



PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Grimsby-Lincoln Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of March 7, 2017
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. New Business

INFORMATION SESSION

Proposed Relocation of College Street Public School to South Lincoln

High School.....K. Pisek and S. Veld

6. Other business
7. Adjournment
8. Next Meeting – May 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. – Grimsby-Lincoln Room



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

REPORT TO PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

RELOCATION OF COLLEGE STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL TO SOUTH LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Background and Overview:

DSBN staff have identified that the College Street Public School building is not ideal for students. It is an aging facility with an FCI of 32% and renewal needs of approximately \$3.2 million, including roofing, mechanical, electrical and plumbing. It will also require major renovations to make it accessible, as it currently has no accessible entrances and the multiple additions that have occurred over the years has created 4 different levels. Parking and bus arrivals/departures are a daily issue due to limited designated spots and no permitted street parking. In addition, the current facility does not allow for student drop off as there is no parking anywhere near the front entrance of the school.

The closure of South Lincoln High School offers the opportunity to convert this secondary school into an elementary school to support the students of College Street Public School. The capacity at South Lincoln is ideal to accommodate the projected 397 students at College Street. In addition, the South Lincoln facility is already accessible and configured for an ideal elementary school. Re-utilizing this building as an elementary school by converting secondary teaching classrooms including the tech wing into elementary kindergarten and primary rooms, will also allow for a continued DSNB partnership with the Co-op daycare.

This move will also provide the elementary students with a much improved learning environment which includes a large gym, a cafeteria, newer learning commons, dedicated special education sensory/movement rooms, designated Kindergarten outdoor classroom/play area and Social Worker and Youth Counsellor space as well as a welcoming entrance and office area. Yard area is ample and would be seen as another enhancement.

If approved, the College Street School administration and School Council would be able to announce this to the school community and start the exciting process of planning for aspects such as academic and sports logos, renaming of the school and overall planning of space and design. This can be an exciting next step for the Smithville community as the South Lincoln facility is closing for secondary instructional purposes in June 2017.

With the schools being only 600 metres apart, transportation and walkability will change only slightly. NSTS will assess this and staff will work with the Town of West Lincoln to reallocate crossing guards.

Financial Implications

The total cost of the renovation is projected to be \$2.0 million. With the additional funding received for school renewal and school condition purposes, an unallocated amount has been identified to support the renovation costs.

This project will be included in the multi-year capital plan to be presented to the Finance Committee in May for approval.

Timelines

Pending the approval of the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees, staff will proceed with permit applications and tendering of the project. Construction will begin immediately after permit approval is obtained and will continue into the fall. The construction is estimated to be complete at the end of December 2017. College Street students will transition to their new location in January 2018.

Motion:

“That South Lincoln High School be renovated to accommodate an elementary school and that, upon completion of construction, the students of College Street Public School transition to this location.”

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pisek, Superintendent of Education
Stacy Veld, Superintendent of Business Services

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For further information, please contact Stacy Veld, Superintendent of Business Services or Kelly Pisek, Superintendent of Education