

# NEW NORTH SIMCOE SECONDARY SCHOOL FACILITY PARTNERSHIPS

## PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, April 20, 2015  
Midland Secondary School  
7:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

Simcoe County District School Board staff hosted a public meeting to share information and invite financially viable facility partnership proposals for the New North Simcoe Secondary School on Monday, April 20, 2015 at Midland Secondary School.

#### **PRESENT:**

**Trustees** Michele Locke, Peter Beacock, Chairperson, SCDSB

**Administration** Paul Sloan, John Dance, Stuart Finlayson

**Staff** Andrew Keuken, Steve Parker, Nick Gooding

The New North Simcoe Secondary School 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 New North Simcoe Secondary School Facility Partnerships meeting. Superintendent Sloan introduced Trustee Michele Locke, SCDSB Chairperson Peter Beacock 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 had announced in March of this year, funding for a new secondary school in North Simcoe, Midland area, to be built on the current site of Midland 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 new school. The new school will be constructed to accommodate 984 students and is estimated to be approximately 12,420 sq. m (pending final design and Ministry of Education approval). The program offerings will be determined as part of the overall architectural design. The anticipated opening is scheduled for September 2018. The property (approximately 17.9 acres) is zoned I – Institutional which permits the following uses; Crisis Care Facility, Daycare Centre, Library, Museum, School, Post-Secondary School, Public Use as well as other Municipal/County type institutional uses.

Manager Steve Parker spoke about elements of the new school. He noted the preliminary stages involve defining programs and what classes are provided going forward. He gave an example of 11 spaces that are oversized spaces and that there needs to be a decision on what the program delivery will be. He also noted that the first design committee meeting would take place next month (May) and intentions will be gathered from principals and community representatives. Manager Parker provided an example of a cafeteria template that allows a cafeteria, stage, and drama in a 3 room design. The school could use the stage as an independent learning space and it could be isolated or permitted out for community use.

Superintendent Dance 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.

**4. Ministry of Education Capital Funding Model**

Superintendent Dance spoke about the business cases required to be submitted to the Ministry of Education based on capital priorities. The sole funder for the board is the Ministry of Education. The Ministry bases 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 explained that following the public meeting, the SCDSB invites organizations to submit comments and feedback by May 21, 2015 to Paul Sloan, Superintendent of Education [psloan@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:psloan@scdsb.on.ca) or by phone 705-734-6363 ext. 11208.

Following May 21<sup>st</sup> an RFP will be issued, responses will be analyzed, and negotiations will follow as needed.

**6. Questions**

Members (6 attendees) of the public asked the following questions and were provided the following comments:

Community Member

Question regarding the size of the gymnasium, whether it would be a double or triple gym?

*Manager Parker explained that funding is for a double gym. In the past it was elected to be a triple gym, but Midland is sticking with the double.*

Community Member

Question regarding if board staff look at how many students take physical education?

*Manager Parker stated that enrolment is reviewed. He noted that unique programming is also considered. An example of a weight room was given. When a space template is submitted to the Ministry, funding is not provided for a weight room. However, the goal is to incorporate a weight room into a double gym scenario.*

Community Member

Question regarding the location of the gymnasium within the school in terms of ease of practice and accessibility purposes? Does the design committee include only board staff or are members of the community involved?

*Manager Parker explained that staff and students are involved in the process and there has been great success with students being involved so far. Location of the gym to be determined.*

**Adjournment**

Superintendent Sloan mentioned the great opportunity that exists to add value to the new building by partnering. He noted that this new building will be a fixture in the life of this community and will deliver positive impacts. Superintendent Sloan thanked everyone for attending the information session and providing their valuable comments and suggestions.

The New North Simcoe Secondary School Facility Partnerships public meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.