

**Building & Land Use Committee (the “BLU”)**  
of the Davisville Junior Public School – MTSD School Council (“Davisville PS”)  
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011

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**The following BLU members were present:** Wendy Crawford, Lisa Kelleher, Brendan Conway, John Hiddema, Val Upfold, John Keenan, Danielle Lavallee, and Joseph Lee.

**The following BLU members were not present:** Vivek Bakshi, Victor DiRisio, Edie Shaw, Rob McCready, Sherry Giles.

**Also present with the consent of the BLU:** Diane Schunk (interested parent) and Terry Mills (invited guest).

The quorum was established and the meeting was constituted and the meeting called to order.

**1. Previous BLU Meeting’s Minutes**

The minutes from June 14, 2011 were reviewed by the BLU. The minutes are agreed to be amended to reflect the fact that Val Upfold was present at the June 24, 2011 meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was resolved that the minutes of June 14, 2011 be adopted subject to the above-noted amendment.

**2. Update from Councillor Josh Matlow on his work in the School Redevelopment Process**

Mr. Matlow could not attend for personal reasons. John Hiddema will attempt to reschedule Mr. Matlow’s attendance for the next BLU meeting.

**3. Davisville PS-MTSD Zoning**

BLU discussed current zoning for Davisville PS – MTSD as R2Z (0.6) low density residential land. BLU also discussed current zoning and possible redevelopments of neighbouring properties.

**4. Presentation by Terry Mills on his Experience with Projects in the Area**

Terry Mills was invited to make a presentation to the BLU on his experience as an advisor on recent redevelopment projects in the area. The BLU received Mr. Mills’ comments for information.

**5. BLU General Discussion re Redevelopment**

BLU discussed whether Davisville PS has any particular “culture” to be reflected in the character statement of our proposal. BLU agrees to prepare formal report with character statement and detailed list of wants and needs for TDSB’s consideration.

BLU agrees to include specific reference to ongoing maintenance requirements for Davisville PS-MTSD during redevelopment process in formal proposal.

Joseph Lee provides BLU with brief extract of feedback received from students to date.

BLU discusses projected space requirements for new development. If a new school is built for Davisville PS-MTSD, the Board anticipates building a school with a capacity of 650 students. This reflects expected enrolment and/or program growth. Given that the Ministry of Education requires new schools be built with 104.4 square feet per student, the anticipated minimum square footage for any redeveloped Davisville PS would be approximately 68,000 square feet. Note that current square footage per student at Davisville PS is approximately 200 square feet per student, however the use of space and layout of the current building is considered to be inefficient.

BLU agrees to consider possible future expansion of Davisville PS student population in developing redevelopment proposal. The goal will be to develop a solution that is sustainable for the future.

BLU discussed the continued presence of Metro Toronto School for the Deaf ("MTSD"). BLU understands that the official decision has been made by TDSB to move MTSD to another location. Unless advised formally by the Board that MTSD is moving, BLU will incorporate MTSD's needs and preferences as part of the proposed redevelopment.

Brendan Conway advises BLU that, to his knowledge, TDSB has already issued RFP for architects.

BLU discusses playgrounds and agrees that, subject to parent input, a separate playground for kindergarten children is desirable.

**6. Report on the tours of three redeveloped schools done June 23 and 24, 2011**

John Hiddema and Lisa Kelleher indicate that they were impressed, in general, by the school tours. Detailed discussion postponed due to lack of time.

**7. Discussion re Next Steps**

BLU agrees that next step is to send out survey to Davisville PS parents. BLU agrees that the draft survey be revised to include more detailed questions. Survey needs to permit quantitative calculation of survey results. BLU agrees to issue survey by email and in hard copy via student council. BLU further agrees that in order to meet tight timelines, parents will be given one (1) week to respond to survey. Spectrum parents on BLU will arrange for distribution of survey amongst Spectrum parents.

BLU discusses general timing of proposal to TDSB. Members express concern at being able to provide report to the Board's Local School and Community Design Team (LSCDT) by the end of September, as previously discussed. More realistic timeline is probably by end of October. John Hiddema to confirm expected timing of report, and request the assistance of our TDSB Trustee, Shelley Laskin, in delaying the date of the next LSCDT meeting.

BLU discusses possibility of open forum discussion with parents following tabulation of survey results. BLU members discuss the possibility of providing parents with summary of survey results for consideration prior to open forum discussion.

**8. Update and discussion on communication with the school community.**

John Hiddema advises BLU that we now have a Davisville Parents Facebook page and a Twitter account. BLU agrees to develop communication plan, to make Davisville PS parents aware of BLU information available on the Davisville Parents Website, Facebook page and Twitter account.

**9. Other Business**

John Hiddema advises that Lisa Cain has resigned from the BLU due to other commitments. The BLU thanks Lisa for her contribution to the BLU to date.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

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John Hiddema, Co-Chair BLU

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Lisa Kelleher, Co-Chair BLU