

BARRIE NORTH C.I. PARTNERSHIPS

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Roy Edwards Room

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Simcoe County District School Board staff hosted a public meeting to share information and invite viable partnership proposals for an addition to Barrie North Collegiate Institute on Tuesday April 28, 2015 at the Education Centre in Midhurst.

PRESENT:

Trustees Donna DaSilva, Peter Beacock, Chairperson, SCDSB

Administration Paul Sloan, John Dance, Brian Jeffs, Chris Samis

Staff Andrew Keuken, Steve Parker, Donna Austin

The Barrie North C.I. Facility Partnerships meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

1 Welcome and Introductions

Superintendent Paul Sloan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Barrie North C.I. Facility Partnerships meeting. Superintendent Sloan introduced SCDSB Chairperson Peter Beacock; Trustee Donna DaSilva as well as board administration and staff.

2 Facility Partnerships Policy 2343: Relevant Provisions

Superintendent Sloan outlined the rationale behind the Facility Partnerships Policy 2345, being that confidence in public education and responsible stewardship of resources are supported by the practice of optimizing board resources through purposeful facility partnerships within the context of the board's responsibilities for student achievement, well-being of students and staff, safety, and pupil accommodation strategies. Superintendent Sloan spoke on the elements of a viable partnership: suitability, viability and acceptability, describing section 4.4 and 4.7 of policy 2345. Final approval of the Ministry of Education is required for partnership proposals.

Financial viability requires that partnerships be based on a full cost recovery basis for the board.

Supt. Sloan reported that the Ministry of Education has announced funding for a new secondary school in North Simcoe, Midland area, on the site of Midland Secondary School. Also funding has been announced for the renovation/addition for Barrie North Secondary School.

3. General Site and Program Characteristics for SCDSB Schools and Partnership Examples

Superintendent John Dance described the general site and program characteristics for the addition. The addition will hold 231 students and is estimated to be approximately 2,100 sq. m. The program offerings may be able to expanded, as an example potentially a new theatre facility. The anticipated opening is scheduled for the 2016-2017 school year.

4. Ministry of Education Capital Funding Model

Superintendent Brian Jeffs spoke about the business cases required to be submitted to the Ministry of Education based on capital priorities. The Barrie North C.I. addition project is related to school consolidation needs. The sole funder for the board is the Ministry of Education. The Ministry base their analysis of business cases on Ministry criteria. Funding received generates the size of the school. No definitive Ministry of Education capital funding model exists.

5. Timelines and Next Steps

Superintendent Sloan described some partnership examples including the library at Nottawasaga Pines S.S., the health unit at Midland Secondary School and the partnership with the Town of Innisfil at Alcona Glen E.S.

Superintendent Sloan explained that following the public meeting, the SCDSB invites organizations to submit comments and feedback by May 29, 2015 to Paul Sloan, Superintendent of Education psloan@scdsb.on.ca or by phone 705-734-6363 ext. 11208.

Superintendent Sloan commented that we are looking for creativity of the marketplace opportunities at Barrie North C.I. Following May 29th an RFP will be issued, responses will be analyzed, and negotiations will follow as needed.

6. Questions

Members of the public asked the following questions and were provided the following comments:

Community Member

Question regarding the status of the plans and design for the new addition?

Superintendent Dance explained that the design is not yet complete at this point. The plan will be worked on and shared with the community in the next few months.

Community Member

Question regarding plans for students during construction period?

Superintendent Dance explained that construction will be able to take place while the school is occupied. Plans for access to the courtyard are being discussed.

Community Member

Question re the orientation of the playing field?

Superintendent Dance explained that this is being considered and will depend on what plans are chosen with the architect.

Community Member

Question re the facility partnership previously in place at Shanty Bay P.S.?

Superintendent Sloan explained that partnership agreements must be clearly understood by all parties.

Community Member

Question re track facilities.

Superintendent Dance explained that we are not looking at extending into the field. Construction could impact the field however.

Adjournment

Superintendent Sloan thanked everyone for attending the information session and providing their valuable comments and suggestions.

The BNCI Facility Partnerships public meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.