



# Minutes



**COMMUNITY PLANNING & PARTNERSHIP MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 8, 2018 6:00 p.m.**  
**Bluewater District School Board Education Centre**

**BWDSB Trustees:** Ron Motz (Chair); Jim Dawson; Marg Gaviller; David Mason; Fran Morgan; Jane Thomson; Cherlee Urscheler

**BWDSB Staff:** Alana Murray (Director of Education); Rob Cummings (Superintendent of Business Services); Cynthia Lemon (Superintendent of Education); Shelley Crummer (Business Analyst); Jamie Pettit (Communications Officer); Janette Scott (Recorder)

**BGCDSB Trustees:** Norm Bethune (Vice-Chair)

**BGCDSB Staff:** Jamie McKinnon (Director of Education); Alecia Lantz (Superintendent of Business Services)

**Public, Unions, and Municipalities:** Representatives from the public, municipalities, organizations and college

| AGENDA ITEM                                  | ACTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ACTION |
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| 1. Acknowledgement and Introductions         | <p>A. Murray, Director of Education, BWDSB, and J. McKinnon, Director of Education, BGCDSB, welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions were made.</p> <p>A message of strengthening and building relationships with key partners in Bruce and Grey Counties was communicated by both directors in the opening remarks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |        |
| 2. Welcome                                   | <p>N. Bethune, Vice Chair, BGCDSB, welcomed all to the meeting and brought greetings from the board of BGCDSB.</p> <p>R. Motz, Chair, BWDSB, welcomed all to the meeting and shared appreciation for current and potential partners.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |
| 3. BWDSB Long Term Capital Plan Presentation | <p>R. Cummings, Superintendent of Business Services, BWDSB, presented information on the Bluewater District School Board's long term capital plan. The following were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) is using the 2016 updated Watson report for enrolment, demographic trends, and school space utilization. Watson is currently updating data for the fall of 2018</li> <li>• 2017-18 utilization information including a list of schools with under 70% utilization was shared</li> <li>• We are currently planning enrolment growth on the elementary panel over the next 15 years.</li> <li>• Capital Plan continues to adjust changing information</li> <li>• The ministry is encouraging school boards to make efficient use of school space</li> <li>• Review of the long term capital plan</li> </ul> |        |

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|                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board’s school utilization of permanent space is improving from 67% in 2014 to 76% in 2017-18.</li> <li>• Applications for partnership opportunities are welcome at any time.</li> <li>• BWDSB is currently seeing student population growth in the areas of Dundalk, Thornbury, Saugeen Shores and Kincardine.</li> </ul> <p>Participants were given the opportunity to ask questions.</p> <p>The presentation will be posted to BWDSB’s website.</p> <p>A. Lantz, Superintendent of Business Services, BGCDSD, provided an overview of Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board’s belief statement, mission statement and strategic goals.</p> <p>A. Lantz shared information regarding BGCDSD’s profile which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 elementary schools, 2 high schools and 1 education centre</li> <li>• Five year Facilities Condition Index currently at 19.47%</li> <li>• Average age of schools is 52 years</li> <li>• Board utilization rate of 101.24%</li> <li>• Capital priorities include an eight classroom addition at St. Anthony’s in Kincardine along with four childcare spaces. A \$1 million addition at St. Theresa in Walkerton which includes two childcare classrooms. Program change is ongoing in the Owen Sound area as they move the grade 3 students from St. Basil to Notre Dame.</li> <li>• Watson &amp; Associates will be updating the long-term projections for the board in the fall of 2018</li> </ul> |  |
| <p>4. Criteria for Community Planning/ Partnerships</p> | <p>R. Cummings, Superintendent of Business Services, BWDSB, provided a presentation on the criteria for community planning and partnerships in accordance with the ministry guideline and board policy and procedure.</p> <p>Participants were given the opportunity to ask questions.<br/>The presentation will be posted to the board’s website.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| <p>5. Community Presentations with Notification</p>     | <p><i>Bruce County Federation of Agriculture</i> – Les Nichols, President, provided a verbal presentation on the importance of a rural education strategy and the support of potential community partnerships.</p> <p><i>Kids &amp; Us Daycare</i> – Michelle Knott, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on their current daycare centres and programs in Grey and Bruce.</p> <p><i>Municipality of Kincardine</i> – Sharon Chambers, CAO, provided a presentation on the future sustainability for the municipality of Kincardine (economic growth, population projections) and the importance of education as well as their desire for a new high school.</p> <p><i>County of Grey</i> – Scott Taylor, Senior Planner and Barbara Arkbuckle, Children’s Service Manager, provided a presentation on the demographic information of the County of Grey such as the population growth and age distribution. New information is being planned for release May 24, 2018.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |

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|                    | <p><i>Bruce Power-</i> Sarah Shortree, VP and CIO, discussed the need for increased technology capabilities for our local youth and the need for skilled workers in the area.</p> <p><i>Grey Bruce Health Unit</i> – Susan Shular, Program Manager, provided a presentation on demographics in Grey Bruce and the need to continue working with the board to bring safe practices to schools and communities. Starting in September 2018, vision exams will be available free of charge at local schools. Program details will be available in the coming months.</p> <p><i>Municipality of South Bruce</i> – Rhonda Nieslen, Administrative Assistant and Kendra Reinhart, Treasurer, provided a presentation on the initiatives ongoing in South Bruce. An overview of new developments and employment opportunities was discussed in relation to their recent 6% population growth.</p> <p><i>The Town of Saugeen Shores</i>– Jay Pausner, Development Services, provided an overview of the growth currently being experienced in Saugeen Shores. The reaction of how the Town is responding to the growth was described. The Town of Saugeen Shores is willing to discuss the future of the area schools as the growth in elementary students continue to rise.</p> <p><i>Municipality of Meaford-</i> Rob Armstrong, Acting CAO, shared the changes in the Meaford area including the new school and reconfiguration of programs.</p> <p>A. Murray, Director, BWDSB, thanked the presenters for the information.<br/>The presentations will be posted to the board’s website.</p> |  |
| 5. Questions       | A question/answer/comment session was held relating to the information provided and the current opportunities available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 6. Closing Remarks | J. McKinnon, Director of Education, BGCDSB, and A. Murray, Director of Education, BWDSB, extended their thanks for the participation from attendees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| 7. Adjournment     | The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |