

Program and Accommodation Review Committee  
Forster Family And Century Schools

PARC Report  
And  
Recommendations to  
The Board of Trustees for the  
Greater Essex County District School Board

June 20, 2012

## PARC Final Report for the Forster Family And Century Schools

### **Purpose of this Report:**

This is the final report from the Program Accommodation Review Committee (PARC) for the Forster Family of Schools. This report contains the findings and recommendations of that committee. It was presented to the school communities of J.E. Benson P.S., Century S.S., Dougall P.S., General Brock P.S., J. L. Forster S.S., Marlborough P.S. and Dr. H.D. Taylor P.S. during the PARC's fourth public meeting on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5:30 PM.

All comments and feedback received from each of the PARC's public meetings have been considered while completing this final report.

The committee is presenting the report to Trustees at a special meeting of the Board on June 25, 2012 at 5:30 PM. This report includes a summary of events to date to provide a contextual background for the reader.

### **Background:**

The Forster Family of Schools' Program and Accommodation Review Committee was established as a result of the following motion approved by trustees at the regular Board meeting of October 18, 2011:

### **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:**

- ADDRESS CAPACITY ISSUES AND AGING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS WITHIN THE FORSTER FAMILY OF SCHOOLS,
- CONTINUE OUR INVESTIGATION FOR A PERMANENT FRENCH IMMERSION SITE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD DIRECTION FROM THE SOUTH WINDSOR PARC.

## **Composition & Role of the Program Accommodation Review Committee**

As required under the GECSB's Policy and Regulation AD-01, a Program Accommodation Review Committee (PARC) was established to lead the review and analysis regarding the possible change in student accommodation and to make recommendations on the accommodation options for the Forster Family of Schools. Due to its geographic proximity, it was decided that Century Secondary School be included in this review.

### **J.E. Benson Public School**

Parents: Danielle Yaholnitsky  
Principal: Patti Oshar  
Teacher: Michelle Landry

### **Century Secondary School**

Parents: Cindy Mitchell, Lisa Bastien  
Principal: Kristie McKim  
Teacher: Kim Rocheleau

### **Dougall Public School**

Parents: Robin Fletcher  
Principal: Clayton Callow  
Teacher: Nancy Bruce

### **General Brock Public School**

Parents: Sarah Gall  
Principal: Christine Inverarity  
Teacher: Mark Paterson

### **J.L. Forster Secondary School**

Parents: Christine van Lare, Petrina Baylis  
Principal: Dave Garlick  
Teacher: Karen Albu

### **Marlborough Public School**

Parents: Lisa Cunningham, Cindy Wark  
Principal: Ron Brown  
Teacher: Michelle Dereniowski

### **Dr. H.D. Taylor Public School**

Parents: Cindy Theriault, Jamie de l'Eveille  
Principal: Debra Laforet  
Teacher: No Teacher Representative

### **Community Member**

Mary Ann Cuderman – BIA for Olde Sandwich Town

### **Greater Essex County District School Board Administration**

Superintendent of Education: Terry Lyons - Facilitator  
Administrative Assistant: Lynne Hornby – Recording Secretary

### **Process of Public Input:**

Over the course of the PARC, Community, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings were held. The PARC Community meetings have allowed the PARC to review and present its work, seek input and community feedback, as well as receive comments and questions from the public. During the Committee meetings, members have been able to gather information, analyze data, generate and study options and to make recommendations for student accommodations. Additionally, the Writing Sub-Committees were formed to create the presentations for community meetings and to complete this final report.

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>
November 14, 2011	General Brock P.S.	COMMUNITY
January 19, 2012	Forster S.S.	COMMITTEE
February 16, 2012	General Brock P.S.	COMMITTEE
March 22, 2012	Forster S.S.	COMMITTEE
March 27, 2012	Century S.S.	WRITING SUB-COMMITTEE
March 28, 2012	Century S.S.	COMMITTEE
April 2, 2012	Century S.S.	COMMUNITY
April 23, 2012	Dougall P.S.	COMMITTEE
April 27, 2012	Marlborough P.S.	WRITING SUB-COMMITTEE
April 30, 2012	Marlborough P.S.	COMMITTEE
May 8, 2012	Dr. H.D. Taylor P.S.	WRITING SUB-COMMITTEE
May 9, 2012	Dougall P.S.	COMMUNITY
May 22, 2012	Dougall P.S.	COMMITTEE
May 28, 2012	General Brock P.S.	WRITING SUB-COMMITTEE
June 4, 2012	General Brock P.S.	FINAL COMMUNITY

All available information to date including the committee and community meeting minutes and any PARC committee proposed recommendations are available at the GECDsB's website.

Any other questions or comments received at the above meetings by correspondence or other communications have been discussed and considered by the PARC in the course of this study. Advance notice of all public meetings has been provided through school newsletters, postings on the schools' and the Greater Essex County District School Board's websites.

**Forster Family of Schools PARC Objectives:**

- ✓ Maintain a high school on the west end of the city.
- ✓ Maintain the specialized high school programs offered for high school students with identified learning exceptionalities.
- ✓ Reduce excess student spaces.
- ✓ Reduce renewal costs to the GECD SB.
- ✓ Fulfill the mandates of the PARC.

**Forster Family of Schools PARC Final Recommendations and Analysis:**

The committee has determined that two of the 37 options presented and discussed at the committee meetings are viable, and offer these two recommendations unanimously to the Board of Trustees and the Director of Education for the Greater Essex County District School Board.

**Recommendations:**

- (a) Close Marlborough and Forster Schools and the temporary French Immersion site at Giles Campus:
- Construct a new dual track K-12 facility on the Marlborough site to accommodate Marlborough, Forster and Giles Campus students. All boundaries remain as current.
- Close Century School:
- Adaptive Basic students transition to Western Secondary School. All other Century students transition to home schools.

Financial Information:

Cost of construction for 1230 pupil place JK-12 school	\$25,291,290
Cost of demolition of Marlborough P.S.	\$750,000
5 year renewal avoidance for Marlborough P.S.	\$12,840,290
5 year renewal avoidance for J.L. Forster S.S.	\$25,899,387
5 year renewal avoidance for Century S.S.	\$15,520,206
Annual operating savings for J.L. Forster S.S. in 2010/2011 figures	\$664,637
Annual operating savings for Century S.S. in 2010/2011 figures	\$548,156
NOTE: Annual operating savings for Marlborough P.S. are offset by operating costs of the new school	

- (b) Close Forster and Century Schools:
- Create a neighbourhood school on the former Century site with applicable programming to accommodate all Forster and Century students.

Close Marlborough School and temporary French Immersion site at Giles Campus:

- Construct a new dual track K-8 facility on the Marlborough site to accommodate Marlborough and Giles Campus students. All boundaries remain as current.

Financial Information:

Cost of construction for 902 pupil place JK-8 school	\$17,187,153
Cost of demolition of Marlborough P.S.	\$750,000
5 year renewal avoidance for Marlborough P.S.	\$12,840,290
5 year renewal avoidance for J.L. Forster S.S.	\$25,899,387
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***Respectfully Submitted by the Forster Family And Century Schools'  
PARC***