

A meeting of the Central Kingston Intermediate/Secondary School Integration Committee met on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 2 p.m.

To help slow the spread of COVID-19, the Ontario government has extended the Declaration of Emergency to the end of June, 2020. This extension will enable the government to continue protecting the health and safety of the people in Ontario. As such, for the time being, the Board will be conducting its business via virtual meetings

In Attendance:

S. Amsden, Teacher (Voting member) - Absent
L. Bark, Community Rep (Voting member) - Absent
B. Bradlynn, Teacher (Voting member)
H. Davis, Teacher (Voting member)
G. Dillon, Community Rep (Non-Voting member) - Absent
T. Ferguson, Teacher (Voting member)
D. Fowler, Manager of Facility Services (Non-Voting member)
T. Gingrich, Trustee - Regrets
B. Lambert, Vice Principal (VANIÉR)
A. Martin, Teacher (Voting member)
A. McDonald, Principal – LCVI (Voting member)
T. McKenna, Principal – KCVI (Voting member)
L. McNaughton Community Rep
J. Morning, Trustee
L. Murray, Parent Rep (Voting member) - Absent
A. Murray, Community Rep – Absent
P. Murray- Community rep
T. Orpin, Integration Coordinator (Non-Voting member)
N. Richardson, Parent rep (Voting member) - Absent
R. Rushton, Community Rep (Non-Voting member) - Absent
K. Siltanen, Teacher (Voting member)
K. Smith, Communications Officer (Non-Voting member)
D. Spooner, Community Rep (Non-Voting member) - Absent
J. Swift, Teacher (Voting member)
C. Tremblay, Community Rep
C. Van Luven, Community Rep
J. Whitfield, Teacher (KCVI)
D. Whitmarsh, Parent Rep
C. Young, Parent Rep (Voting member)

Recorder: L. Strange, Records Management Coordinator (Non-Voting member)

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Superintendent Burra called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Other Agenda Items?

No other agenda items were added.

3. Integration Committee Review

Superintendent Burra gave an overview of the creation and evolution of the Integration Committee from its inception in the spring of 2016. It began with the amalgamation of students to LCVI and KCVI. The committee has finalized the naming of the school, and selected the school colours and mascot. The Fourth cohort of students are at KCVI this year.

The principal and other staff have been selected for the new school.

Membership of the committee has changed over the years, dictated by the work at various stages of the integration process.

4. Current update related to KSS and the build as well as the contingency plan

The closure of KCVI and the relocation of staff and students to the new KSS building will occur in the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the COVID 19 situation, and the construction stoppage that occurred for the month of April, the planned September start date at the new site will not be possible.

Staff are waiting for an updated timeline for the completion of KSS, while the preparation and purchasing for KSS continues.

The committee will still have input about memorabilia and potential displays at KSS and the closure of the KCVI site.

5. Legacy Project Presentation

J. Whitfield shared a powerpoint on the KCVI/QECVI Legacy Project. The project has three phases:

1. Inventory all the historically important objects and documents of KCVI and QECVI
2. Establish and implement a procedure and plan to disperse, keep and/or digitize the collection
3. Create exhibits at KSS to reflect the history of the two schools

Emily Welsh (MA Museum Studies UofT) and Jessa Brown (Diploma Library Technician Centennial College) have been hired to complete the work with support from the Legacy Project Committee (Joanne Whitfield, Kevin Reed, Tim Orpin, Chris VanLuven, Talya McKenna and Krishna Burra) with monies from Young Canada Works Building Careers in Heritage, the City of Kingston Heritage Grant and the KCVI Bicentennial Fund.

The committee has been working to:

1. Determine which items in the collection should move to KSS and which of these will also be digitized

2. Determine which items won't move to the new school but will be digitized before dispersal elsewhere
3. Identify local, provincial and national museums and archives who may be interested in housing particular objects or documents and approach them with an offer of the object or document
4. Arrange for the transfer of the objects (packaging, pick-up/shipping, transfer paperwork)
5. Create a record of the process

Examples of items that have been catalogued were shared with the members.

A few items have already been re-homed at St. George's Cathedral and Sydenham Street United Church (leaflets from church services in the 1940s). The committee is in conversation with a number of institutions including Queens Archives, Queens University biology and physics departments, Kingston and Frontenac Public Library, Canadian Museum of Science and Technology. Other local museums to be approached are PWOR, RMC, Frontenac County Schools Museum, OISE, and Kingston Sports Hall of Fame.

So far the committee has digitized the following items:

- All of the KC and QE yearbooks in our possession
- KCVI Performing Arts collection
- KCVI Principal and "Times" correspondence from 1919-1926 and during WW2
- All of the KC and QE commencement programs in our possession
- All of the QE VHS tapes have been converted to digital files
- About 65% of the collection remains to be digitized

Five topics were chosen for exhibition based on the collection and the history of KC and QE:

- History of Kingston Secondary School- timeline
- What was it like to go to KC, it's ancestor or QE, at different points in history
- Military
- Performing Arts
- Athletics

The committee continues working to create an online museum that will contain the digitized items.

Superintendent Burra noted that the school did contain several valuable art pieces. The Board does not have the capacity to maintain and protect these items and they have been removed for storage until they can be rehomed. These pieces should be in a museum or personal collection.

It was confirmed that information about the notable people who attended KCVI and QECVI will be shared in the online portal.

Further feedback or questions about the project can be sent to Superintendent Burra's attention.

If there are narratives or items of importance these should be shared with J. Whitfield.

6. Discussion/Consultation/Feedback Related to a Presentation on the Legacy Project and Current Plans for Displays

Feedback can be directed to Superintendent Burra.

7. Potential Dispensation of Property Plans and Process

There will be decisions to be made in the near future about the dispensation of some items at the KCVI site. Information about the process, and items in question, will be shared with the Integration Committee members. The Legacy Group has consulted with a range of organizations to inform potential plans for different items.

8. Other Items/Questions from Members of the Committee

It was confirmed that the Legacy Project team can have access to the KSS site to review the potential areas where the displays will be housed.