

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, 1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario

Present: Trustees Angela Lloyd (Committee Chairperson), Cathy Abraham,
Terry Brown and Cyndi Dickson.

Trustee Rose Kitney attended via teleconference.

Regrets: Trustee Diane Lloyd (Chairperson of the Board).

Also Present: Trustees Sarah Bobka (Vice-chairperson of the Board), Kailee Dupuis
and Jaine Klassen Jeninga; C. Arnew, S. Girardi, P. Mangold,
J. Stewart, and S. Foss.

CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and
recognized and acknowledged that the committee was meeting on the traditional
territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Brown

That the Agenda be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The following revision was noted in the minutes:

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Correction to the spelling of a trustee name.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

**That the minutes of the Resource Committee meeting of June 12, 2019 be
adopted as amended.**

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Facilities Summer Project Update

Superintendent Mangold acknowledged the hard work of the Facilities Department and noted that even with tight timelines, schools look great and were open and ready for students on the first day of school.

J. Stewart, Executive Officer Facilities Services, reported that \$14M worth of work was done over the summer at 45 different sites, that currently as a whole, projects are only \$40,000 over the original budget estimation, and that there has been a very positive response from all schools. Some summer projects included \$1.5M in roofing, four elementary library refreshes, accessibility updates (including a ramp at Roseneath Public School, an elevator at R.F. Downey Public School and \$50,000 in automatic door openers), approximately \$100,000 in fencing, air conditioning updates costing approximately \$350,000, and placing 24 portables at various schools. J. Stewart noted that there were some challenges with suppliers and also with our contractors facing employee turnover. Plans are being put in place now to avoid supply issues next summer.

Discussion was held and questions of clarification were addressed.

James Strath Public School Leased Land

Superintendent Arnew reported that since June 1991 the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board has leased land adjacent to James Strath Public School from the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto (lessor), at a current annual cost of \$6,948.

In July 2017 administration was advised that the lessor would like to enter into a two year agreement beginning September 1, 2017 and ending August 31, 2019 and that no further extension would be offered. In May 2019 administration was advised of the lessor's intention to sell the land and an initial query was made as to the Board's interest in obtaining it. The lessor agreed to enter into a month-to-month agreement for the lease of the property until the Board determined its interest in acquiring the property. In June 2019 administration initiated an appraisal of the property by McLean, Simon and Associates Inc. which assessed the value at \$590,000. The lessor has not had their own appraisal. Glen Payne, Principal, James Strath Public School, and Matthew Gennings, Vice-principal, James Strath Public School indicated that the school could function with the playing fields that would remain should the Board choose not to acquire the property.

Discussion continued, specifically related to the size of the property without the leased portion. Administration confirmed the school property is 8.36 acres and the leased property is in addition to that. A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, clarified that the Ministry benchmark property size for an elementary school is 6 acres. Administration was asked to enquire as to:

- the lessor's schedule for selling the property; is it imminent or long term

- the possibility of the lessor splitting the property into sections given that the property spans two different townships
- the selling price the lessor is considering

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham

Seconded by: Trustee Brown

That the James Strath Public School Leased Land Report, dated September 11, 2019, be received for information.

CARRIED

Superintendent Mangold and J. Stewart left the meeting at this time (7:37 p.m.).

Capital Priorities Update

Superintendent Arnew reported that the Ministry of Education sent out a call for capital priorities over the summer which is due September 27, 2019. Senior administration is working on a submission requesting a new, 706 pupil school on the Northglen property in Bowmanville. Discussions with the Ministry indicate we need to demonstrate growth and need.

Further discussion focused on the process of submitting the request to the Ministry, the timing involved and when a decision will be made, and the growth in the Millbrook area.

Education Development Charges Renewal

Superintendent Arnew reported that administration is currently working with Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board to develop a tender for a Consultant to renew the Clarington Education Development Charges and consider whether enrolment and population growth would meet the threshold for Peterborough and Northumberland County.

DECISION ITEMS

Holding Areas: Review of Board Policy BA-7.1, Student Accommodation/School Boundaries

Superintendent Arnew reported that Board Policy BA-7.1, Student Accommodation/School Boundaries, covers the Board position on establishing and adjusting school boundaries, however it does not specify a process to apply to municipal development areas where no home has been sold or more likely, building permits have not been issued. While enrolment was declining and residential development was slow, a mechanism to account for areas under development or planning for future development would seldom, if ever, be required. Currently, the Board is experiencing significant annual enrolment growth and our 14 municipalities are all experiencing degrees of increased residential development and planned development. In order to maximize space utilization with minimal disruption to existing schools, school communities and

programs, it is essential that the Board has a mechanism to manage anticipated, but unrealized, enrolment growth from planned developments. Three holding areas were put in place over the summer of 2019 as a result of the pace of development in the Clarington region of the Board. The local trustees and superintendent of schools were consulted, noting administration's intent to recommend the policy amendment through the Resource Committee on September 11, 2019. The new process would enable administration to identify areas that require a holding designation. These areas would be planned developments where no one has yet purchased a property, but where the current home school for that potential population would be unable to accommodate the potential enrolment from the planned development. Following consultation with the local trustee and superintendent of schools, administration would notify impacted developers, municipalities, school principals and Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario that students who might eventually reside in that development, would attend, or be held at, an alternative school that administration has determined could accommodate the growth from that development, until such time as additional space becomes available (i.e. a new school).

Discussion continued related to transportation for students in holding areas, moving students to the new school once it has been built and any exceptions that would be permitted. A trustee requested that the term Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario be removed from the revised policy and that the term bus transportation providers be used.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Brown

That the policy revisions be referred back to administration for clarification of timeline expectations at holding schools, and further consideration will be deferred to an upcoming Resource Committee meeting.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Dickson
Seconded by: Trustee Bobka

That the Committee move to In-camera Session (8:12 p.m.).

CARRIED

The Open Session of the meeting resumed (9:11 p.m.).

ADJOURNMENT

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

That the Resource Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Angela Lloyd
Committee Chairperson
September 11, 2019