



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ALLIANCE MINUTES

May 10, 2024 – 2:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Doug Reycraft, Deputy Chair Stephanie Jaworski, Marcus Ryan, Stephen (Steve) Harvey, Patricia Greig, Stephen Townsend, Carol Lowery, Dane Nielsen

Regrets: Meghan Chomut, Sue Carleton

STAFF PRESENT: Barbara Pinnell, Administrator

1. Call to Order

Chair Doug Reycraft calls the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda of May 10, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the May 10, 2024 meeting of the Community Schools Alliance be approved as amended with the addition of 5c.

Moved by: Dane Nielsen

Seconded by: Marcus Ryan

Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the March 22, 2024 meeting of the Community Schools Alliance be approved as presented.

Moved by: Stephen Townsend

Seconded by: Marcus Ryan

Carried.

4. Business arising from minutes

a. Update on Zorra Memorandum of Understanding

Marcus Ryan provided an update on the progress of Zorra Township Memorandum of Understanding and their informal agreement with Thames Valley District School Board

5. New Business

a. Proposal from Redbrick

Chair Doug Reycraft provided the proposal from Redbrick and welcomed a discussion.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DISCUSSION:

- Supports the proposal by Redbrick;
- Redbrick is a skilled company;
- Need to be specific on what the Committee would like the outcome to be;
- The proposal may not be as accurate as the members hoped; may need additions;
- Need to understand the cost and the magnitude of the proposal;
- The proposal is an investment in what the Committee is doing;

- Need to be clear and concise with what the members want;
- Need to know the financial budget for the proposal;
- Exceedingly professional company, with a good reputation;
- Effective communication advice to get the job done;
- You get what you pay for;
- Should set a financial limit;
- Phase one of a multi-phase communication strategy;
- Timing is right to develop a communication plan;
- Need to define our requirements;
- Beneficial to have communication experts available for guidance.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair and appropriate supports necessary be authorized to negotiate a final agreement between Redbrick and the Community Schools Alliance.

Moved by: Marcus Ryan
Carried.

Seconded by: Deputy Chair Stephanie Jaworski

b. Proposal for Annual Meeting and Election

Chair Doug Reycraft confirmed the date for the 2024 Annual Meeting will be on July 9, 2024.

c. Email from Patricia Greig

Patricia Greig provided details on the changes in the Ministry's funding formula review. Based on the changes in the funding formula, a suggestion was made to have a delegation at the AMO Conference. Deputy Chair Stephanie Jaworski will approach the council of the Township of South Glengarry requesting a delegation to the Minister of Education on behalf of the Municipality and the Community Schools Alliance at the AMO Conference.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Next Meetings

Friday, June 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, July 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.