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| VOTING MEMBERS In Attendance: Cretia Brittain, Natasha Mahlman, Cindy Dale, Wendy Kipp, Robbie Savage, Craig Hunter, Mayor Kenn Howling | ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS Graham Hart, Jim Empringham, Kevin Bushell, Susan Davis, Cathy Johnston, Sandra Thornton |
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1. **Welcome/Introduction of Members**

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as printed.

3. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Graham Hart explained that the meeting of October 24, 2007 could not be considered a meeting as we did not have quorum. Without quorum, discussion can occur but no decisions can be made. A record of the discussion may be written and accepted into the minutes of the next meeting.

4. **Acceptance of Record of Discussion of October 24, 2007**

Moved by Robbie Savage that the Record of Discussion of October 24, 2007 be approved. Carried.

5. **Report from the Administration to Questions from Committee Members on October 24, 2007**

Jim Empringham reviewed with the committee the responses to questions from October 24. Historical enrolment data was provided to committee members. Projected enrolment data will be provided in the future. It was clarified that Oxford County Council determines growth community designations. Top-up funding was explained by Kevin Bushell, Manager of Projects and Maintenance.

6. **Comments from Committee Members**

Wendy Kipp raised questions related to the comparison of the templates with respect to usage within the building, portables, and program issues; the cost of a new school, its quality and expected longevity; and a concern regarding student safety with trucks turning at the intersection in Drumbo.

Kevin Bushell provided an explanation on how the Ministry designates the space usage within the school. Program areas such as gymnasiums and libraries are not included in the calculation of the capacity of a school. Portables are not included in the OTG - On the Ground Capacity, as portables are not permanent additions to the school.

7. **Public Input Session**

Members of the public who wish to make a presentation at the January 9, 2008 meeting, must submit an ARC Public Input Form to Sandra Thornton no later than Friday, December 14, 2007. Forms are available on the Board's website or at each school.

8. **New Business**

The post-analysis of the administration's recommendation to consolidate the students from Drumbo Central P.S. and Princeton Central P.S. at a new school to be constructed on the current site in Drumbo was provided. Kevin Bushell discussed Ministry guidelines and the TVDSB standards for new schools and schools that may have enhancements. He outlined how the Ministry determined renewal projects for schools and the Ministry initiative on determining those schools that may be prohibitive to repair. In addition, an

explanation of how costing is determined for renewal projects and new buildings was given. The TVDSB has developed standards for all new schools and capital projects to ensure equity across the district. The committee members exchanged comments on the importance of the building and program space in a new site versus the status quo of the current schools. Section J on page 2 of the valuation template was highlighted as it outlines the cost of the capital investment to maintain the status quo versus the cost of building a new school on the Drumbo site.

Committee members were informed that to build two new schools would be double the cost and there would not be the critical mass of students at one site to generate enough funding to build the program spaces within the buildings.

Should the decision be to build a new school in Drumbo, the property in Princeton would be declared surplus and be offered to the Ontario Realty Corporation. An appraisal would be done and a fair market value placed on the school. School buildings must first be offered to all other boards of education and municipalities before being sold publicly. In addition, any equipment such as playground equipment that was suitable and met the required standards could be moved to the new site. The school council will make recommendations on such matters. There would also be a process established to name the new school.

To build a new school on a site between Drumbo and Princeton would require the purchase and development of a new site resulting in increased costs.

Questions regarding the state of the current buildings and the level of maintenance required were discussed. Kevin Bushell described the facilities as they were initially built and indicated that the level of maintenance and renewal of each building were comparable to other schools.

9. **Questions/Comments from Members**

The issue of water services in Drumbo but not in Princeton was raised. Mayor Kenn Howling provided an explanation. The County of Oxford is responsible for water/waste water services and is determined by the population and development. There is no immediate plan for sewers in the Princeton area. With respect to the county boundary between Oxford and Brant, currently 19 students at Princeton Central live in Brant County. The importance of the school to a community was raised. Jim Empringham responded to the question of how students perform academically and behaviourally within different school sizes.

Graham Hart indicated to members that the committee will be required to write a report to present to the community outlining the advantages and disadvantages of the recommendation and what it is the ARC wants to see happen. It will be necessary to make an argument to convince TVDSB trustees to support the committee's decision.

10. **Adjournment - 8:45 p.m.**

11. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, January 9, 2008
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Princeton Central P.S.

Study Committee Chairperson