

**Davisville JPS/MTSD
Building & Land Use Committee
Minutes of December 13, 2010 Meeting**

Attendees

Wendy Crawford
Lisa Kelleher
Vince DeRisio
Anne Sasu
John Hiddema
Vivek Bakshi
Tricia Boyce
Joseph Lee
Sherry Giles
Rob McCready

Welcome and Introductions

Called to order: 6:50pm

Attendees introduced themselves and spoke briefly about why they wanted to be involved in the committee

Review of Committee Role

Wendy

We are meeting to determine how the committee should be fashioned, and what its precise role should be.

It is important that we are effective.

Lisa

Board will have Local Design Team (LDT) to discuss redevelopment

LDT is composed of a similar mix of people

do not want to duplicate efforts, want to integrate well with LDT

Rob

LDT and B&LU committee should have similar relationship as did ARC and School Council

ARC reps from schools brought information between ARC and Council

LDT reps will be point of contact with the Board, will bring committee decisions to LDT

Wendy

Should formally invite Spectrum to be part of committee

General Discussion of potential committee makeup

Rob

Reviewed state of redevelopment discussions with Board

Signing or not signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is first decision

Redevelopment is first major task for committee, but the hope is that it will persist after redevelopment issue is resolved

Basic idea is that committee will form recommendations that will then be presented to Council

Decide Short-Term Operating Procedures

Procedures we will use while we determine the long-term procedures

Rob

need agreed-upon mechanisms to resolve conflicts

hopefully will not be needed, but will be valuable if they are

Executive

Wendy & Lisa acclaimed as co-chairs

no permanent secretary at this time

Quorum

Motion: quorum should be 7

Moved: Vivek

Seconded: John

CARRIED by consensus

Voting

brief discussion of voting threshold options

Motion: 75% agreement (rounded up) required to pass motion
Moved: Vivek
Seconded: John
CARRIED by consensus

Discuss Long-Term Operating Procedures

Discussion covered many ideas & concerns regarding committee composition & procedures
Composition

Who should be a voting member?

Staff? Teaching? Non-Teaching?

Daycare?

Agreement that Principal should be non-voting.

Should staff be voting or non-voting?

Agreement that MTSD should have place.

Agreement that voting members must commit to attending meetings

Question: How to ensure fair representation on committee?

idea: certain # of reps from distinct sub-groups, by student population

Example: D&HoH, FI, Eng., etc

Pro: helps fairness by ensuring representation in proportion to # of students

Con: quotas could exclude skilled, engaged people just because quota for their group is full

Observation: if we do our job correctly, we will engage and get feedback from the whole community. At that point the committee composition becomes less important.

idea: anyone who comes to the meeting can vote

difficult to ensure fairness, track who is allowed to vote

idea: have voting members assigned to under-represented group

if a group has no voting rep, one could be assigned as liaison with that group

Wendy will get breakdown of # of students in different programs

Procedures

Question: How will committee and Council interact?

Observation: Is the tail wagging the dog? How can the committee restrict Council's decisions?

Rob

Ministry rules state that only elected/acclaimed Council members can vote (plus staff & community reps)

Only 4 parent votes on Council currently: the executive

1 staff vote: teacher rep

seems likely that Council procedure changes will be necessary to ensure fairness

need a "clear path" for important decisions through committee all the way to Council vote

have to avoid worst-case scenario of well-considered committee recommendations being rejected by small # of council votes

Discussed different options for Council & Committee procedures

Option: Add voting members to council

additional members would be vacant positions

also pass bylaws for filling vacant positions, use to fill vacancies

Discuss Community Engagement Options

website

general agreement that it would be a good idea

John and Rob will collaborate on this

posters in buildings

Greenwin generally cooperates with this

online surveys

possibility of "town hall" meetings

agreement that we should piggyback on other school events

Next Steps

Wendy

student population breakdown

John & Rob

collaborate on website

Wendy & Lisa

get information from Shelly on Board procedures

Rob

contact Maurice Cody regarding their procedures

Everyone

Consider committee composition options.

Consider Council voting options.