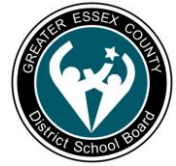


Greater Essex County District School Board PROGRAM AND ACCOMMODATION REVIEW HERMAN FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Report of a committee meeting held at McGregor Public School



Attendance: Josh Canty, Dominique Labbe-Samarane, Valerie Palesh, Herman; Debra Cooper, Debbie Pestowka, Dawn Holmes, 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, McGregor; Milka Brown, Dave Bak-Neilson, Teodora Takeva, Roseville; Heather Wilson, Community Rep; Paul Antaya, Area S.O.

Chair: Kelly Schwab

Regrets: Gail Baran, Suzanne Cape

Absence: 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 4:40 p.m. by Chairperson Schwab thanking everyone for their attendance and Principal McLaughlin for hosting the meeting.

2. Review of minutes

The minutes of the February 22 meeting have been circulated to the committee. There being no changes, they are now posted to the Board website under the PARC icon.

3. Working Groups

There was a group discussion regarding each of the ideas that had been brainstormed at the meeting of February 22. Each idea was examined and advantages and challenges of each were charted by Superintendent Lyons.

4. Discussion and Charting

Due to time constraints, the committee was unable to complete its work reviewing advantages and challenges of the ideas. It is hoped that the charting will be completed at the next committee meeting of March 21 and the completed documentation will be posted with the minutes of that meeting.

5. Presentation of School Information Profiles at second Community meeting

There was a brief discussion as to how this will be presented at the Community meeting of April 4. The sub-committee will present a draft to the full committee on March 21.

6. Questions

Questions were answered throughout the meeting and are noted. Further clarifications were made.

Q. How can we compare secondary FCI data to elementary; should we be comparing FCI to other secondary schools within the system?

- A. Elementary renewal costs are usually less expensive. The secondary school replacement costs shown in the powerpoint at the first community meeting were an illustration of the costs of empty student spaces and were a comparison of schools chosen randomly across the system.
- Q. If an elementary school is at capacity, can the board refuse to enroll a student in that school? The coterminous board may close some of its schools and there is a potential that some of those students could transfer to the public board.
- A. If a student lives within a particular school's boundary then we cannot refuse enrolment. Hypothetically, we could have over 100 students from the separate school wanting to go to one of the public board's schools. We cannot use that type of information when considering solutions to our current mandate, as it is not factual, merely hypothetical.

7. **Next steps**

We will plan for the March 21 committee meeting at Davis at 4:30 to be a lengthier meeting. We will provide a light dinner.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The committee took a tour of McGregor School.

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