

MINUTES
LOCAL SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.
Municipal Council Chambers – 4305 Hamilton Road

PRESENT: Michelle Smibert, Chair/Council Representative
Sharron McMillan, Council Representative
Nancy Delorey, Community Representative
Kirk Hallman, Community Representative
Marc Bancroft, Director of Planning & Development Services/Staff Resource
Alan Bushell, Legislative Officer/Staff Resource/Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Arlene Morell, Thames Valley District School Board Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

A. Morell, wished to have minuted that although she is a School Board Trustee, she is acting on her own behalf as an elected official. Her comments or submissions do not constitute the official position of the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB).

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Moved by: N. Delorey
Second by: K. Hallman
(Resolution #LSAC-1-2023)

THAT Michelle Smibert be appointed Chair;
AND THAT Sharron McMillan be appointed Vice Chair of the Local School Advisory Committee. Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by: S. McMillan
Second by: K. Hallman
(Resolution #LSAC-2-2023)

THAT the minutes for the May 3, 2022, Local School Advisory Committee be accepted for information.

Carried.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

**A) TVDSB Middlesex County Facility Collaboration Meeting (per A. Morell)
Verbal Presentation**

A. Morell provided the historical background of the committee and how they relate to the School Board.

Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.

The primary goal is to establish a dialogue regarding:

- Common interests
- Sharing information

Provided an update on what events she has attended, and a general update regarding:

- Annual meetings
- Memorandum of understanding between the Counties and the Board
- A March 2, 2023 meeting where the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are invited to provide comments and concerns with the ongoing Attendance Review, as well as general feedback on how it interlaces with their local plans, such as the Official Plan.
- Clarification on the decision-making, focusing on how capital projects such as the West Nissouri school upgrades are ultimately the decision of the Ministry of Education

B) TVDSB School Names - Lord Dorchester SS (per A. Morell)

Verbal Presentation

The following written report submitted during the meeting.

The TVDSB Committee in relation to School Names recommends that school communities for the following schools be provided with information regarding the life and work of the individual after which their school is named, and that the school communities be invited to provide input on whether the names of their schools should be changed:

1. McGillivray Central Public School Rationale: Although it is unclear whether McGillivray Central P.S. was named after McGillivray Township or directly after Simon McGillivray/the McGillivray family, the name is connected to the fur trade, which destroyed native land and culture, and resulted in Indigenous lives lost. As a potentially harmful representation for Indigenous people, the school community should be given an opportunity to provide input on the school's name.
2. Victoria Public School Rationale: Queen Victoria reigned during a period of significant colonial expansion, which led to the destruction of native land, lives and culture. The school community should therefore be given the opportunity to reflect on, and provide input on the school's name.
3. Sir George Etienne Cartier Public School Rationale: Although Sir George Etienne Cartier's politics may not always have aligned with those of Sir John A. MacDonald, the two men were contemporaries and collaborators. The school

community should be provided with information regarding Cartier's life and work and have the opportunity to provide input into the name.

4. Lord Dorchester Secondary School. Rationale: First Baron Dorchester Guy Carleton's dealings with freed Black slaves loyal to the British in the American War of Independence could be a source of controversy. Also, as an 18th century British army officer and colonial administrator, Carleton's life and work represent Canada's colonial history and may have limited relevance to the Thames Valley community today. However, because the school community (Dorchester) bears the same name, the school community should have the opportunity to receive information about Lord Dorchester and provide input on the name.

5. Montcalm Secondary School Rationale: As an 18th century French soldier Louis-Joseph de Montcalm Grozon's life and accomplishments may no longer be relevant to the school community today. The Committee's review presents an opportunity for the school community to receive more information regarding Montcalm, and to provide input on any next steps with respect to the name of their school.

C) London Attendance Area Review (per A. Morell) Report - Attached to Agenda

M. Bancroft, and A. Morrell presented a slideshow and provided an overview of the TVDSB report attached to the agenda.

Some additional discussion and clarification include:

- The current proposals all have similar outcomes within Thames Centre.
- A likely outcome of any re-alignment will include grandfathering clauses for students not wishing to switch schools in their final years.
- West Nissouri is recognized as a school with capacity concerns and review for infrastructure assistance by the Boards review.

K. Hallman left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Moved by: N. Delorey
Second by: S. McMillan
(Resolution #LSAC-3-2023)

THAT items 5(A), 5(B), and 5(C) be accepted as information. Carried.

6. REPORTS OF STAFF

A) LSAC-001-23 – Attendance Review (per M. Bancroft)

Moved by: S. McMillan
Seconded by: N. Delorey
(Resolution #LSAC-4-2023)

THAT Report LSAC-001-23 be accepted for information.

Carried.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

Moved by: S. McMillan
Seconded by: N. Delorey
(Resolution # LSAC-5-2023)

THAT upon the addition of a Community Member, as directed by Council, the Secretary of this Local School Advisory Committee find available dates for the Chair's review.

Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was:

Moved by: S. McMillan
Seconded by: N. Delorey
(Resolution # LSAC-6-2023)

THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:14 p.m.

Carried.