

<p>VOTING MEMBERS In Attendance: Cretia Brittain, Wendy Kipp, Robbie Savage, Craig Hunter, Mayor Kenn Howling Regrets: Cindy Dale Absent: Natasha Mahlman</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS Graham Hart, Jim Empringham, Mary Ellen Smith, Cathy Johnston, Jim Rivard, Sandra Thornton</p>
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1. **Welcome/Introduction of Members**
Chair Graham Hart introduced Mary Ellen Smith who will be assuming the role of Superintendent of Education effective February 1, 2008. Committee members and administration introduced themselves including new Princeton Central P.S. Principal, Jim Rivard.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was approved as printed.
3. **Chairperson's Remarks**
Graham Hart indicated to committee members that under New Business on the agenda, he would be asking them the question, "Are you ready to vote on acceptance/rejection of building a new school on the Drumbo site and closing Drumbo Central P.S. and Princeton Central P.S.?" Alternatively, is there other information that the committee would like to request?
4. **Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting of November 21, 2007**
The minutes were approved.
5. **Comments from Committee Members**
Comments regarding school standards, school size, site location for a new school, alternative options to the Board's proposal, potential input into a new school, and the importance of a school to a community were discussed.
Jim Empringham indicated that he would obtain the school standards and they will be included with the minutes of this meeting.
6. **Public Input Session**
 - a) Individual - Edna Williamson - Safety
The presentation involved the safety of children on school busses without seatbelts, potential physical and mental harm should a collision occur and the mixed message being given to children when they are not required to wear a seatbelt on a bus.
 - b) Group - None
 - c) Correspondence - None
7. **New Business**
Process/Future Meetings in February/March
Chair Graham Hart outlined the next steps for the committee. It will be necessary for the committee to come to a decision on how they wish to respond to the Board's Administrative recommendation and alternate solutions they would like the Board to consider. Once the committee makes their decision, the community will have an opportunity to comment on the recommendations. The committee determined that they would be prepared with their recommendations at the next meeting. Jim Empringham provided them with two documents to assist in reaching their decision. Chair Graham Hart advised the committee members to focus on their recommendation(s) and consider what is best for students' education in Blandford/Blenheim into the future. He also

indicated that in the report to the Board, the committee will need to provide the rationale to support their recommendations.

8. **Questions/Comments from Members**

The issue of the impact of Toyota and potential growth was raised. The committee requested projected enrolment data.

9. **Adjournment - 8:30 p.m.**

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

Wednesday, February 13, 2008
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Drumbo Central P.S.

Study Committee Chairperson