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New North Secondary Transition Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Delta Secondary School

Attendance:

HWDSB Resource Staff: Susan Dunlop, Paul Denomme, Mark Taylor

Trustees- Larry Pattison

Delta- Kevin Graham, Marcia Halblander, Ramzi Haddad, Elysia Dywan, Andrea Klose, Sylvia Paduano, Charlotte Branton, Shelley Clemence

SJAM- Barry Smith, Elaine Burgess, Cameron Prosic, Christine Johns, Meredith Strongman, Judith Bishop

Sir Winston Churchill- Joachim Vallentin, Abigail Boyko

Westdale- Michelle Visca, Kim Parkes Hallmark

Adelaide Hoodless- Nanci Simpson, Joanne Souter, Leanne White

Bennetto- Sandra Rowell, Lori MacNab

Cathy Wever- Steven Johnston

Dr. Davey- Mary Finstad, Tanya Glabb

Hess Street- Estella Jones

Memorial- Jacqueline Johnson

Prince of Wales- No rep

Queen Mary- Kelly McCrory, Shawna Poaps

Queen Victoria- Susan Pasian

W.H. Ballard- Sherry Del Mastro, Sandra Lindsay

SEAC- No rep

Recording Secretary- Teresa Movre

Regrets: Trustee Christine Bingham, Gerry Smith, Lita Barrie

Start-Up Time: 6:01

Welcome and Introductions

- Review of slides 2-6
- Superintendent Dunlop welcomed the New North Transition Advisory Committee
- Introductions took place
- Quick review of the Agenda and Working Agreement

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HWDSB Website

- Review of slide 7
- <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/transition-committees/>
- New-North Secondary School Transition Committee section
- Agenda, handouts, and minutes will be posted

Transition Update

- Review of slide 12
 - The process to begin the naming of the new school to begin shortly
 - 45 day public consultation- advertised
 - Survey on the Board website- or paper copy at local schools
 - Anyone can submit suggested names- Staff, students, members of the public
 - Research department generates a report of all names
 - The Naming Advisory Committee reviews the report
 - The Naming Advisory Committee goes through the process to shortlist with up to 3 preferred names for the new school
 - Superintendent prepares a report based on the work of the committee
 - Report submitted to the Board of Trustees
 - Board of Trustees makes the final decision of what the name of the new school will be
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- Review of slide 13
 - New North High School is projected to open in September 2019
 - Current grade 8 students who's new school will be Westdale or Sir Winston Churchill will be offered a choice to go their new school beginning in September 2018
 - This will minimize the number of transitions
 - Looked at potential effect on programming at SJAM and Delta to ensure this was doable
 - Letters were sent home to the families of grade 8 students at Bennetto and Hess Street schools to consider which school their child will attend Grade 9 beginning September 2018
 - Three choices offered to current Bennetto and Hess Street Grade 8 students:
 - Attend Westdale Secondary School for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12
 - Attend Sir John A Macdonald Secondary School for Grade 9 then go to Westdale Secondary School for grades 10, 11 and 12
 - Attend Sir John A Macdonald Secondary School for Grade 9 then go to the new north Secondary school for grades 10, 11 and 12
 - Three choices offered to current Queen Mary Grade 8 students:
 - Attend Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School for grade 9, 10, 11 and 12
 - Attend Delta Secondary School for grade 9 then go to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School for grades 10, 11 and 12

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- Attend Delta Secondary School for Grade 9. Go to the new north secondary school for grades 10, 11 and 12
- Transportation for the 2018/2019 school year may or not be provided based on the Transportation Policy
- No ESL programming offered at Westdale until September 2019

Questions/Answers/Comments

1. Will the current grade nine students at SJAM have the option to go to the New North or Westdale? Accommodations for the current students at SJAM and Delta have not been finalized as of yet. This will depend on a number of things including space, courses etc. This will be part of our transition work.
2. If the family has a number of children will younger siblings be given OOC at the same school as their older sibling? Currently no decision has been made.
3. Potentially there could be a handful of OOC at the New North once it opens.

Internal Transition Update

- Review of slide 14
- Inventory of all furniture and equipment at Delta was completed in the summer of 2017
- Inventory of all furniture and equipment at SJAM will be completed this summer
- Facilities, Finance, Program and school staff will determine what equipment will be used
- We will not be purchasing all new furniture and equipment for the new North
- We will use the best of what we have
- Not part of the construction costs

Construction Update

- Review of slide 15
- After discussion from the December meeting the double classroom will be changed to two regular classrooms
- On schedule
- Both Delta and SJAM have display Boards of the new school
- Plans are on the Board website under both Construction update and Transition Updates

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Additional Questions/Answers/Comments

4. Have we reached out to the ESL, Newcomers and Indigenous communities to ensure their voices are represented? Are there other ways to have these communities participate? Superintendent Dunlop will take this away for follow up.
5. It is very important to have ESL, New Comers and Indigenous communities represented
6. Do we have a target as to how long these working groups may continue to meet? The working groups are just a part of the Transition Advisory Committee. It will depend on what comes out of the working groups.

Working Group Time

- Review of slides 16 -18
- Three guiding questions
 - a) What questions do you have about this area?
 - b) What do we need to consider during the transition?
 - c) What Initial suggestions do you have for staff?
- 30 minutes to gather in smaller working groups
- To provide advice and feedback to staff members on how best to proceed in terms of the transition

Working Group Feedback and Ideas

Culture and Traditions

- Where are the artifacts going? Scott Park's artifacts as well. The tower, the art work?
- Merging student councils
- Elections next year? One big election with co-presidents?
- Investigate traditions? Holiday Luncheons, etc.
- Students- Joint field trips
- Staff- Joint PD Days

Program and Accommodations

- Knowing our students and knowing our community
- Knowing ELL, Special Education and Indigenous students and understanding their needs
- SHISMS
- Input from the community
- Focus group 5 years ago- Do we need to update this information

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- Ensure robust programming
- Critical mass to ensure programming for all students

Transportation and Traffic

- Consider all possible" what ifs
- Safety #1
- Recreation Centre traffic and one way street
- Traffic flow, traffic lights
- Changes in population
- HSR bus routes
- Impact on extra-curricular
- Not reactive but responsive and proactive
- Recreation Centre parking lot- one way traffic flow- watching for students and families walking

Transition Activities

- Creating a transition for students going to any HWDSB high school
- Build partnerships with the Grade 7/8s now to ready them for high school
- Start planning and doing activities now
- Include feeder schools
- Supports for students who have trouble transitioning
- Listening to student voice- what do they want
- Westdale staff is meeting with Bennetto and Hess Street staff to discuss students' needs

Sir Winston Churchill

- Transition concerns
- Have we met with Queen Mary students yet
- Protect the current culture- share the diversity and culture
- Tier 3 programs
- My Path My Way -location can be a barrier

Community Engagement

- Tim Hortons and City of Hamilton- continue to reach out for coop and access

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- Communications? Is our community aware of the transition that are occurring
- Honoring traditions of Alumni- what does that look like
- Engage with our community partners- will they have the resources for the different sites
- Taking stock of our partners

Additional Question

7. Will the Recreation Centre be accessible to student? There will be an agreement with the City for some type of use. Not clear what that will look like. They are two separate facilities.

Bennetto/Hess Street

- Current grade 8s have a choice
- How do we better support their choice
- To get a sense of the kids who are choosing Westdale next year
- Follow up with call to families to explain ELL and transportation
- Option sheet presentation night tomorrow. Will include a 30 minute tour

Next Steps

- Review of slide 19
- Questions and agenda items can be emailed to tmovre@hwdsb.on.ca
- Next meeting we will begin planning for the May 15th public meeting
- Overlook the outline for the public meeting

Additional Question

8. Can we get the agenda in advance of the meeting? Yes, but it may only be one day before.

Adjournment: 7:20 - Next meeting Tuesday, February 20th, at Delta- 6:00 p.m.