

# Greater Essex County District School Board PROGRAM AND ACCOMMODATION REVIEW FORSTER FAMILY AND CENTURY SCHOOLS

Monday, April 30, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Report of a committee meeting held in the Music room at Marlborough School

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**Attendance:** Dave Garlick, Karen Albu, Christine van Lare, Forster; Kristie McKim, Lisa Bastien, Cindy Mitchell, Century; Patti Oshar, Michelle Landry, Danielle Yaholnitsky, Benson; Mark Paterson, Brock; Debra Laforet, Cindy Theriault, Jamie de l'Eveille, Taylor; Nancy Bruce, Robin Fletcher, Dougall; Ron Brown, Michelle Dereniowski, Lisa Cunningham, Marlborough; Sharon Pyke, Area Superintendent, MaryAnne Cuderman, community representative

**Chairperson:** Sarah Gall, parent rep, Brock School

**Regrets:** John Howitt, Chris Inverarity, Clayton Callow

**Absence:** Cindy Wark, Petrina Baylis

**Facilitator:** Terry Lyons

**Recorder:** Lynne Hornby

There was 1 observer.

## **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 4:30 p.m. by the Chairperson, Sarah Gall thanking everyone for their attendance and Principal Brown for hosting the meeting. It was noted that Leonard Bega, parent representative for Brock School has relocated out of town and will no longer be able to continue in the process.

### **2. Review of minutes of April 23**

The minutes of the April 23 meeting were reviewed. There being no changes, they will now be posted to the Board website under the PARC icon.

### **3. Working Groups**

#### **Brainstorming ideas: advantages and challenges**

An additional sheet of recommendations, from 22-37, was circulated via e-mail. Copies were provided. The Committee broke into working groups to discuss the various options that had been distributed since the last meeting. Superintendent Lyons was available to provide clarifications as needed during this period.

Committee members were again reminded to be objective when reviewing the ideas. When the committee presents, there must be a consistent message and a framework for recommendations. Once determined, every recommendation should reflect the overall philosophy of the committee.

A concern was raised that we will not be ready for the community meeting next week and we may have to postpone. There is a lot of work to be covered during this evening's meeting.

### **4. Committee discussion**

#### **Charting of new ideas**

#### **Discussion on Brainstorming ideas**

Superintendent Lyons reminded the committee that they are an advisory panel to the board of trustees only. Trustees are the decision makers.

A lengthy discussion took place around programming at Century school with clarifications provided by Superintendent Pyke and Principal McKim.

The committee went on to determine by consensus, their common philosophies:

- To maintain one west end high school
- Realize that in order to meet the mandate it is necessary to close or consolidate an elementary school
- Willing to explore a JK-12 delivery model

Each idea was discussed and determinations were made as to those which would be eliminated and those which would be expanded upon as the committee's preferred possible solutions to the mandate.

*See attached document "Forster and Century PARC, Additional Charting of ideas, April 30"*

The following three options are the committee's preferred solutions.

2. New construction dual track K-12 on Marlborough campus (Giles campus students + Marlborough and Forster) Giles campus boundary remains as is  
Modification: Close Century: AB students relocate to Western and diploma students relocate to home schools
26. Marlborough and FI students to Century (730 students); Forster and Century students at new building on Marlborough site (849 students); close Forster and Marlborough
37. Close Forster - 9-12 @ Century  
Close Marlborough - new K-8 dual track on this site (approx. 800 total students) Giles closes  
Note: with room at Century, this could include option for FI 9-12 OR include on new site

The committee determined that the following idea was not feasible as a solution but would be used by the writing committee as a frame of reference, when developing solutions.

22. Looking at the situation from a perspective of assets and liabilities and work through until the situation is resolved
  - 1) Close Forster, Marlborough and Century as liabilities
  - 2) Assets remaining: Brock Elementary Building and Students

##### **5. Update on progress of report writing team**

The committee's draft report, with draft recommendations is to be presented to the community on May 9. Principal Brown, who has taken the lead with the sub-committee on the preparation of the powerpoint, reviewed the presentation to date.

Principal Brown, Lisa Cunningham, Robin Fletcher and Jamie de l'Eveille will present the draft recommendations in powerpoint format at the third Community meeting on May 9.

##### **6. Additional meeting dates**

The committee determined to hold an extra committee meeting on May 22 at Dougall at 5:15 p.m. to finalize the presentation for the final Community meeting and work on the draft report.

**7. Questions and clarifications**

Superintendent Lyons made clarifications as required throughout the meeting– see item 3.

**8. Next steps**

The sub committee will meet independently to finalize the presentation for the May 9 Community meeting.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Distribution:

*Minutes of April 23 meeting*

*Additional brainstorming ideas submitted after April 23*