

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

MINUTES of the New French Immersion School Committee Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East held at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Schumacher Board Office on **Wednesday, September 28, 2009.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Osterberg	Chair
Erin Cullin	Parent Representative – Coronation Public School
Tracy Hautanen	Parent Representative – Flora MacDonald Public School
Carole Horton	Manager of Building Services
Linda Knight	Director of Education
Rosemary Lessard	Principal, Coronation Public School
Barry Peterson	Superintendent of Business & Finance
Peter Pidskalny	Parent Representative – Queen Elizabeth Public School
Steve Pladzyk	Superintendent of Schools
Rosemary Pochopsky	Trustee
Lee-Ann Wearing	Principal, Queen Elizabeth Public School

REGRETS:

Heather Bozzer	Trustee
Bert Schaffer	Trustee
Tanya Vincze	Principal, Flora MacDonald Public School

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Darlene Cyr

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HORTON/LESSARD:

THAT the minutes dated September 16, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

2. RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT APPLICATION

Barry Peterson reviewed the SB31 Memo – Renewable Energy Funding for Schools. Barry noted that the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure is investing \$50 million to install renewable energy technologies at school board facilities. Funding will be provided to school boards based on business case proposals. There is a maximum of \$20 million in funding that will be approved for projects that are submitted by the September 15th deadline and have a timing imperative. Projects must not exceed \$2.5 million and must be completed by August 2011, which falls in line with the opening of the new Timmins school.

The application and business case was submitted September 15, 2009 for the new school. The business case includes three project components:

- 1) A 100kw solar photovoltaic roof mounted system which will be approximately 22,000 sq. ft. This system will sell electricity back to the grid under the Ontario Power Authority Feed-in-Tariff program.
- 2) A hybrid solar PV wind turbine that can be used for educational purposes and has the ability to power one exterior street light.
- 3) An on-line web site and kiosk that will engage the students with green technologies in the building.

These components will add to the vision of having a technologically sound school. The estimated value of the project is \$1.482 million dollars and if successful, will be in addition to the funding allocation for the news school.

3. SCHOOL VISIT CONFIRMATION

Carole Horton indicated that two schools visits were confirmed, Walden Public School in Sudbury October 13, 2009 and Queen Street Public School in Brampton on October 14, 2009.

They have not heard from the York Board regarding Oscar Peterson Public School in Stouffville. Barry Peterson will call tomorrow and speak to his counterpart and make arrangements.

Committee members are to advise Darlene Cyr by October 5, 2009 as to whether they are available to visit the schools and if they will be travelling back on October 14, 2009 or October 15, 2009 in order to arrange car pools and accommodations.

Subsequent Note: A tour of Oscar Peterson Public School has been arranged for 1:00 p.m., October 14, 2009.

4. REVIEW OF POTENTIAL SITES

Peter Osterberg asked if it was the Ministry's directive that there has to be 5 acres of property to build a school. Barry Peterson said it is a guideline but it is not set in stone. Peter Osterberg asked if the committee objected to looking at only the properties that were available that had 5 acres or more.

PLADZYK/HAUTEN:

THAT any sites that are less than five acres be eliminated.

CARRIED

As a result of this motion, Flora MacDonald and Queen Elizabeth Public School sites will be eliminated

Linda Knight indicated that there should be a discussion as to whether or not the committee wanted to look at property that had a cost to it or just property that was available free.

Barry Peterson advised that the grant allocation did not cover site purchases and that any cost so incurred would have to come from other Board funds.

Peter Osterberg said that that would be fine as long as we have suitable sites.

Tracy Hautanen indicated that there were 2 sites that had no cost listed.

Lee-Ann Wearing indicated that site 3 was available. Peter Osterberg advised that this property was behind Don-Bosco School, but that there would be a cost to connecting the water lines from the property to the city lines.

Erin Cullin wanted to know that if we were using the existing land behind Coronation, would Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board be interested in Coronation Public School. Peter Osterberg indicated that Steve Pladzyk would inform the committee of his discussions with Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board under other business.

Peter Osterberg indicated that in fairness to the committee that they should not chose one site today, but that it should be put on the website and have input from the parent committees.

CULLIN/LESSARD:

THAT the Committee consider only sites that are owned by the Board or are free of charge.

CARRIED

Lee-Ann Wearing requested that Carole Horton explain how the 12 sites were chosen. Carole indicated that they were gathered with the assistance of the city of Timmins Planning Department.

Erin Cullin requested that Carole Horton get the price of the 2 sites that did not have prices available. Carole Horton will look into the cost and if they are free of charge they will be included with the other sites.

Site 12, owned by the Board, was eliminated as it had been soil tested by the French Public Board and determined to be swampy and expensive to build on.

When the sites are posted, there will be a link to the information on each site as presented to the Committee. There will also be a section for people to post their comments.

LESSARD/POCHOPSKY:

THAT the committee consider sites 3, 4, 7, 9 and 10 for the new school only if they have no purchase cost to the Board.

CARRIED

Subsequent Note: It has been determined that there will be a cost to the Board for sites 3, 4, and 7. New information has been received regarding site 5 and it will be discussed further.

5. OTHER

1. Steve Pladzyk, Peter Osterberg, Bert Schaffer and Linda Knight met with Beth Nowak and Dave Landers from CDSSAB to ascertain their level of interest in a partnership in the building of the new school. They expressed interest in offering before and after school programming as well as a day care. There was no financial commitment made by them towards creating a space in the new building. It was agreed that a joint letter to go to the Ministries of Education, Health and Child and Youth Services encouraging them to collaborate and use this opportunity to apply some of the recommendations from the Pascal Report would be drafted by Dave Landers and Steve Pladzyk.

Steve made a presentation to the Best Start Network about the new school and the potential for partnerships and enhanced programming. The presentation was met with great optimism and support and many suggestions were made regarding potential uses of a hub model. Beth Nowak will forward to the committee all suggestions and layout specifications for consideration.

2. Barry Peterson indicated that the allocation received from the Ministry of Education could not be used to construct daycare spaces.

3. Linda Knight advised that the Ministry is very serious about having early learning JK/SK – Jim Reeves – Peel Board has been enticed to resign and work on the implementation of full-time JK/SK.

4. Claire Lajeunesse has been chosen as the teacher to visit the other schools.

5. Carole Horton and Barry Peterson will chose a custodian to join the trip.

Subsequent Note: Stanley Campsall has been chosen as the custodian to visit the other schools.

6. Interaction with school councils was discussed with the following being agreed:

- Parent Representatives will be the contact for school councils and bring their comments or issues to the Committee. The chair may also be contacted.
- Meeting Minutes will be posted in a section on the Board's website once they have been approved by the Committee.
- If someone does not wish to use the website comments section they can send correspondence to the Chair of this Committee.
- Once we have a footprint of the school any required sub-committees will be formed to gather input.
- The Principal's role is to pass information on to School Councils.

7. Committee Structure and Minutes

- Parent Representatives will not have alternates appointed in order to maintain continuity.
- Approval of Committee Minutes:

WEARING/PIDSKALNY:

THAT once the minutes have been sent to the Committee, the Committee has 2 business days to respond or they will be deemed accepted and the minutes will then be posted on the website.

CARRIED

8. Site Selection

- Site selection will take place at the October 21, 2009 meeting so that we can proceed with soil testing.

9. Ministry Template Approval

- After the school visits are completed a new school template will be developed for submission to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Next meeting Oct. 21, 2009, Schumacher Board Office.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

WEARING/LESSARD:

THAT we do now adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.