



Members present: S. Binder (Ex-Officio), E. Charlton (Vice-Chair), K. Hambly, E. Parsons, A. Robertson, J. Webster (Student Trustee)

Regrets: K. Kramp (Chair), T. Rodgers

Absent: None

Guests:

Resources: K. Donnell, K. Horrigan, K. MacIver, D. McFarlane

Minutes: J. McLaren, Executive Assistant

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Charlton.

2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

Trustee Hambly offered the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Roll Call

Vice Chair Charlton requested a roll call of Trustees.

4. Approval of agenda

Moved: K. Hambly

Seconded: S. Binder

That the agenda be approved for Monday, February 12, 2024.

Carried

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

6. Delegations

None.

7. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Moved: K. Hambly

Seconded: A. Robertson

That the minutes of the Monday, January 8, 2024 meeting be approved.

Carried

8. Staff Reports

Building Renewal Project Plan

Director MacIver and K. Horrigan, Senior Manager, Facility Services referred to Report 8(a), dated February 12, 2024.

Enrolment Projections Update

Superintendent McFarlane and K. Horrigan, Senior Manager, Facility Services referred to Report 8(b), dated February 12, 2024.

Clarification/discussion items included:

- Trustees asked questions about the decline in elementary enrolment and whether this trend is projected to continue. Superintendent McFarlane and K. Horrigan, Senior Manager, Facility Services responded. Enrolment is reviewed each year and numbers are determined based on many factors (students' age, migration, new builds in communities, etc.).
- Trustees asked whether there are anticipated concerns for individual schools (capacity, bussing, etc.) if the estimates are accurate. K. Horrigan, Senior Manager, Facility Services advised that the numbers are projections at this stage and are being monitored in relation to students coming and going to our schools. Also, Kindergarten promotion is underway which traditionally influences families to register prior to the start of the school year which will have an impact on elementary enrolment.

Review Budget Risks for Upcoming Year

Director MacIver referred to Report 8(c), dated February 12, 2024.

Clarification/discussion items included:

- Trustees asked whether the budget includes plans for climate-related issues (ie smoke days). Director MacIver responded that this is a risk that could be added over the next few years due to its effect on operational factors.

Establish Budget Guidelines and Priorities

Director MacIver referred to Report 8(d), dated February 12, 2024.

Clarification/discussion items included:

- Trustees asked about the impact of lowering class sizes. Director MacIver responded that there are complexities when considering options (both equity and access considerations) and expenses could significantly increase.
- Trustees inquired about Music and Arts and whether it will be considered a priority, which Director MacIver responded to. HPEDSB needs to align with what parents are asking for and discussions will take place to determine how this can be accomplished.

Review Budget Process, Information and Documents

Director MacIver referred to Report 8(e), dated February 12, 2024.

North Hastings Schools' Bell Times

Director MacIver referred to Report 8(f), dated February 12, 2024.

Clarification/discussion items included:

- Trustees commented positively on the decision to keep the North Hastings schools' bell times as status quo, with credit to the community for their feedback.
- Trustees asked questions regarding bus consumption related to the budget which Director MacIver responded to. TriBoard and HPEDSB are working closely to determine analytics in the interest of efficiencies.

Accumulated Surplus Position of Ontario School Boards

Director MacIver referred to Report 8(g), dated February 12, 2024.

9. Trustee Motions for Consideration (Introduced at Previous Meeting)

None.

10. Trustee Notices of Motion (Discussion for Next Meeting)

None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 4, 2024.