



Chair: Board Chair Arlene Morell, Middlesex County

TVDSB Personnel: S. Mark, *Superintendent of Facility Services & Capital Planning*
C. Henriquez, *Manager, Capital Projects*
H. Gerrits, *Manager, Early Years*
C. Kent, *Planner*
L. Cutler, *GIS / Planning Technician*
K. Gleeson, *Administrative Assistant*
L. Luo, *Co-op Student, Planning*

Trustees: M. Ruddock, Elgin County
S. Hunt, Middlesex County
L. Pizzolato, City of London

Community Organization and Municipal Representatives in Attendance:

Adrian Cornelissen	North Middlesex
Aina DeVet	Municipality of Middlesex Centre
Cindy Howard	County of Middlesex
Jill Bellchamber-Glazier	Municipality of Southwest Ontario
Jo-elle Rinker	YMCA SW Ontario
Kathi Lomas-McGee	YMCA SW Ontario
Marc Bancroft	Township of Lucan Biddulph
Margay Wilkins	Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
Stewart Findlater	Municipality of Thames Centre

TVDSB shared planning information through a Powerpoint presentation. Presentation outlined Ministry of Education updates, overview of student accommodation planning, overview of capital planning and facility collaboration opportunities.

The meeting included open dialogue on the following topics:

- Rural schools, utilization and opportunities for collaboration / eligibility
- Need for additional daycare spaces particularly in rural areas and how this might be facilitate through Capital Priorities submission
- Application of a system lens but recognizing the unique characteristics and needs of individual regions including differences between urban and rural schools
- Advocacy for public sector unity and collaboration

Listed Community Partners Questions & Discussion Overview

J. Bellchamber-Glazier: Inquired on types of collaboration that TVDSB is interested in, if TVDSB has any insight into the direction the Ministry of Education is taking and asked for clarification on the calculation used for the utilization rate.

C. Kent: Utilization rate is a ratio of filled pupil spaces versus total available pupil spaces in a facility expressed as a percentage. Proposed changes to classroom loading could increase the total capacity of a facility and reduce the utilization rate.

S. Mark: Confirmed that TVDSB has a procedure that lists how to determine eligible collaboration opportunities. <https://www.tvdsb.ca/Modules/document/document.aspx>.

C. Howard: Inquired how information on areas goes into Planning and priority areas.

C. Kent: TVDSB uses software and notices received by municipalities to determine priority areas. TVDSB is currently auditing the data received and further noted that Western Middlesex was not included in the priority areas because there is an attendance area review underway in the area.

Trustee Hunt: Inquired on if a community library would be an acceptable collaboration and asked if he could be provided examples of current collaborations.

H. Gerrits: Identified a library collaboration at Plattsville & District PS.

C. Henriquez: Identified other examples of community collaborations at McGregor PS.

Chair Morell: Identified the underutilization of facilities in North Middlesex DHS and Glencoe DHS.

C. Henriquez: Ministry of Education calculates capacity depending on the usage of space. The space is loaded on the average number. If a classroom is no longer used as a classroom, the facility capacity for instructional space is reduced.

C. Howard: Discussed the need for childcare in North Middlesex. Expressed interest in collaboration with TVDSB.

H. Gerrits: Stand alone childcare business cases are submitted to Ministry as part of Capital Priorities. Timing and criteria unknown at this time.

K. Smith: Inquired on why the Western Middlesex Attendance Area Review had been deferred.

Chair Morell: Deferral was related to public input. A decision will come at the end of June 2019.

Chair Morell: Underutilization in secondary schools is in part caused by students being able to attend at any secondary school. Proposed changes to secondary classroom loading is concerning to the Trustees.

C. Howard: Inquired how TVDSB determines where new schools are built and how fairness is ensured across the board.

S. Mark: Recommendations are based on need and business cases are built and submitted to the Ministry for their review and approval based on established evaluation criteria.



Trustee Hunt: Identified the need for TVDSB to work with community partners on business cases.

Trustee Hunt: Provided information on a classroom closure initiative implemented in Lambton-Kent.

S. Mark: Provided supplementary information on the strategy used at the Lambton Kent Board where classrooms are being “mothballed” to save money. <https://lfpres.com/news/local-news/more-than-250-classrooms-to-be-mothballed-across-sarnia-chatham>

J. Rinker: Mentioned that as a childcare provider, it is difficult to see classrooms not being used when those spaces could be used in collaboration.