

**Greater Essex County District School Board**  
**2016-2017 PROGRAM AND ACCOMMODATION REVIEW**  
**Report of the Final Community Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 6 p.m.**  
**Parkview Public School**

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At the December 13, 2016 regular meeting of the Board, Trustees approved the following recommendation regarding Eastwood PS, Parkview PS and Forest Glade PS:

**THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT OF A STANDARD PROGRAM ACCOMMODATION REVIEW THAT INCLUDES EASTWOOD PS, FOREST GLADE PS, AND PARKVIEW PS, AS SET OUT IN THE PROGRAM ACCOMMODATION REVIEW - INITIAL STAFF REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 13, 2016.**

**Present:** There were approximately 32 persons in the audience including committee members  
**Chair:** Superintendent Todd Awender  
**Recorder:** Christine Breshamer

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Superintendent Awender welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. This is the final community meeting for this Program and Accommodation Review. This evening, a draft of the final recommendations will be presented. He explained that notes were being taken and that the proceedings were being audio and video recorded. He then introduced the Principal of Parkview, Mr. Simone who pointed out the location of the washrooms and exits.

Superintendent Awender introduced Trustee McKinley, Trustee Lovell and Trustee Halberstadt, the Director of Education, and area principals, then introduced himself. He also thanked S. McLaughlin, Media Services, for setting up equipment and thanked the PARC committee who have worked very hard on behalf of all our students over the past few months.

### **2. Committee meetings (Overview)**

*A PowerPoint presentation used to share information with the community has been posted on the website.*

Superintendent Awender informed the audience of the numerous meetings the Committee has had and thanked the Committee for their hard work during the course of this PARC.

The Superintendent noted that any information related to the PARC process is available on the Board website under the Student Accommodation icon which is the red schoolhouse located at the bottom of the front page of the website.

### **3. Draft Final Staff Report and Recommendations (Overview)**

Superintendent Awender review proposed recommendations which were presented in the Powerpoint presentation. These recommendations are supported by the Committee and the community.

He reviewed Guiding Considerations developed by the Committee. Relevant information and data was provided and the proposed new boundaries were displayed. The Committee's options and ideas were summarized and the Committee and community input was summarized.

The Superintendent communicated the Final Staff Report will be sent to the Trustees and posted on the Board website on May 5. He then reviewed the Board meeting dates where delegations can sign up to make a presentation which will be held at the Board office at 6:00 p.m. on May 24, 2017. He confirmed that the June 8, 2017 date is when the Trustees will be making a decision on the recommendations.

#### 4. Delegations

**Sue White, Eastwood PS**

*Submission attached*

#### 5. Questions and Input

The floor was opened up to questions and comments which would be followed by school focus groups, for each individual school included in this review.

**Cheryl Germaine, Eastwood Parent**

Q: I wondered if it was possible to combine all three schools together? Has there ever been any thought behind that?

Yes, there has been thought behind that but when you do that the actual school enrolment would start off at almost 1100 students and that's very large. We do have a couple schools that have grown to that but typically the Ministry does not give you funding for schools that are that large. They like schools around 500-600 students.

When I was walking by the site the other day to Seneca Park, the location on Wildwood, I thought it was actually big enough to build to house all the schools.

We haven't determined a site yet, but you're right. That site is very large and definitely could accommodate a building that could house 1,000 students but typically the Ministry doesn't fund a school that size but yes, it has been looked at.

#### 6. Future Input Opportunities and Dates

Future meeting dates are as follows:

**Board meetings at 6:00 p.m.:**

1. Wednesday May 24 - Board meeting where public delegations will be heard
2. Thursday June 8 - Board meeting where Trustees will hear public delegations and make final decision

Input is collected through the PARC email at [parc@publicboard.ca](mailto:parc@publicboard.ca) which is then posted publicly. Questions will be responded to and posted for all to see, as well as all notes from this Community meetings.

#### 7. Focus Groups

There being no further questions, Superintendent Awender thanked everyone for coming and invited the community to join the focus groups.

**8. Closing Comments and Adjournment**

There was no further input. In closing, Superintendent Awender thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Hello Everyone! My name is Sue White!

To start with I would like to say that I worked in the school board since 1990 and retired January 2013. In my capacity as an employee, I worked as a clerk at 7 schools, as an O.C.W. many years to many different school not only in Windsor, but also in the county schools, a school aide and lastly the Kit Centre.

Eastwood was my first school where I worked as a part-time school aide and also volunteer in the library department. When I brought my grandson to Eastwood, I went into the library and realized that it needed to some love and care.

There are some points that I would like to make.


Eastwood is in great shape.

We have air conditioning, a new solar system, the roof was just repaired, we have a great track, there is a "Kiss 'n' Ride", playground equipment that's in great shape on the property, and a big point is that Eastwood is located in a great location ( as well as across from the daycare). My biggest point is that Eastwood has limited asbestos. I have been in many schools where there needs to be some love and attention as well. Eastwood has a capacity of 392 children. I feel that my taxes could go to better use elsewhere. Why reinvent the wheel!


One suggestion that maybe the boundaries could be re-examine to bring Eastwood to fuller enrollement.

Suggestion 2: If open concept is not desirable, maybe a few walls could be put up. Some have been put up since my children attended Eastwood making it more closed.

If you were looking at the Wildwood property the parking isn't the great in that area. *Parking should be a consideration when building a school especially elementary*  
I just feel that we have a building that could be utilize. Whether it's called Eastwood or Parkview, it doesn't matter can we save some money and try to be responsible when it comes to spending.

 **P.A.R.C. Public Meeting Comments:**  Parent  Teacher  
for: PARKVIEW  Community Member

Why would you close Parkview with ALL the new homes being built in this area?  
Please keep PARVIEW OPEN!

 Name: Dina Zimmerman  
Address: 8125 Halpin

It would be a consolidation of Parkview and Eastwood in a new building that would potentially be in the Parkview catchment area in close proximity to the current school.