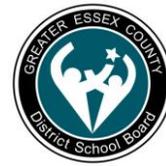


Greater Essex County District School Board PROGRAM AND ACCOMMODATION REVIEW HERMAN FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Monday, February 22, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Report of a committee meeting held in the library of Coronation Public School



Attendance: Josh Canty, Dominique Labbe-Samarane, Valerie Palesh, Herman; Debra Cooper, Debbie Pestowka, Coronation; Roz Breshgold, Jillian Gouin, 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, Suzanne Cape, McGregor; Milka Brown, Dave Bak-Neilson, Teodora Takeva, Roseville

Chair: Kelly Schwab

Regrets: Gail Baran

Absence: Heather Wilson, Jennifer Baronsky, 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 Cooper for hosting the meeting.

2. Review of minutes/Previous considerations

The minutes of the February 13 meeting have been circulated to the committee. There being no changes, they are now posted to the Board website under the PARC icon.

3. Brainstorming

Superintendent Lyons facilitated this portion of the meeting. He prefaced the activity by saying that committee members should not take any suggestions personally. These are all suggestions to be explored with a view to fulfilling the mandate.

The ideas were charted and are attached.

At the next committee meeting, Committee members will begin to review the ideas in greater depth in working groups.

There was a brief discussion concerning some of the ideas.

Some points clarified were:

Giles Campus FI is a temporary site only and the permanent site may well be in the western part of the city as that is the only area without a French Immersion site.

A suggestion was made to review research around the optimum size for an elementary school; some of the ideas verbalized would create mega schools.

McGregor School is currently not accessible.

Within McGregor's boundary, Tecumseh Road is considered a hazard as defined by the Transportation consortium. Some ideas could increase busing times as within that boundary, students cannot walk cross Tecumseh Road.

Maintaining an accessible school on each side of Tecumseh Road ought to be a consideration.

By consensus, a few of the ideas charted were eliminated for various reasons and will not be explored.

4. **Working Groups**

Due to time constraints, the committee was unable to begin its work reviewing positives and negatives of the ideas. The Superintendent's Administrative Assistant will send out the charted ideas to the committee early next week for consideration, prior to the next committee meeting on March 6 at McGregor School.

5. **Charting of ideas from working groups**

See 4. above

6. **Methods of communication**

Scott Scantlebury, the Board's Public Relations Officer addressed the committee regarding communications and PARCS. Word of mouth is one of our most effective communication tools, but exactitude, precision, and consistency must be maintained. Those persons with inquiries about the PARC should be referred to the icon on the board website. All schools have a link to that page and we attempt to keep it well updated. Any communications in school newsletters should be vetted by the Superintendent's office to ensure that the same message is imparted to all schools.

7. **Questions**

Questions were answered throughout the meeting and are noted.

Further clarifications were made.

Renewal is the repair and replacement needs of a building.

Facility Condition Index is a measurement tool used for comparison purposes to rank buildings based on repair and replacement needs. It is the dollar value of the accumulated repair/replacement needs for a given year (including any needs not previously completed) divided by the replacement cost of the building. The higher this percentage, the worse the building condition.

It was noted that some updated information, namely Facilities Information has been added to the School Information Profiles.

8. **Next steps**

We will endeavor to have the School Information Profiles completed by the March 6 Committee meeting. The Subcommittee should determine how they will be presented at the next Community meeting. Samples of previous presentations will be e-mailed to the members.

It was noted that the March 21 committee meeting at Davis at 4:30 will probably be a lengthier meeting. We will provide a light dinner in those circumstances.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Distribution:

Walking distance information

Acronyms

Updated School Information Profiles