

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held February 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, 1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario

Present: Trustees Cathy Abraham (Committee Chairperson) and Terry Brown.

Trustees Cyndi Dickson and Angela Lloyd attended via the Webex platform.

Regrets: Trustee Sean Conway

Also Present: Trustees Jaine Klassen Jeninga (Vice-chairperson of the Board), R. Russo, A. Foster, S. Gohil, M. Allen, J. Thompson, A. Morton and M. Williams.

Trustees Steve Russell (Chairperson of the Board), Paul Brown, and Rose Kitney attended via the Webex platform.

CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee Chairperson Abraham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and recognized and acknowledged that the committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

That the agenda be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

That the minutes of the Resource Committee meeting of January 11, 2023, be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Northglen Neighbourhood School – Verbal Update

G. Payne, Executive Officer, Facilities Services, provided a verbal update on the progress of the Northglen neighbourhood school. The project is now in the initial costing process. The Junior Kindergarten (JK) to Grade 8 school building will be approximately 7700 square metres with space for 769 students, and will have four child care rooms. Based on feedback received, administration has made adjustments to the building plans (parking spaces, bus lanes, site lines in the school and access from the stage directly to classrooms if needed for productions). Planning Services has been working with the municipality to keep everything moving toward the estimated build start of spring 2023. G. Payne shared a slide presentation showing an updated site plan, and interior floor plan of the new school.

Trustee questions of clarification were addressed.

Student Accommodation Plan: Elementary Family of Schools – Port Hope High School

Superintendent Foster reported that Ganaraska Trail Public School (PS) is experiencing greater than anticipated accommodation pressures. In September 2022, the Grade 6 students from Ganaraska Trail PS transitioned to Dr. M.S. Hawkins PS to alleviate accommodation pressure. A review of the Port Hope High School Elementary Family of Schools is being conducted in order to identify a sustainable solution to the accommodation pressures being experienced in the region.

Superintendent Gohil reported that a consultation resource that included a background study and scenarios for consideration was developed to inform the review. The consultation resource was shared with stakeholders and posted on the board website. The consultation process endeavoured to seek input from a variety of stakeholders and has included in-person and digital engagement, hard-copy feedback forms and the opportunity to connect directly with the Superintendent of Student Achievement for the Port Hope Family of Schools. The in-person community consultation meetings were held in December and January.

Options that were presented to the community at the first community consultation meeting in December were:

Option A: Remain status quo.

Option B: Ganaraska Trail PS becomes a dual-track JK-Grade 3 school and Dr. M.S. Hawkins Senior PS becomes a dual-track Grades 4-8 school. Beatrice Strong PS and North Hope Central PS remain status quo.

Option C: Ganaraska Trail PS becomes a dual-track JK-Grade 4 school and Dr. M.S. Hawkins Senior PS becomes a dual-track Grades 5-8 school. Beatrice Strong PS and North Hope Central PS remain status quo.

Option D: Ganaraska Trail PS becomes a dual-track JK-Grade 4 school, North Hope Central PS becomes a JK-Grade 4 school and Dr. M.S. Hawkins Senior PS

becomes a dual-track Grades 5-8 school. Beatrice Strong PS remains status quo.

Option E: Create boundary adjustments between Ganaraska Trail PS, North Hope Central PS and Beatrice Strong PS to balance enrolment between the elementary schools.

Superintendent Gohil reported that feedback from the first community consultation meeting was consolidated and shared with administration for review. This feedback was also shared on the board website under Student Accommodation Planning: Elementary Family of Schools – Port Hope High School.

During the consultation period, the community brought forth the following options for consideration:

- Option 1: Change the French Immersion (FI) program grade cohorts between Ganaraska Trail PS and Beatrice Strong PS (i.e., Ganaraska Trail PS becomes FI SK-Grade 3 and Beatrice Strong becomes FI Grades 4-6). Both schools maintain English stream.
- Option 2: Establish a second Port Hope area French Immersion program at Beatrice Strong PS.
- Option 3: Establish a single-track French Immersion program at either Ganaraska Trail PS or Beatrice Strong PS, with English only at the other school.
- Option 4: Change the grade cohorts between Beatrice Strong PS and Ganaraska Trail PS, with Beatrice Strong PS becoming a dual-track primary school (i.e., JK-Grade 1) and Ganaraska Trail PS becoming a dual-track primary/junior school (i.e., Grades 2-6).

Administration reviewed the community feedback that was gathered and analyzed the viability and impact of each option being considered. Once this review was completed, administration brought forth the following three options for final consideration at the second community consultation meeting held in January.

- Option 1: Change the FI program grade cohorts between Ganaraska Trail PS and Beatrice Strong PS (i.e., Ganaraska Trail PS becomes FI SK-Grade 3 and Beatrice Strong PS becomes FI Grades 4-6). Both schools maintain English stream (JK-6).
- Option 2: Ganaraska Trail PS becomes a dual-track JK-Grade 3 school and Dr. M.S. Hawkins Senior PS becomes a dual-track Grades 4-6 school. A dual-track intermediate school (Grades 7-8) is established at Port Hope HS.
- Option 3: Establish a second Port Hope area FI program at Beatrice Strong PS.

Superintendent Gohil shared that to be responsive to feedback received from stakeholders and prepare for a smooth transition for students, no changes to the grade cohorts will be implemented for the 2023-2024 school year. All elementary schools within the Port Hope High School Family of Schools will remain status quo.

Status quo for 2023-2024 entails:

- Utilizing all available space at Ganaraska Trail PS as classrooms (e.g., stage area, portion of library) for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Exploring the use of additional portable(s) as a temporary accommodation measure at Ganaraska Trail PS for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Managing enrolment growth in the Port Hope High School Elementary Family of Schools, all new registrations for out-of-boundary students will not be accepted.

Administration responded to trustee questions.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee T. Brown

That the Student Accommodation Plan: Elementary Family of Schools – Port Hope High School Report, dated February 1, 2023, be received for information.

CARRIED

DECISION ITEMS

Student Accommodation Plan: Elementary Family of Schools – Clarke High School

Superintendent Foster reported that Newcastle PS and The Pines Senior PS are experiencing greater than anticipated accommodation pressure. In September 2022, the Grade 6 students from Newcastle PS transitioned to The Pines Senior PS to alleviate accommodation pressure being experienced at Newcastle PS.

Superintendent Gohil shared that a consultation resource that included a background study and scenarios for consideration was developed to inform the review. The consultation resource was shared with stakeholders and posted on the board website. In order to seek input from a variety of stakeholders, the consultation process included a variety of engagement options including in-person, digital, and printed materials, as well as email correspondence sent directly to the Superintendent of Student Achievement for the Clarke Family of Schools. The in-person consultation meetings were held in December and January.

Options that were presented to the community at the first community consultation meeting were:

Option A: Remain status quo.

Option B: Newcastle PS becomes a dual-track Junior Kindergarten (JK) to Grade 4 school. The Pines Senior PS becomes a dual-track Grades 5-6 school. A dual-track intermediate school (Grades 7-8) would be established at Clarke HS. Clarke HS continues to offer Grades 9-12. Orono PS remains status quo.

Option C: Newcastle PS becomes a dual-track JK-Grade 3 school. The Pines Senior PS becomes a dual-track Grades 4-6 school. A dual-track intermediate school (Grades 7-8) would be established at Clarke HS. Clarke HS continues to offer Grades 9-12. Orono PS remains status quo.

Option D: Newcastle PS becomes a dual-track JK-Grade 4 school. The Pines Senior PS becomes a dual-track Grades 5-8 school. Clarke HS and Orono PS remain status quo.

Superintendent Gohil reported that feedback from the first community consultation meeting was consolidated and shared with administration for review. This feedback was also made available on the board website.

During the consultation period, the community brought forth the following options for consideration:

Option 1: Establish a single-track French Immersion (FI) program at The Pines Senior PS (SK-Grade 8). Newcastle PS would become single-track English JK-Grade 8 school.

Option 2: Submit a Capital Priorities Request to the Ministry of Education for a new school to be situated on board-owned property in Newcastle.

Administration reviewed the community feedback that was gathered and analyzed the viability and impact of each option being considered. To be responsive to feedback from stakeholders and prepare for a smooth transition for students, administration brought forth the following recommendation for final consideration at the second community consultation meeting.

For the 2023-2024 school year Newcastle PS will remain status quo as a dual-track JK-Grade 5 school for the 2023-2024 school year. The Pines Senior PS will offer Grades 6-8 (English stream) and Grade 6 FI for the 2023-2024 school year. Available classroom space at Clarke HS will be utilized to accommodate overflow Grade 8 students from The Pines Senior PS. To manage enrolment growth in the Clarke HS Elementary Family of Schools, all new registrations for out-of-boundary students will not be accepted.

Plans for 2024-2027 will include Newcastle PS being established as a dual-track JK-Grade 4 school. The Pines Senior PS will offer Grades 5-8 (English stream) and Grades 5-7 (FI) in 2024-2025 and Grades 5-8 (FI) in 2025-2026. Available classroom space at Clarke HS will be utilized to accommodate overflow students from The Pines Senior PS.

Administration responded to trustee concerns regarding the safety of students and community, and the issue of using classroom space at Clarke HS if needed for Grade 8 classes.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

That administration continue to prioritize securing funding to build a new JK-Grade 12 school on the board-owned property in Newcastle, Ontario, as part of the Ministry of Education capital priorities application process.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Russell

That Newcastle Public School be established as a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 dual-track French Immersion school and The Pines Senior Public School be established as a Grades 5-8 dual-track French Immersion school, utilizing classroom space within Clarke High School, where necessary, effective September 2024.

CARRIED

Review of Board Policy BA-5.1, Purchasing Procedures

Superintendent Foster stated that in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule, Board Policy BA-5.1, Purchasing Procedures, has been reviewed. Revisions to reflect current practice, updated language and a change of approval limits, are being recommended. Superintendent Foster drew attention to the proposed revisions.

Superintendent Foster and M. Allen, Manager, Procurement and Central Services, addressed trustee questions for clarification.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee T. Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Dickson

That Board Policy BA-5.1, Purchasing Procedures, be approved as revised.

CARRIED

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee A. Lloyd

That the Committee move to In-camera Session (8:45 p.m.).

CARRIED

The Open Session of the meeting resumed (8:57 p.m.).

Chairperson Abraham drew attention to the future committee meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT

It was,

Moved by: Trustee A. Lloyd
Seconded by: C. Dickson

That the Resource Committee meeting be adjourned (8:58p.m.).

CARRIED

Cathy Abraham
Committee Chairperson
February 1, 2023