol be appointed Chair of the Committee

CARRIED

Chair Nichol continued with the meeting with a quorum present.

PRESENT

Chair Joan Nichol
Councillor Adrian Cornelissen
Councillor Doreen McLinchey - Absent
David Dales – Parent Secondary
Tonya Nichol – Parent Elementary E.W.
Nichole Windsor – Parent Elementary E.W.
Mark Cadman – Parent Elementary P.W.W. & NMDHS
Erin Wright – Parent Elementary - MCG
Jackie Tiedeman – Staff Member
Arlene Morell – TVDSB Trustee
Sean Hunt – TVDSB Trustee

PROVISION FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST (to be in writing)

None declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

N. WINDSOR/T. NICHOL: That the September 20, 2018 minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee, Sean Hunt, commented on the feedback from attendance at other public consultation meetings of affected schools with the proposed boundary changes. The consultation process for East Williams situation is unique in that the Trustee's pushed to have this meeting.

Trustee, Arlene Morell, provided updates which included her appointment as Chair to the Board, recruitment process underway for replacement of the Director which will be retiring in August, anticipation of the Provincial Budget in the coming weeks to see the impact to the funding announcement formula, Proposed Changes to the Safe Schools Act which would include: a mandate that new teachers to successfully complete a math content knowledge test before seeking their teaching registration and other proposed changes to reporting of abuse and disciplinary measures to be imposed. Other changes that may occur is reduction of Full Day Kindergarten everyday back to every other day; potential to change class cap sizes and the effect these changes would have on teacher allocation into classrooms as well as the capacity formula of school facility. It was indicated that having flexibility in size of classrooms to be average rather than capped would actually be beneficial to allocations.

Chair J. Nichol then relayed information discussed at Council last night that there is feedback from the community that there is a lack of available daycare in North Middlesex. Council suggested having this discussion at this meeting so see if TVDSB has any insight into this. Trustee, Arlene Morell, reiterated that schools should welcome community collaboration with respect to being able to offer this type of service in under capacity schools. Arlene suggested engaging in discussions with Cindy Howard, at the

County as well as the Capital Planning Dept at TVDSB on criteria to initiation accommodating this type of service in the community. She also emphasized the importance of this in light of the subdivision proposal in Parkhill. Other members of the committee concurred that they have heard similar feedback on the lack of daycare options for existing families but also this is important when families are considering moving to this area.

Chair Nichol advised that the Economic Development Committee will also be having this same discussion.

Ms. Morell advised that the Vice Principal of NMDHS, Mat Bradacs, has offered to provide a demonstration of on-line learning at the school to this Committee. Based upon the meeting schedule, it was suggested that April 18th be targeted. Ms. Morell offered to liaison with Mr. Bradacs on this invitation.

The Committee also suggested that a letter be prepared and sent to NMDHS to try and encourage participation of students at this Committee and that this could be an opportunity for them to also earn community hours.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

Chair J. Nichol led the review of the Terms of Reference which is to be reviewed annually by the Committee. It was noted that “MEETINGS” section contained within the Terms of Reference needs to be updated to reflect bi-monthly meetings. As well, under “5. Composition” contained within the By-law – “Voting Members” a clerical wording error was noted and will be amended at the same time.

Being no other changes or amendments, the following motion was brought forward:

N. WINDSOR/D. DALES: That the Committee conducted its review of the Terms of Reference and that it be recommended to be approved by Council, as amended.

CARRIED

Nichole Windsor provided an update on the Boundary Changes public consultation meetings that have been occurring with Thames Valley District School Board that she has participated in. This will potentially affect East Williams School due to the proposal

to designate a portion of existing pupils residing in the north portion of Oxbow to East Williams. Possible limitation/issues being expressed is that it would disrupt a number of students over a large geographic area and may result in increased transportation times for some students. The additional enrolment is positive for East Williams School.

The meeting in East Williams was not well attended by parents and it was felt by those present that better communication of the meeting should have occurred. Therefore, another meeting date was scheduled for February 25th at East Williams School for this public consultation process.

The proposed target date for this transition is expected to be 2020.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019

Based upon direction provided by Council on scheduling meetings bi-monthly, the following dates were suggested:

N. WINDSOR/M. CADMAN: That April 18th, June 20th, Sept.19th and Nov.21st be the 2019 Meeting Date Schedule.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

A. CORNELISSEN/M.CADMAN: Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY