

Tuesday, November 27, 2018  
6:00 p.m.  
Delta Secondary School

**Attendance:**

**HWDSB Resource Staff:** Susan Dunlop, Mark Taylor

**Trustees-** Larry Pattison, Christine Bingham

**Student Trustee-** Cameron Prosic

**Delta-** Angela Ferguson, Elysia Dywan, Zoe Neudorf, Shelley Clemence, Jeff Neven

**SJAM-** Barry Smith, Meredith Strongman, Emily Lackie, Judith Bishop, Tawhid Ahmed

**Sir Winston Churchill-** Regrets

**Westdale-** Michelle Visca

**Adelaide Hoodless-** Nanci Simpson, Joanne Souter

**Bennetto-** Regrets

**Cathy Wever-** Steven Johnston

**Dr. Davey-** Mary Finstad, Tanya Ritchie

**Hess Street-** Regrets

**Memorial-** Regrets

**Prince of Wales-** Regrets

**Queen Victoria-** Kelly Sweeting

**Public-**

**SEAC-** Regrets

**Recording Secretary-** Teresa Movre

**Regrets:** Amy Smith, Abbie Boyko, Ray Mulholland, Susan Neudorf, Abigail Boyko, Estella Jones, Jackie Johnson, Michael Castellani, Andrea Robertson, Joanne Cooke, Lita Barrie, Paul Denomme, Jane Macpherson, Chantelle Pealey, Grant Darby, Sandra Rowell

Start-Up Time: 6:06

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Review of slides 1-3
- Review of agenda
- Superintendent Dunlop welcomed everyone to the Bernie Custis Secondary School Transition Advisory Committee meeting
- Land Acknowledgment shared

**Transition Advisory Committee Mandate**

- Review of slides 4-8
- Review of membership- a few changes
  - New Community Rep for Delta- Jeff Neven

- Next meeting we will be welcoming the new Ward 3 Trustee- Chris Parkinson

## **Working Agreement**

- Review of slide 9
- If you have any questions between meetings, reach out to our office at [sjdunlop@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:sjdunlop@hwdsb.on.ca), [tmovre@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:tmovre@hwdsb.on.ca) or 905 527 5092 ext. 2573

## **Review Minutes**

- Review of slide 10
- Review minutes from October 23, 2018
- Two changes
  - Time to Tim
  - Date for Grade 8 Info Night- Bernie Custis- date changed to Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

## **Advice from Committee**

- Review of slide 11
- Mandate of the Transition Committee is to give advice
- Schools are currently discussing plans for closing and opening ceremonies

## **SJAM**

- Tentatively June 3<sup>rd</sup>- celebrate and commemorate everything that is SJAM
- Open House format
- Welcome back alumni
- In planning stages

## **Delta**

- Tentatively June 7<sup>th</sup>- Formal Closing Ceremony
- Open House Alumni Weekend- May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Plans for a joint Delta/SJAM time capsule
- Opening of the Delta time capsule
- Fall- Formal opening ceremony of the new school
- Potential tour of new facility in May- dependent on occupancy permits, etc.
- In planning stages

## **What might we consider:**

- What advice does the committee have for the Board regarding the closing ceremonies at Delta/SJAM and opening ceremony at Bernie Custis

- The committee gathered in small groups of 3 to 4 to discuss ideas for opening/closing ceremonies
- See attached Feedback

### **Transition Work Update**

- Review of slides 13-20
- SJAM, Delta, and Westdale school teams are actively working on activities
- Students are actively involved
- The Board was able to fund the hiring of the ESL Department Head at Westdale
- Tracey Kuder to join Westdale staff beginning semester two- one semester early
- ESL program to begin in Sept 2019

### **Construction Update**

- Review slide 13
- Barry, Angela, and Sue toured the school on Nov 26<sup>th</sup>
- Progressing well for completion for Spring 2019
- Design features are impressive
- Roofing, insulation and exterior veneer work complete
- Exterior Asphalt and concrete curbs and walkways
- On Melrose- Living Wall- Currently dormant but will leaf out in the spring
- Lockers installed on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors
- Ready to lay the wooden floor in the triple gym

Q1) Is the stage accessible? Yes, the stage is fully accessible. There is a lift to allow access to the stage.

Q2) Curtains on the stage? This will be a fully functioning stage. Sue to confirm at the next meeting.

### **Registration Guidelines for September 2019**

- Review slides 21-22
- All grade 8's to home secondary schools
- Current SJAM/Delta students in grades 9-12 will be offered a choice – home secondary school or Bernie Custis
- This information will be communicated to families shortly
- If they choose Bernie Custis over the home secondary school, they will be considered out of catchment (OOC)
- Only students attending their home secondary school who live outside the walking boundary will be eligible for transportation
- No transportation provided to OOC students
- Students in special classes will transition with support from both system and school staff
- Currently four special classes- three at Delta and one special class at SJAM

- Three purpose-built classrooms at Bernie Custis
- The other class will be transitioned to a different location
- Superintendent Blair is working on details
- All student needs will be met

## Updates from Schools

- Review of slide 23

## Delta- Principal Angela Ferguson

- Student Councils actively involved in planning
- Grade 8 Students- Secondary Student Success teachers working with the Elementary Student Success Teachers from the feeder schools and created a plan until January 2019
- Additional meeting scheduled to continue to build on the plan
- Student profile template was shared with staff to collect data on literacy, numeracy, interests, etc.
- Visits with the students at the all feeder schools coming to Bernie Custis
- Shared pictures, videos
- Students participated in a dotmocracy- all teams, clubs, options, and courses
- Met with the SJAM/Delta teams and used the results of the dotmocracy to build the grade 9 option sheets
- Met with ESL parents and students at Cathy Wever to gather and share information
- November 28- Information Night at Prince of Wales
  - Department heads to offer information about their classes
  - Four grade 9 students to share their high school experiences
  - Student Services from SJAM/Delta to share information
- Parent Information Evening- Option Sheets– at Price of Wales- January 19, 2019
- Both student councils went to Adventure Works to start team building- continuing to meet
- All Grade 9s from both schools will gather at the Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club to start community building- Grades 10, 11 & 12s will do the same
- Planning a joint PD Day to bring both staffs together
- Rec Centre staff visiting both secondary and elementary schools to gather information about what the students want in the Teen Room
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## SJAM- Principal Barry Smith

- SJAM and Delta students are working together side by side
- In addition to option sheet planning staff is working to empower the students and parents to have a better understanding of applied and academic courses

- Experiential Learning- Facilitating work with the Bean Stock Project – Working with grades 7 and 8s students to build the capacity of our future leaders- What is your vision? How are you going to be a leader at your High School?
- Acknowledged hard work of Tracy Kuder- ESL Head- a great example of knowing our students
- Are we including everyone- Ensuring we include our English Language Learners ( ELL)
- Continuing to build a profile for each ELL student
- Empowering our students- Visits to Westdale to see their new school
- Providing translators

### **Westdale- Principal Michelle Visca**

- Looking at three areas
  - Grade 8-9 transitions
  - New ESL Program
  - Current students at SJAM who may want to attend Westdale
- Recently had the Grade 8 Open House
- Students visited Westdale- experience a day at Westdale
- Invited to the school musical
- We are supporting English Language Learner transitions through our new ESL program
- Announced Tracy Kuder would be the ESL Head at Westdale ( from SJAM)
- Taking this opportunity to reorganize/restructure the entire school
- Adding additional signage in various languages- welcoming environment
- Focusing on Equity- Students seeing themselves reflected in the building and curriculum
- Staff from all schools working well together

Q3) Can you clarify that it is the ESL program that will be new at Westdale in the fall of 2019. Yes. The ESL program is new at will start up in Sept 2019. Currently, Westdale has approximately 200 ELL.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

- Review of slide 24
- Next meeting to take place on Tuesday, January 22, 2018, at Delta Secondary School
- Superintendent Blair will attend the January meeting to discuss Special Education and supports
- City of Hamilton has been invited to attend a meeting to discuss the LRT- no response at this time
- Considering a change of meeting location to Prince of Wales beginning in February 26th

**Adjournment- 7:30 p.m.**