

Community Planning and Partnerships

Annual Meeting

May 2017

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• In March 2015, the Ministry of Education updated the former Facility Partnerships Guideline with the newly developed Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline (CPPG).

What is a Community Partnership?

- Community partnerships allow the DSBN to explore the potential to enter into formal agreements that grant partners exclusive use of underutilized space within a DSBN facility, during and after school hours.
- Facility-sharing Community Partnerships differ from the Community Use of Schools (CUS) program, which is the program that allows short-term use of school space outside of regular school hours, through administration of rental permits.



Purpose of CPPG

- Set a framework from which school boards can reach out to community organizations to share planning information on a regular basis
- Continue the work of school boards and other entities who collaborate for the benefit of boards, students and the community
- Optimize the use of public assets owned by school boards



Intent

- **RELATIONSHIP BUILDING** Create strong ties between education and the community
- EFFICIENCY Explore opportunities to maximize school efficiency and facility viability
- SUPPORTS Improved services and supports available to students
- **UTILIZATION** More effective use of excess space
- COST REDUCTION Shared usage of space



Identify Opportunities

- Each facility's suitability for partnerships is analyzed through the following criteria:
 - enrolment projections
 - school capacity
 - renewal needs
 - potential consolidations
 - construction or renovations
- School boards are solely responsible to determine facilities that are suitable for partnerships, what entities are suitable partners, and when to enter into a partnership



Space Assessment Criteria

- 65% utilized or less
- Distinct space within the facility, separate from the students
- Not required for DSBN programming or other uses
- Uphold safety and security of students
- Suitable parking, no site use or zoning restrictions
- Facility condition
- Other criteria as appropriate



Key Factors

- Partnerships between schools and other community partners should be:
 - **Appropriate:** Mindful of school setting and not compromising student achievement strategy
 - Mutually Beneficial: Supporting all partners
 - Sustainable: Financially and practically viable
 - Respectful: Core values and responsibilities of each partner
 - Ensuring Safety: Student health and safety must be a primary deciding factor
- Partners deemed ineligible:
 - Entities providing competing education services such as tutoring services
 - JK 12 private schools or private colleges



Co-Build Opportunities

- New schools, additions and significant renovations may be considered as opportunities for partnerships.
 The DSBN will consider potential opportunities to partner on these projects.
- Community partners are encouraged to provide notification to the DSBN on an ongoing basis when they have proposals or plans to build their own new facilities.

Costs

- School boards are not to incur any additional costs to support partnerships
- On a cost-recovery basis, partners are responsible for:
 - Professional, capital, maintenance and operating costs and applicable taxes
 - Proportional share of all shared space including capital renewal, land costs and any administrative costs incurred by the Board
 - Any renovations necessary to make the space suitable for the partner's needs or to ensure student safety



Facilities Identified as Having Potential for Facility-sharing Partnerships

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Municipality/School	# Rooms Available	
Lincoln:		
Jacob Beam Public School	3 rooms	
Niagara Falls:		
Martha Cullimore Public School	1 room	
Simcoe Street Public School	4 rooms	
Victoria Public School	1 room	
Port Colborne:		
Dewitt Carter Public School	1 room	
Oakwood Public School	2 rooms	
St. Catharines:		
Burleigh Hill Public School	1 room	
Carleton Public School	5 rooms	
Connaught Public School		
Edith Cavell Public School	3 rooms	
Woodland Public School	2 rooms	
Thorold:		
Prince of Wales Public School	4 rooms	
West Lincoln:		
Caistor Central Public School	2 rooms	
Gainsborough Public School	2 rooms	



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SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

Municipality/School	Utilization rate
Niagara Falls:	
Stamford Collegiate	55%
Westlane Secondary School	55%
Pelham:	
E.L. Crossley Secondary School	59%
Port Colborne:	
Port Colborne High School	34%



Facilities that will close:

School:	Closing date:
Fort Erie Secondary School	June 2017
Pelham Centre Public School	June 2017
Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School	June 2017
Beamsville District Secondary School	June 2020
Grimsby Secondary School	June 2020



Co-Build Opportunities

- DSBN Trustees voted to approve the construction of a new secondary school in west Niagara
- The location has not yet been identified
- The new school build is contingent on Ministry approval and funding
- Anticipated opening date for the yet-to-be-named school: September, 2020
- The DSBN will consider potential opportunities to partner on this project
- Community partners are encouraged to provide notification to the DSBN if they have a proposal related to this opportunity.



How to Indicate Interest

- Complete and submit the Interest in Facility-Sharing Community Partnership form available on the DSBN website: http://www.dsbn.org > click Community > click Community Partnerships and Engagement
- Expressions of interest are accepted year-round and can be submitted via email to: partnerships@dsbn.org

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Questions?

Additional details:

- DSBN website: www.dsbn.org
- Policy C-04 Community Planning and Partnerships
- Ministry of Education Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline: http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/funding/1516/2015B9appenBEN.pdf
- DSBN Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP): http://www.dsbn.org/arc/long-term-accommodation-plan-(ltap)

