



COMMUNITY PLANNING & PARTNERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Bluewater District School Board Education Centre

Trustees: Jane Thomson; Jim Dawson; Marg Gaviller; Jan Johnstone; David Mason; Marilyn McComb; Ron Motz

Staff: Alana Murray (Director of Education); Rob Cummings (Superintendent of Business Services); Wendy Kolohon (Superintendent of Education); Paul Hambleton (Superintendent of Education); Jamie Pettit (Communications Officer); Kelly Helm (Recorder)

Public, Unions, Municipalities, Media:

Representatives from the public, municipalities, college and media

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	ACTION AGENT
1. Welcome	<p>R. Motz welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions were made.</p> <p>A. Murray also welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the trustees. A message of strengthening and building relationships with key partners in Bruce and Grey Counties was shared in the opening remarks.</p>	
2. BWDSB Long Term Capital Plan Presentation	<p>R. Cummings provided updated information on the Bluewater District School Board's long term capital plan. The following were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) is using the 2016 updated Watson report for enrolment, demographic trends, and school space utilization. • 2016-17 utilization information is available on the website. • The ministry is encouraging school boards to make efficient use of school space by providing capital funding to support consolidations. • Schools with potential space for partnerships were identified. • The board's school utilization of permanent space is improving 70% in 2014 to 76% in 2017-18. • Review of the key data sheets (eight regional areas in the BWDSB district) setting out the current enrolment and capacity of the schools in each of the eight areas. • In certain circumstances, partnerships can offset surplus space costs. • Applications for partnership opportunities are welcomed at any time. <p>Participants were given the opportunity to ask questions.</p>	

	<p>The presentation will be posted to the board’s website. The updated capital plan is also available on the website.</p>	
<p>3. Criteria for Community Planning/ Partnerships</p>	<p>R. Cummings provided a presentation on the criteria for community planning and partnerships in accordance with the ministry guideline and board policy and procedure. The board updated its policy (BP2360-D) and procedure (AP2360-D) in 2015 to reflect the new guideline.</p> <p>The following were highlighted regarding facility partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guideline was developed to reach out to community organizations to share planning information on a regular basis. • Eligible/non-eligible partners outlined and criteria was provided. • A partnership must be revenue neutral for the board. • Application for partnership is available on the board’s website. • The Community Education department or Business Services department is available to answer questions. <p>Participants were given the opportunity to ask questions.</p> <p>The presentation will be posted to the board’s website.</p>	
<p>4. Community Presentations with Notification</p>	<p><i>Grey Bruce Health Unit</i> – Alanna Leffley, Senior Epidemiologist and Manager of Infectious Diseases, provided a presentation on demographics in Grey Bruce and the need to continue working with the board to bring safe practices to schools and communities, both during school hours and after hours.</p> <p><i>Bruce County Federation of Agriculture</i> – Les Nichols, President, provided a presentation on the importance of a rural education strategy and the support of potential community partnerships.</p> <p><i>County of Bruce</i> – Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a presentation on the demographic information of the County of Bruce such as the population growth and age distribution. Community hub needs were discussed along with various partnership opportunities.</p> <p><i>Four County Labour Market Planning Board</i> – Gemma Mendez-Smith, Executive Director, provided a presentation on the importance of partnering with the school board to share information on what young people can work towards in the future and to communicate opportunities to our youth. The presentation outlined skills shortage, hard to fill jobs, top competencies employers are looking for and the importance of soft skills.</p> <p>A. Murray asked whether FCLMPB is tracking our youth as they graduate to see if they return to our community. G. Mendez-Smith responded that it is not being tracked at this time but a strategy is being considered.</p>	

	<p><i>Georgian College</i> – Dale Schenk, Interim Dean, provided a presentation on the strategic planning for the Owen Sound campus and how the Bruce Power expansion has impacted their programming and the potential need for classroom/lab space.</p> <p><i>Kids & Us Daycare</i> – Bill Findlay, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on their current daycare centres and programs in Grey and Bruce.</p> <p><i>Municipality of Kincardine</i> – Anne Eadie, Mayor, provided a presentation on the future sustainability for the municipality of Kincardine (economic growth, population projections) and the importance of education.</p> <p><i>Municipality of South Bruce</i> – Mark Goetz, Deputy Mayor, provided a presentation on the exciting initiatives in South Bruce and the importance of rural education.</p> <p><i>Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board</i> – Jamie McKinnon, Director of Education, provided a presentation on the areas of their board’s over-capacity and some areas underutilized.</p> <p><i>The Town of The Blue Mountains</i> – Michael Benner, Director of Planning and Development Services, provided a presentation on the future sustainability for the Town of The Blue Mountains (projected growth, construction activity) and the importance of a thriving school community for newcomers.</p> <p>R. Cummings thanked the presenters for the information.</p> <p>The presentations will be posted to the board’s website.</p>	
5. Questions	A question/answer/comment session was held relating to the importance of continuing the Community Planning and Partnership meetings.	
6. Closing Remarks	A. Murray thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for the many positive ideas brought forward.	
7. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.	