

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: November 14, 2023
Submitted by: Jen Edwards, Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee
Committee Date: October 17, 2023
Report No.: FF23-10

Members: Jen Edwards (Chair), Katherine Hauser, Ralf Mesenbrink

Trustees: Irene Hanenberg, Martha MacNeil, Lynn Topping, Laurie Whyte

The Finance and Facilities Committee held a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:00pm. Chair Edwards presided the meeting. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Primrose ES Boundary Review - Initial Report

Primrose ES is a small rural school with an On-The Ground (OTG) capacity of 377 pupil spaces and serviced by private well and septic system. In recent years, Primrose ES has experienced enrolment pressure. A Boundary Review provides the structure and process for reviewing a variety of accommodation options for Primrose ES. Discussion took place regarding the information presented in the Initial Report which included background information, enrolment trends and projections, Goals/Objectives/Constraints, accommodation options and the timeline for the Boundary Review Process. The Boundary Review Process includes a Public Information Session at Primrose ES on November 22, 2023 and opportunities to gather questions and comments from the public. A Final Report is scheduled to be presented to the Finance and Facilities Committee on January 23, 2024 which would include a summary of public input, an updated report based upon input received and final recommendations for consideration. Any recommendations from the Finance and Facilities Committee would be presented to the Board for final decision.

THAT the Board approves the initiation of a boundary review process in accordance with the Board's School Boundary Review Policy 320 to review the accommodation options for Primrose ES for the 2024-25 school year; and

THAT the Trustees adopt the schedule shown in Appendix A of report PLN: 23-19, as the proposed timeline for the Primrose ES Boundary Review process.

2. Central PS Boundary Review - Initial Report

Central PS is a small JK-6 school in downtown Guelph with an On-The Ground (OTG) capacity of 274 pupil spaces. In recent years, Central PS has experienced enrolment pressure and due to site restrictions, there is limited flexibility in accommodating additional capacity. A Boundary Review provides the structure and process for reviewing a variety of accommodation options for Central PS. Discussion took place regarding the information presented in the Initial Report which included background information, enrolment trends and projections, Goals/Objectives/Constraints, accommodation options and the timeline for the Boundary Review Process. The Boundary Review Process includes a Public Information Session at Central PS on November 30, 2023 and opportunities to gather questions and comments from the public. A Final Report is scheduled to be presented to the Finance and Facilities Committee on January 23, 2024 which would include a summary of public input, an updated report based upon input received and final recommendations for consideration. Any recommendations from the Finance and Facilities Committee would be presented to the Board for final decision.

THAT the Upper Grand District School Board approves the initiation of a boundary review process in accordance with the Board's School Boundary Review Policy 320 to review the accommodation options for Central PS for the 2024-25 school year; and

THAT the Upper Grand District School Board adopt the schedule shown in Appendix A of report PLN: 23-20, as the timeline for the Central PS Boundary Review process.

ITEMS FOR MONITORING

3. Ministry of Education Request for Capital Priorities, 2023

The Ministry of Education Request for Capital Priorities, 2023 Report was presented for consideration by the Finance and Facilities Committee. Discussion took place regarding the Capital Priority submission that is due to the Ministry on October 20, 2023. The submission to the Ministry included a request for a 6-classroom addition at Rickson Ridge PS, Guelph. This request is proposed to accommodate current and forecasted enrolment pressure in permanent capacity and to reduce dependence on long-term temporary capacity. The business case for the addition required additional work than in past submissions and included detailed information regarding site identification, design plans, project timelines and cost estimates. As part of the Capital Priorities Submission, a report was completed with high level summary information on future, longer term growth needs related to the Housing Supply Action Plan municipal growth plans. This portion of the submission will signal to the Ministry potential future accommodation needs.

4. Update on Guelph Board Office Renaming Committee

Discussion took place regarding an update on the Guelph Board Office Renaming Committee. Consistent with Policy 303 and associated procedures, a committee has been struck regarding the renaming of the Guelph Board Office. Procedure 303-A states that a School Naming Committee will be

composed of the superintendent for the school, up to two trustees, including one trustee assigned to the school, the principal of the school and a representative of the school council. For the Guelph Board Office: Superintendent Pyke as the Board Office site administrator will be chairing the committee; trustees from the Committee of the Whole will serve as trustee representatives since no trustees are assigned to the Board Office and community representatives will come from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Parent involvement Committee (PIC) and the FNMI Education Council. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th and the process for public consultation will be discussed.