

Tuesday, February 26, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Delta Secondary School

Attendance:

HWDSB Resource Staff: Susan Dunlop, Shawn McKillop

Trustees- Ray Mulholland

Student Trustee- Cameron Prosic

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

SJAM- Barry Smith, Emily Lackie, Amy Smith, Judith Bishop, Tawhid Ahmed

Sir Winston Churchill- Marco Barzetti

Westdale- Michelle Visca

Adelaide Hoodless- Nanci Simpson, Joanne Souter

Bennetto- Regrets

Cathy Wever- Regrets

Dr. Davey- Mary Finstad

Hess Street- Estella Jones

Memorial- Regrets

Prince of Wales- Michael Castellani

Queen Victoria- Kelly Sweeting

SEAC- Regrets

Recording Secretary- Teresa Movre

Guest Speakers: Kris Jacobson- Director LRT Project, Ginette Cooke- Cooke Lectern

Regrets: Christine Bingham, Chris Parkinson, Steven Johnston, Abbie Boyko, Grant Darby, Meredith Strongman, Chantelle Pealey, Sandra Rowell, Andrea Robertson, Tanya Ritchie, Jackie Johnson, Joanne Cooke, Susan Neudorf, Lita Barrie, Paul Denomme, Jane Macpherson

Start-Up Time: 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

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

Transition Advisory Committee Mandate

- Review of slides 4-8
- Quick overview of membership
- Welcome extended to 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, tmovre@hwdsb.on.ca or 905 527 5092 ext. 2673

Review Minutes

- Review of slide 10
- Review minutes from January 22, 2019
 - Approved without changes

Presentation: Outdoor Classroom and Lectern- Ginette Cooke

- Shared a handout and a brief biography of Ginette's husband Bob Cooke- An HWDSB elementary and secondary school teacher (1962-1967) and vice-principal at Delta and Sir Winston Churchill (1975-1992)
- Requesting the lectern purchased for Delta's 75th anniversary be moved to BCSS to be a visible remembrance of Delta staff and students
- Open invitation to attend the Delta Alumni Association's Last Tea - May 22- 1:30- 2:30 p.m.
- Superintendent Dunlop will share handout with Facilities

Presentation: Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project- Kris Jacobson

- Review of slide 11
- Introduction of Kris Jacobson- Director of The Hamilton LRT Project
- Expecting confirmation of the project from the provincial government by the end of March 2019
- Once they receive the green light about one year of design work- out to tender to determine who will construct and costs, etc.
- Final design stage takes approximately six months
- Early 2021 before any construction begins
- Current four lanes in front of BCSS will be converted into a two-way road (one lane in each direction) with the LRT running down the middle of the roadway
- Will transform from an arterial roadway (20,000 – 30, 000 cars per day) to a localized type road
- Much less traffic
- HSR use for students who are eligible for transportation
- Smaller school buses for students in specialized classes
- LRT Fits about 200 passengers with the capacity of having two cars (400 passengers)
- HSR Bus fits – 66 passengers

- Construction- Large and complicated- rebuilding all underground sewer, water main, relocate existing underground utilities, bury overhead utilities, replace sidewalks, road, etc.
- Project coordinators will maintain access to school and residences during construction to minimize the disruption to the neighbourhood
- Community Connect Program- engagement team to visit with the neighborhood, schools, etc. to ensure needs are being met
- Concerns- contact information will be provided

Q1) Will Main Street be converted to a two-way street? *Currently, no decision has been made to turn Main Street to two-way. Looking at Delta to Wellington – no resolution.*

Q2) Will the stop in front of the school currently known as Scott Park be renamed? *The naming of stops so they identifiable to geographic area is preferred. Naming the stop Bernie Morelli or Bernie Custis would make sense.*

- Location of the loading station (passenger pick up/drop off) is generally in the center lane. BCSS Transition Advisory Committee is in favour of the design moving this location in front of the school rather than in the center of the street. Better fit for students. Safer option.
- LRT service is fully integrated with the HSR- fares- transfers-Presto etc.

Q3) Length of the LRT and volume so if there is an event taking place at Tim Hortons Field will traffic be rerouted around the school? How will it impact traffic? *LRT can control the flow of trains and the number of cars. Shorten the time between trains. Priority to trains. Perhaps setting up Park and Ride.*

Q4) Is there a plan to change Main Street to a two-way road during the construction of the LRT? *Not that I am aware.*

Q5) Where will the 30, 000 cars currently using this route daily be redirected? Using side streets can be dangerous to students. *There will be diversion routes. The further east you are the more north the diversion. Cannon, Barton, Burlington Streets. King and Dundurn area may be a challenge because of the 403. Overall drivers will adapt. Traffic will be slower. More lanes you add the more traffic you get. If you remove lanes traffic, the traffic disappears.*

Q6) Does the City, and the LRT have a plan to address drivers using side streets aggressively who may jeopardize the safety of neighbourhoods? *There are monitors across the city watching traffic behaviour. If we identify areas of concern, it will addressed.*

- Travel Demand Management Program is being put in place- getting information out to all users to inform them of what the options before, during and after construction. Behaviour modification. Carpooling, cycling- time of trip, etc.

Q7) Will Travel Demand Management work with the school to have open communication to discuss what is working and what isn't working? *Yes. We will be working with the Schools and School Boards. We need feedback from the stakeholders.*

Q8) Will there be bike racks on the LRT? *Internal to the car. Currently looking at this. Peak times versus off peak times. Most often bike carriage is only offered on off-peak times. The City is looking at having Sobi share stations at LRT stations.*

- Sobi Hamilton's bike share system is available to everyone who is 16 years of age and older. 16 and 17-year-old riders must have the permission of their parent/guardian.

Q9) Is there a plan for bike lanes along the corridor? *No bike lanes on the LRT corridor.*

- HamiltonLRT.ca- for contact information and FAQ.

Transition Work Update

Construction Update

- Review of slides 12-24
- Construction is proceeding well- almost finished
- Some highlights include
 - Pylon school sign to be installed next week
 - Gym floor installation is complete
 - Bleachers to be installed next week
 - Collaboration stair
 - Classroom with a green screen
 - Double floor windows in the Learning Commons
 - Sod and landscape will take place once the weather permits

Q11) Do you have the dimensions of the stage? *Not with me tonight. The size will be according to the Ministry of Education benchmark.*

Review of Transition Work

- Review of slides 25-29
- Administrative Team
 - Principal: Angela Ferguson
 - Vice principal: Brian Goodram
 - Vice principal: Sonya Sykes
- Heads and assist heads should be known by the end of March Break

- Rest of teaching staff by the end of April/ beginning of May
- EAs, office staff and caretakers have a different process for staffing based on their collective agreements
- BCSS logo was released by video on Twitter
- BC Tigers- Athletic Logo
- Mascot and logo process
 - Reached out to associate schools, SJAM and Delta students
 - Submit colour choices and logo designs
 - Narrowed down to top five colours and a few logo designs (tigers, bears)
 - Top five colours and the selected logos went back out to Delta and SJAM Students
 - Selected red and gold- and tigers
 - Looked at tiger design submissions
- Corporate Communications reviewed for copyright, reproducing, transferring on uniforms, etc.
- BC and tiger logo each designed by a student
- BCSS has a social media presence
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/BCSS_HWDSB?s=17
 - Instagram: https://instagram.com/bcss_hwdsb/
 - School website- <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/berniecustis/> will be populated soon

Delta Update- Principal Angela Ferguson

- Working together
- Last week- Approximately 200 students from the seven elementary schools came together at Tim Hortons Field- 50 students leaders- took part in leadership and team building activities
- SJAM/ Delta Grade 10 day at Bernie Morelli Rec Centre- Feb 27
- Guidance departments into with elementary schools working with Gr. 8 teachers and students completing option sheets
- Started communications through Twitter and Instagram
- Starting the staffing process
- Cabinet to come together

SJAM Update- Principal Barry Smith

- Integration is key- a joint effort between all the schools
- Internal pieces are coming together
- Resource Committee
 - What learning materials are going to BCSS

- Grateful for the vision- BCSS paperless environment, honours 21st Century fluencies, inquiry, and are also culturally relevant- can kids see themselves in these materials

Q12) What will the maintenance of the two buildings look like over the next 3-4 months to ensure they remain a place of learning? *The buildings need to be kept clean and in good repair. SJAM and Delta are both actively submitting ebase requests for maintenance. Any concerns should be directed to the principal at the school.*

Westdale Update- Principal Michelle Visca

- Moving along with option sheets
- An Option Sheet presentation at SJAM which included interpreters
- Westdale's ESL Head (previously an SJAM teacher) is currently staying at SJAM working on option sheets with all the students due to come to Westdale
- Numbers by next meeting

Sir Winston Churchill Update- Principal Marco Barzetti

- Waiting for final numbers from elementary school
- Science Labs and Learning Commons have been upgraded
- State of the art Cosmetology Lab will be ready for Sept 2019

Next Steps for Advisory Committee

- Review of slide 30
- Things to start think about
 - Should we have a public meeting to get feedback from the public
 - Do we have a tour? What would that look like?

Future Meeting Dates

- Review of slide 31
- Next meeting to take place on at Prince of Wales Elementary School
- Tentatively Tuesday, May 28th is the date for a potential public meeting

Adjournment- 7:15 p.m.