

**Greater Essex County District School Board
PROGRAM AND ACCOMMODATION REVIEW
FORSTER FAMILY AND CENTURY SCHOOLS
Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 5 p.m.**



Report of a committee meeting held in the cafeteria at Century Secondary School

Attendance: Dave Garlick, Karen Albu, Christine van Lare, Petrina Baylis, Forster; Kristie McKim, Lisa Bastien, Cindy Mitchell, Century; Patti Oshar, Michelle Landry, Danielle Yaholnitsky, Benson; Chris Inverarity (arrived late), Mark Paterson, Leonard Bega, Sarah Gall, Brock; Cindy Theriault, Jamie de l'Eveille, Taylor; Clayton Callow, Robin Fletcher, Dougall; Ron Brown, Michelle Dereniowski, Lisa Cunningham, Cindy Wark (arrived late) Marlborough; MaryAnne Cuderman, community representative;

Regrets: Sharon Pyke, Nancy Bruce, Debra Laforet, John Howitt, Area Superintendent

Absence: Amina Abdi, Fahema Siki (both resigned from committee) Kim Rocheleau

Facilitator: Terry Lyons

Recorder: Lynne Hornby

There were two observers, one of whom was a trustee.

THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATIONS CONDUCTS A PARC STUDY OF THE FORSTER FAMILY OF SCHOOLS AND INCLUDE CENTURY DUE TO ITS GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION TO:

- i. ADDRESS CAPACITY ISSUES AND AGING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS WITHIN THE FORSTER FAMILY OF SCHOOLS**
- ii. CONTINUE OUR INVESTIGATION FOR A PERMANENT FRENCH IMMERSION SITE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD DIRECTION FROM THE SOUTH WINDSOR PARC.**

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by the Chairperson, Sarah Gall thanking everyone for their attendance and Principal McKim for hosting the meeting.

Giuliana Hinchliffe, Coordinator of Engineering was introduced by the Superintendent.

2. Review of minutes/Previous considerations

The minutes of the February 16 meeting have been circulated to the committee. They are now posted to the Board website under the PARC icon.

Changes to those in attendance have been made in and the minutes are now posted on the website.

3. Review of School Information Profiles

Updated School Information Profiles dated March 28 were distributed. They will be posted on the website following the second Community meeting.

The sub committee's powerpoint was reviewed electronically.

Concerns were noted and the sub-committee will work to complete the presentation. A revised copy will be circulated to the committee for further revisions and input.

A sub-committee of Dave Garlick, Cindy Mitchell, Mary Ann Cuderman, Jaimie de l'Eveille, Kristie McKim, Ron Brown and Sarah Gall will determine how the powerpoint will be presented on April 2.

Presenters will be Sarah Gall, Robin Fletcher, Danielle Yaholnitsky. G. Hinchliffe will assist by presenting the slides regarding FCI etc

The meeting is at 5:30 on Monday, April 2 at Century school. Presenters will arrive earlier to rehearse and Mrs. Hornby will assist in coordinating this. Principal Inverarity will assist with the rehearsal.

It was noted by the committee that the presenters need to state that they are providing the Benson and Taylor Profiles for information only. The Board passed a motion last year at the conclusion of the Benson-Taylor PARC regarding future plans for those schools and the committee determined that a solution to this PARC would not include a re-evaluation of that decision.

4. Working groups

Discussion on Brainstorming ideas

Committee members were again reminded to be objective when developing ideas and to try to articulate and expand on ideas as they are offered.

See attachment to March 22 meeting: Brainstorming ideas

5. Committee discussion

Charting of advantages and challenges

The committee has not reached the point where advantages and challenges can be charted. Group discussion work continued.

6. Formation of report writing team

The committee's draft report, with draft recommendations will be presented to the community on May 9.

Committee members were asked to give some thought about being a part of the report writing team. This topic will be discussed in detail at the next meeting, April 23.

7. Additional dates for committee meetings

No further meetings were added at this time. Reconsideration will be given on April 23.

8. Questions and Clarifications

Questions were answered and clarifications made during the course of the meeting.

Superintendent Lyons asked Ms. Hinchliffe to explain Facility Condition Index and Renewal.

FCI is a known number that allows building comparison, renewal needs of the school divided by the asset replacement value. The higher the percentage, the worse the condition of the school. The FCI numbers were determined by Ministry of Education in 2003. The tool is qualitative rather than quantitative, to be used as a comparator of buildings to buildings. Out of all the buildings in this family, Marlborough has the poorest FCI. Renewal needs are events that capture the replacement costs of systems in a school e.g. flooring, roofing etc. All systems are placed in an itemized list detailing replacement costs. Due to the lack of funding, the Board is only able to fix high and urgent needs such as heating, asphalt etc.

9. Next Steps

Superintendent Lyons asked committee members to review the brainstorming ideas prior to the April 23 meeting when the charting of ideas will be completed. He asked that the committee be prepared for a meeting about four hours in length. He asked that principals focus on the fact they are principals of the Greater Essex County District School Board and not a particular school. Other committee members need to focus on the best interests of the board in general and parents should realize that however passionate they are about their child, so is the next person passionate about their child, too. As this process moves forward, don't take thing personally about your school.

Ideas can be combined; they do not have to be considered in isolation.

We will continue to chart the advantages and challenges of each idea and move forward by eliminating those that do not meet any of the mandates.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Distribution:

*Minutes of March 22 meeting
updated School Information Profiles date March 28
list of brainstorm ideas*