

MINUTES – RENAMING COMMITTEE MEETING #6

École Kingston East Elementary School

Monday, April 11, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Meeting held on Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Jennifer Dooley (LDSB Administrative Assistant), Jane Douglas (LDSB Communications), Axl F. (Indigenous student representative), Kelly Fritz (Indigenous parent representative), Bob Godkin (Trustee), Melanie Howard (Indigenous Parent Council representative), Laura King (support staff representative), Matthew Tofflemire (English Program parent representative), Alison McDonnell (LDSB Superintendent of Education and Renaming Committee Chair), Gillianne Mundell (Indigenous teaching staff representative), Anna Pacheco (ÉKEES Principal), Deb St. Amant (Indigenous Education Advisory Committee community representative),

Regrets: Aaron D. (French Program student representative), Gary Hurtubise (French Immersion Program parent representative), Kelly Maracle (LDSB Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education), Judi Montgomery (Indigenous Education Advisory Committee community representative), Summer P. (English Program student representative), Liv Rondeau (LDSB Elementary Indigenous Student Support & Engagement Teacher), Breanna Roy (Indigenous Student Trustee)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Superintendent of Education/Committee Chair Alison McDonnell welcomed all participants.

2. Smudge & Opening Prayer

Deb St. Amant performed a smudge and shared a prayer.

Matthew Tofflemire sang The Spirit Bear Song.

3. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Anna Pacheco shared a Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Monday, March 21, 2022

Minutes were reviewed and accepted. The Committee agreed to forward any changes to Superintendent of Education McDonnell by April 12, 2022. Minutes will be posted to the website.

5. École Kingston East Elementary School Renaming Committee Final Renaming Survey Report

The information has been collated from the online survey and there were 1,085 responses. We asked people to rank their first, second and third choice. Number one with 49% support was Butternut Creek Elementary. The second choice with 25% support was Maplevue Elementary. Maple and Forestview were significantly lower in popularity.

The pie graph shows that 29% of respondents selected Maplevue Elementary School as their second choice. Respondents were evenly split between Maple Elementary (24.9%), Butternut Creek Elementary (24.7%) and Forestview Elementary (21%).

For the third choice, Maplevue Elementary was the top pick (29%) by those who participated in the survey.

Principal Pacheco was asked to highlight the student voice at ÉKEES. Incredible work has been occurring by the students to ensure that their voices are heard with the renaming of their school. Students engaged in curriculum-based activities around various aspects of the renaming process to gather opinions and preferences on the final four names during the week of April 4th. Thirty-five classes from JK- 6 participated in the school-wide initiative. Results varied from class to class with Butternut Creek and Maple Elementary School selected overall as either the first or second favourite name choice.

6. Final Report and Presentation to Board of Trustees – April 27

Superintendent of Education/Committee Chair Alison McDonnell reviewed how the Board of Trustees will receive the information with a reminder that any of the names put forth could be selected. In the past, the recommendation report has gone through with 3-5 names, the rationale for the selection of the names, the survey results as well as the results from student voice (when applicable) The Trustees would receive all the information around first, second and third choice.

This information will be presented to the Trustees on April 27 with the caveat that no decision will be made prior to walking the land and visiting the school. A decision will be made at the May Board Meeting.

The committee reinforced that they are supportive of all four names being put forward to the Board of Trustees.

7. Walk on the Land

The committee decided that Monday, May 16 would be the date that the Board of Trustees would be invited to the school and land.

A subcommittee will be created to plan the event. Superintendent McDonnell will put a call out to all Renaming Committee members to determine interest.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm