

Woodland Building Committee Meeting Minutes (Public)
May 9, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.
North Bay Boardroom/Parry Sound Boardroom
963 Airport Road, North Bay/111 Isabella Street, Parry Sound

Present:

Trustees David Thompson, Harry Fry, Louise Sargent, Michelina Beam, Paul Moffat, Jim Beatty, Director Jackie Young, Executive Officer Amanda Meighan, Principals Bronwyn Sands, Julie Beaudoin, Scott Dunn, Capital Projects Manager Marianne Speirs, Architect Paul Mitchell, School Council Representatives Karen Matthews, First Nation Representative Brenda Restoule

Committee Chair Fry called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Michelina Beam, seconded by Paul Moffat

That the Committee approve the Agenda as presented for the Public Session of May 9, 2016

CARRIED

Adoption of the Public Minutes from April 12, 2016

Moved by David Thompson, seconded by Michelina Beam

That the Committee approve the Public Minutes of the Woodland Public School Building Committee meeting of April 12, 2016.

CARRIED

No conflict of interest was expressed.

Woodland Build Progress – Capital Projects Manager Marianne Speirs and Architect Paul Mitchell

- parking lots and landscaping are beginning
- substantial completion date of June 15th (97% complete)

Discussion/Decision Items:

Tour of School/Parkland sites – Marianne Speirs

It was suggested a good time for a tour of the school would be in July after the contractors are finished. Ms. Speirs invited the committee to the official opening of Parry Sound Public School at 4:30 p.m. on May 19th, as that school is almost a duplicate of Woodland. The parkland is completely open now with no snow remaining.

Transition Activities – Executive Officer Meighan

The Naming Committee forwarded 3 suggestions to Trustees on April 26, 2016 for their consideration. Woodland Public School was chosen.

Principals are heavily engaged in activities to not only prepare for the move, but to celebrate the school they're currently in.

King George attached their closing ceremony to the Annual Street Fair, which was very well attended.

Dr. MacDougall will be hosting an Open House on May 28th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – “Decades at McDougall”. A time capsule will be opened.

J.W. Trusler will be hosting a farewell BBQ and will share the date once it's confirmed. A “Wall of Memories” has also been created at the school. Trusler held a “Snuggle Up and Read” literacy event with 135 people attending. A day of activities will be held in mid-June.

Greg Estrabrooks is preparing a historical piece on J.W. Trusler, King George and Dr. MacDougall schools.

Much time is being spent on IPRC's to ensure students are well placed in their new school.

Principals and Executive Officer Meighan will work together on the particulars around the transition budget.

The weeding and packing process has begun. Schools are working hard to adhere to the schedule that has been supplied to them. Moving companies have gone through the buildings, with the tender closing on May 17th.

Work is being done in order to better understand other resources required for a fulsome transition: eg. custodial staff, administrative staff, IT set-up.

There are many artifacts and art work to take into consideration. While there will be some memorabilia presented to Woodland as an historical piece, there are also many photographs, a totem pole, indigenous items etc. that will need consideration.

Joint Welcome to Kindergarten sessions occurred last week at Dr. MacDougall with 28 new registrants signing up. The future students were then taken on a bus ride to show them the new school they will be attending.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.