City-School Boards Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 3  
Meeting Date Thursday, February 11, 2016  
Start Time 12:30 PM  
Location Committee Room 2, City Hall  
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2016 Progress Update on the City-School Boards Advisory Committee Staff Workplan

Committee Decision
The City-School Boards Advisory Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council amend Section 4 of Appendix A: City-School Boards Interagency Staff Team Workplan, 2015-2016, to the report (January 27, 2016) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, as follows:

   a. Adding the following to 4.1.1.a, Activities: "including the creation of a 'single approvals window' for fast-tracking school construction approvals" so that it now reads, "Identify mechanisms to improve the Site Planning Approval (SPA) Process and enhance coordination with Staff, Councillors, and Trustees, including the creation of a "single approvals window" for fast-tracking school construction approvals".

   b. Replacing 4.1.1.b, Activities: "Develop a protocol that allows for broader community use of school open space and school use of parks." with the following, "Explore options for a protocol that would allow for broader community use of school open space and recreation facilities and school use of parks and community recreation facilities, such as rinks, pools, and playing fields during school hours".

2. City Council forward the item to the four School Boards operating in Toronto, and if approved, to the Government of Ontario.

Decision Advice and Other Information
The City-School Boards Advisory Committee:

1. Referred the following motion by Trustee Story to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration for consideration:

   That the City-School Boards Advisory Committee recommend to the Executive Committee that:

   1. City Council amend the Workplan to include:
a. building permit and city planning approval process timelines;

b. standardizing lease agreements between the City and School Boards; and

c. update on initiatives regarding safe walking/cycling routes to school and active, safe and sustainable transportation for students travelling to school and back via non-motorized means.

3. Referred the following motion by Trustee Davis to the appropriate City Staff for consideration:

That the City-School Boards Advisory Committee recommend to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council amend Section 4 of Appendix A: City-School Boards Interagency Staff Team Workplan, 2015-2016 as follows:

a. Adding the following to 4.1.1, Activities: "including green standards not covered by Ministry of Education benchmarks, storm water management costs, urban design requirements, and permit application fees" and "all of which impact what can be provided to students in the community." so that it now reads, "Develop Staff Report to review current issues related to school properties and city planning considerations, including green standards not covered by Ministry of Education benchmarks, storm water management costs, urban design requirements, and permit application fees - all of which impact what can be provided to students in the community."

Origin
(January 27, 2016) Report from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Summary
As directed by City Council, this report provides a progress update on the 2015-2016 interagency staff workplan for the City-School Boards Advisory Committee. The workplan, which focuses on shared city-school board concerns related to the use of school lands and capital funding for school infrastructure, has an aggressive completion timeline. A number of short-term projects have been completed to date and longer-term projects have been initiated on time. The preponderance of work will be completed, as scheduled, during 2016. Currently the Interagency Staff Team has no concerns to report that may delay completion of the workplan. The shared City-School Boards workplan has created a focus for effective interagency staff communication and coordination.

Background Information
(January 27, 2016) Report from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration on City-School Boards Advisory Committee 2016 Workplan - Progress Update
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/ts/bgrd/backgroundfile-88538.pdf)
Appendix A: 2015-2016 City School Boards Interagency Staff Team Workplan
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/ts/bgrd/backgroundfile-90007.pdf)