

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held October 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, 1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario

Present: Trustee Diane Lloyd (Committee Chairperson) and Cyndi Dickson.

Trustee Cathy Abraham attended virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Regrets: Trustees Sean Conway and Rose Kitney.

Also Present: Trustees Jaine Klassen Jeninga (Chairperson of the Board), Angela Lloyd (Vice-chairperson of the Board), Steve Russell; R. Russo, A. Foster, M. Loya, J. Maliha, G. Payne and M. Williams.

CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chairperson of the Committee D. 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 A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

That the agenda be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga

That the minutes of the Resource Committee meeting of September 11, 2024, be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Capital Priorities Program 2024-2025

Superintendent Foster reported the Ministry of Education (MOE) launched the 2024-2025 Capital Priorities Program on July 8, 2024, with approvals expected in the spring of 2025.

The program aims to build modern schools faster, better utilize school capacity and ensure value for taxpayer dollars. The Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) 2020-2025, 2024 edition outlines the board's capital priorities. The board's priorities for capital funding requests and updates related to the LTAP were provided to the Resource Committee in both June and September of this year.

There were five proposals supporting four projects that were submitted to the MOE for consideration.

Newcastle, Foster Northwest Neighbourhood, Grady/Ruddell Road – The first priority ranking was for a new build in Newcastle within the Foster Northwest neighbourhood at a board-owned property at Grady Drive and Ruddell Rd.

Significant enrolment pressures are being experienced within the Newcastle area due to ongoing residential development, specifically putting pressures on Newcastle Public School (PS) and The Pines Senior PS. Given the long-standing safety concerns that the board has with the location of the intermediate and secondary schools on Highway 115, administration provided the MOE with two options for consideration for this site.

Option 1-A includes a request for a Junior Kindergarten (JK) to Grade 12, 1,400-pupil-place school plus a three-room child care. Option 1-B includes a JK to Grade 6, 481-pupil-place school plus a three-room child care centre.

Millbrook, Towerhill North, Fallis Line – The second priority ranking was for a new build in Millbrook within the Towerhill North subdivision. Ongoing residential development in the Township of Cavan Monagan has created significant enrollment pressures within the Crestwood Family of Schools and in order to alleviate some of this pressure, a request for a 481-pupil-place JK to Grade 8 school plus a four-room child care centre was submitted to the MOE.

Buckhorn Public School, Addition – The third priority ranking was an addition at Buckhorn PS, as this area has been experiencing slow but steady enrollment growth. Last year, the school was at 140% utilization rate with 165 students. Although this growth has been previously managed with portable classrooms, the additional growth expected will put continued pressure on the school infrastructure, such as the gymnasium, the library and washrooms. As a result, a request for 121-pupil-place addition and a three-room child care centre has been requested.

Merwin Greer Public School, Addition – The fourth priority ranking was an addition at Merwin Greer PS given the area's recent residential development activity. Last year, the school was at a utilization rate of 116%, with 124 students and with the significant

growth expected to come out of the new development proposals in the area, a request for 141-pupil place addition and a four-room child care centre was submitted to the MOE.

Superintendent Foster spoke to the project readiness noting architects were engaged to complete architectural drawings and cost estimates to maintain momentum and be ready to proceed if awarded any projects.

Facilities Services and Planning Services staff are also working with Municipalities to schedule pre-consultation meetings to determine a list of studies or drawings that will be required to obtain municipal approvals. In terms of budget implications, approved capital priorities projects are funded by the MOE, Capital Priorities Programs and any pre-acquisition costs incurred by the Board prior to Ministry approval are reported as unsupported capital costs.

Administration responded to questions of clarification regarding the Millbrook Towerhill capital priorities submission, budget implication clarification around unsupported capital costs, request for project readiness for next years submissions and clarity regarding the submissions for Newcastle.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

That the Capital Priorities Program 2024-2025 Report, dated October 9, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED

Northglen Neighbourhood School Update

Superintendent Foster reported that the Northglen neighbourhood school was approved as part of the MOE's 2021-2022 Capital Priorities Program. A 769-pupil-place Junior Kindergarten (JK) to Grade 8 school was approved along with a four-room childcare centre (1 infant, 1 toddler, 2 preschool) at the Northglen neighbourhood school site.

Following an extensive community engagement process, at the March 26, 2024 Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the boundary for the new Northglen neighbourhood school.

An implementation plan has been prepared and will be shared with impacted school communities to plan for the upcoming transitions. Most notably, the Northglen neighbourhood school will open as a JK to Grade 7 school in 2025, and transition to a JK to Grade 8 school in 2026. By doing so, it will allow the students that are transitioning to the new school and are in their last year before graduating to graduate with their current classmates out of the school that they have been attending. All other students impacted by the new boundary who will be in grades JK to Grade 7 will move to the new school for September of 2025.

Superintendent Payne provided an update on the build noting progress since the groundbreaking ceremony that took place at the new school site in June 2024. He confirmed that construction at the new site is underway and progressing well. The project has advanced to the stage of erecting structural steel, which will form the framework of the building. In addition, concrete block walls are currently being installed on the top of the poured in place concrete main floors marking a milestone in the building structural development. The underground stormwater management system is nearing completion. The essential infrastructure will ensure proper drainage and environmental protection for the site and surrounding areas.

It is anticipated that the structural phase will be completed on schedule and the progress will continue to be monitored closely to ensure that the high standards of quality and safety are being maintained.

Superintendent Foster noted that the capital costs to build the new Northglen neighbourhood school is funded through the MOE Capital Priorities Program. Included in the 2024-2025 budget was funds to support the purchase of start up items for the school that fall outside of the capital funding allocation. This could include such items as gym equipment, library resources, classroom supplies, etc. Therefore, there should be no additional impact on the 2024-2025 budget as result of the new build.

Administration responded to questions regarding the Northglen development

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

That the Northglen Neighbourhood School Update Report, dated October 9, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED

Boundary Adjustment Review – Bowmanville Area Schools Update

Superintendent Foster reported that as the school boundaries for the Northglen neighbourhood school were established, consideration for potential boundary adjustments was given to Bowmanville/West Clarington area schools as well, with the goal of mitigating capacity and space limitation challenges that were being experienced.

Following an extensive community engagement process, at the March 26, 2024 Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the boundary adjustments.

The new boundaries will be in effect September 2025 for new registrations only. Existing students within these boundaries have the option of staying at their current school or moving to the new boundary school.

Superintendent Foster noted that there are no impacts on the 2024-2025 budget as a result of the approved boundary changes.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

That the Boundary Adjustment Review – Bowmanville Area Schools Update Report, dated October 9, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED

Superintendent Maliha left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga

That the Committee move to In-camera Session (7:41 p.m.).

CARRIED

The Open Session of the meeting resumed (8:09 p.m.).

ADJOURNMENT

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Dickson
Seconded by: Trustee Abraham

That the Resource Committee meeting be adjourned (8:10 p.m.).

CARRIED

Diane Lloyd
Committee Chairperson
October 9, 2024