

Greater Essex County District School Board PROGRAM AND ACCOMMODATION REVIEW HERMAN FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Monday, February 13, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Report of a committee meeting held in room 103 at Maxwell Public School



Attendance: Josh Canty, Dominique Labbe-Samarane, Herman; Debra Cooper, Debbie Pestowka, Coronation; Roz Breshgold, Jillian Gouin, Jennifer Baronsky, Ann Nasser, Davis; Joe Younan, Aimee Poirier, Karen Mangham, Kim Lunansky, Maxwell; Nancy Drew, Jenna Schertzer, Rick McKellar, Derek Demonte, McCallum; Lynn McLaughlin, Minelle Toussaint-Greene, Pat Roberts, McGregor; Milka Brown, Dave Bak-Neilson, Teodora Takeva, Roseville

Chair: Kelly Schwab

Regrets:

Absence: Heather Wilson, Gail Baran, Valerie Palesh, Alexander Duczman

Facilitator: Terry Lyons

Recorder: Lynne Hornby

THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATIONS CONDUCTS A PARC STUDY OF THE HERMAN FAMILY OF SCHOOLS TO:

- i. ALLEVIATE OVER CAPACITY ENROLMENT AT McCALLUM
- ii. REDUCE THE NUMBER OF EMPTY STUDENT SPACES AND IMPROVE THE UTILIZATION RATES WITHIN THE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Superintendent Lyons thanking everyone for their attendance and Principal Younan for hosting the meeting.

Binders were distributed and each section was reviewed.

2. Review of minutes/Previous considerations

The minutes of the January 23 meeting have been circulated to the committee. A few minor changes have been made and they are now posted to the Board website under the PARC icon.

3. Review of Director's Annual Accommodation Report

This document was distributed at the last committee meeting. It was reviewed, paying particular attention to the areas relevant to the Herman family of schools.

4. Review of School Information Profiles

School Information Profiles will be reviewed regularly as information is added.

Each principal reviewed their respective School Information Profile.

A discussion took place as to how these will be presented to the public. Suggested a small group of parents determine who will present at the Community meeting. Information to be presented should be identical.

Members: Aimiee Poirier, Kim Lunansky, Jennifer Baronsky, Derek DeMonte, Ann Nasser, Dawn Holmes

5. Tentative dates for future community meetings

Wednesday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at McCallum School

Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at Davis School

Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at Roseville School

6. Tentative dates for future committee meetings

Tuesday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m. at McGregor School

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Questions

The Principals will discuss additions, changes etc. for the School Information Profiles, in order that all are exactly the same. Once the Facility Services information is added, the profiles will be returned to the principals for changes.

It was noted that during the course of the PARC, we will attempt to visit each school.

Herman enrolment charts were reviewed. The Superintendent said that enrolment projections are quite accurate within the first 5 years, however, they are updated and reviewed regularly.

A parent asked a question about walking distances for students.

L. Hornby will provide the information from the Transportation consortium at the next meeting.

9. Next Steps

In closing, the Superintendent asked the committee to review all the data that has been distributed. We will attempt to provide a copy of the latest census report.

The next committee meeting will take the form of a brainstorming session. There is no such thing as a bad idea, all ideas presented will be examined in an attempt to either pursue or reject them. As a committee, it is important to be able to say we have examined all sorts of ideas and possible solutions. Superintendent Lyons requested that no-one take things personally or be offended; we must examine what is best for the system as a whole and not one's individual school or community.

This PARC is dealing with two serious issues: over-capacity at the French Immersion School, McCallum, and under-capacity at the English schools in the family.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6: 20 p.m.

Distribution:

Binder

Enrolment data

Draft School Information Profiles dated December 2011