



COMMUNITY PLANNING & PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Notes
June 14, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Bluewater Education Centre

Trustees: Jim Dawson; Marg Gaviller; Jan Johnstone; David Mason; Ron Motz; Jane Thomson

Staff: Steve Blake (Director of Education); Rob Cummings (Superintendent of Business Services; Alana Murray (Superintendent of Education); Ginnie Smith (Recorder)

Others: 21 Municipalities; 1 College; 17 Agencies & Organizations; 0 Public; 0 Unions; 0 Media

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	ACTION AGENT
1. Welcome	R. Cummings welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions were made. R. Motz provided opening remarks.	
2. BWDSB Long Term Capital Plan Presentation	R. Cummings provided updated information on the board's long term capital plan. The following were highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for partnership opportunities are welcomed at any time • Bluewater is using the Watson report for enrolment, demographic trends, school space utilization. The report is currently being updated • 2015-16 utilization information is available on the website • Funding formula does not support excess space • The ministry provided funding for right sizing facilities • Schools with potential space for partnerships were identified • The provincial average for school utilization: elementary 86%; secondary 80% • In certain circumstances, partnerships can offset surplus space <p>Participants were given the opportunity to ask questions. None were received.</p> <p>The presentation will be posted to the board's website. The updated capital plan will be posted to the website following the presentation to the Board of Trustees later in 2016.</p>	
3. Criteria for Community Planning/ Partnerships	R. Cummings provided a presentation on the criteria for community planning and partnerships in accordance with the guidelines released by the ministry in conjunction with the new accommodation review guidelines. The board updated its policy and procedure in 2015 to reflect the new guidelines. The following were highlighted regarding facility partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guidelines were developed to reach out to community organizations to share planning information on a regular basis • eligible/non-eligible partners outlined; criteria provided • partnership must be revenue neutral for the board • application for partnership is available on the board's website • the Community Education Department or Business Office is available to answer questions <p>Participants were given the opportunity to ask questions.</p> <p>Staff responded to questions on the following: partnerships for outside play areas; ministry optimal student enrolment for schools; enrolment of Mennonite students and opportunity for training; decline in birth rate across the province.</p> <p>The presentation will be posted to the board's website.</p>	

<p>2. Community Presentations with Notification</p>	<p><i>Town of Hanover/West Grey</i> – Sue Paterson, Mayor, and Brian Tocheri, CAO, Town of Hanover provided an updated presentation to the presentation made at the 2015 CPP meeting. The presentation highlighted population projections; new subdivisions; construction of 18 Avenue and services for new school; joint planning with Municipality of West Grey; LaunchPad Youth Centre. Hanover is committed to continued partnerships with the board.</p> <p>Hard copies of the presentation were provided for senior administration and trustees.</p> <p><i>Georgian College</i> – Dan Brooks, Executive Director of Part-Time Studies and Work Development, provided a presentation on the changing demographics of the population, the impact on college registrations, and the shift of the college focus to workforce development.</p> <p><i>Four County Labour Market Planning Board</i> – Gemma Mendez-Smith, Executive Director, provided a presentation on the necessity to work with schools to address youth unemployment and match training to job availability in Grey-Bruce. Classroom workshops are available.</p> <p><i>Grey Bruce Health Unit</i> – Alanna Leffley, Senior Epidemiologist, 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, both during school hours and after hours.</p> <p><i>County of Grey</i> – Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services and Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning & Development, provided a presentation on the current work with the board for childcare as well as future considerations for new builds. Demographic information on population growth areas in the county were provided.</p> <p><i>Municipality of Meaford</i> – Barb Clumpus, Mayor, provided a presentation on the future sustainability for Meaford and the importance of a thriving school community.</p> <p><i>Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre</i> – Cathy McGirr, Director, provided a presentation on the future accommodation plan for the museum to provide additional space for archives, exhibits. A future plan proposed by a consulting firm to better utilize the museum property was shared.</p> <p><i>Bruce Power</i> – Rob Liddle, Community Relations Manager, provided a verbal presentation on the additional workforce required for the reactor startups and the company’s continued commitment to support schools and communities.</p> <p>R. Cummings thanked the presenters for the information.</p>	
<p>3. Questions</p>	<p>A question/answer/comment session was held relating to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truth and Reconciliation Report and how the report fits with the board’s accommodation reviews • Importance of board relations with First Nations groups • Impact of excess space on board operations and how the consolidation of space can improve programming opportunities • The necessity to retain or attract young families to the area • The need for the board and municipalities/organizations to work together to market Grey-Bruce as a great place to live, work and learn • The board is currently investigating further partnerships with Georgian College • Board graduation rates 	
<p>4. Closing Remarks</p>	<p>S. Blake thanked all for attending the meeting and the many positive examples of partnerships put forward by the attendees. Formal partnerships help to frame the board’s future accommodation review plans.</p>	

	<p>In the event of future accommodation reviews, upper and lower tier municipalities, as well as those agencies and organizations who participated in this evening's meeting, will be invited to a specific meeting for them as part of the process for continued sharing of planning information. This is outlined in BWDSB's policy on accommodation reviews which is available on the board's website.</p> <p>The board would welcome the opportunity to work with municipalities and partners to develop marketing material to promote the Grey-Bruce area to young families.</p>	
5. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.	