



Minutes

Date: November 12, 2015

To: Brian Smith, Sylvia Bray, Andy Beaudoin, Jennette MacKenzie, Lorraine Gruzuk, Robert Brockwell, Richard White

From: Andrew McNeill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism

Re: **High School Task Force Committee**

Attendees: Andy Beaudoin, Chair, High School Task Force
Richard White, Vice-Chair, High School Task Force
Brian Smith, Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach
Sylvia Bray, Councillor, Town of Wasaga Beach
Andrew McNeill, Director, Economic Development & Tourism
Lorraine Gruzuk, Resident
Robert Brockwell, Resident
Jennette MacKenzie, Resident

Discussion

- Rarely encounter schools over 1,200 students;
 - There are small schools everywhere;
 - Discussion ensued about the optimal school size;
 - Research indicates a high school of 600-900 students is optimal size for learning;
 - Some arguments that 1,200 is too big;
 - Discussion took place about engaging School Councils;
 - Discussion took place pertaining to the Capital Plan letter to the School Board;
 - Presentation to be developed;
 - Target making a presentation to the School Board in January.
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Tasks

1. Obtain local elementary enrollment numbers by class
Responsible individual: Lorraine Gruzuk



Timeline: Complete

2. Compile school research – benefits of school size, (smaller is better, etc.)
Responsible individual: Jeannette MacKenzie
Timeline: Complete
3. Work with the Town Treasurer to calculate the total dollars that have gone to the School Board over the last 10 years.
Responsible individual: Andrew McNeill
Timeline: Complete
4. Draft a SCDSB Capital Plan Response
Responsible individual: Andrew McNeill
Timeline: Complete
5. Draft a Presentation
Responsible individual: Andrew McNeill
Timeline: Complete
6. Obtain School Council Contact Information
Responsible individual: Brian Smith
Timeline: Complete
7. Obtain Real Estate Information
Responsible individual: TBD
Timeline: Underway