

## **FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Presented to: Board of Trustees  
Submitted on: May 14, 2024  
Submitted by: Jen Edwards, Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee  
Committee Date: April 16, 2024  
Report No.: FF24-04

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Members: Jen Edwards (Chair), Irene Hanenberg, Katherine Hauser, Ralf Mesenbrink  
Trustees: Martha MacNeil, Alethia O’Hara-Stephenson, Lynn Topping, Laurie Whyte, Paige Knight (Student Trustee)

The Finance and Facilities Committee held a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00pm. Chair Edwards presided the meeting with Trustee Mesenbrink sending regrets. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### [Central PS Accommodation Options – Report](#)

The Central PS Accommodation Options - Report was presented for consideration by the Finance and Facilities Committee. The report contained an outline of enrolment trends and projections for Central PS and a review of accommodation options available to the school board when considering the projected enrolment pressure at the school. One of the options is the establishment of an enrolment cap for Central PS. The report also provided a summary of community communications and consultations.

THAT memo PLN: 24-06 “Central PS Accommodation Options” be received.

THAT staff provides a report outlining the details of an enrolment cap process for Central PS for the 2025-26 school year at a future Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting.

### **ITEMS FOR MONITORING**

#### [New Centre Wellington Elementary School Boundary Review – Report](#)

The New Centre Wellington Elementary School Boundary Review - Report was presented for consideration by the Finance and Facilities Committee. The report contained the proposed timeline and communication strategies for the boundary review process that will establish the catchment area for the new elementary school in Centre Wellington. Discussion took place regarding Development Area assignment, process for before and after school programs and site plan requirements related to landscape designs.

### [New Guelph Secondary Boundary Review – Report](#)

The New Guelph Secondary Boundary Review - Report was presented for consideration by the Finance and Facilities Committee. The report contained the proposed timeline and communication strategies for the boundary review process that will establish the catchment area for the new secondary school in Guelph.

### 2024/2025 Budget Information

Discussion took place regarding the 2024/2025 Budget including updates on enrolment projections, alignment of budget plans with the Board's Multi-Year Plan (MYP), funding questions and key next steps.

2024/2025 Ministry Funding information had not been released prior to the April 16, 2024 Committee meeting.

### Capital Projects Update

A verbal report was provided regarding the school board's Major Capital Projects including the recent Ministry approval for the Rickson Ridge PS 6-classroom addition that had previously been submitted as a Capital Priorities Business Case.

An adjusted budget for the new Centre Wellington Elementary School is pending Ministry approval before the school board can proceed with the construction process. The school board has received site plan approval from the municipality and opening is targeted for 2025/2026 school year.

Approval to proceed forms continue to be under review by the Ministry of Education for the new South Guelph Secondary School. Staff are also continuing to work with the City of Guelph for site plan approval. Discussion took place regarding sustainability plans and options for both new schools.