

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

Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Report of a committee meeting held at Kingsville Public School

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**Attendance:** Pat Masson, Jarrod Omstead, Barb Denotter, Kingsville DHS; Mona Renaud, Debbie Burgess, Lisa Bradt, Kerry Kraus, (arrived late) Kingsville PS; Matthew Capel-Cure, Gillian Carter, Jack Miner PS; Bill Cervini, Melisa Cziraky, Melanie Burns, Helen Andrade, Ruthven PS; : John van Wingerden, Community Representative

**Regrets:** MaryCatherine Langlois

**Chairperson:** Elliott Dunlop, Community Representative

**Facilitator:** Terry Lyons

**Recorder:** Lynne Hornby

THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATIONS CONDUCTS A PARC STUDY OF THE KINGVILLE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS TO:

- i. REDUCE THE NUMBER OF EMPTY STUDENT SPACES
- ii. 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 Chairperson Dunlop thanking everyone for their attendance and Principal Renaud for hosting the meeting.

## 2. Review of minutes

The minutes of the February 23 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

Mr. Dunlop had spent a considerable amount of time developing some possible solutions to the mandate. He explained that they were based solely on student distribution and the charts were distributed.

## 4. Break into working groups

The committee broke into working groups to discuss the possible solutions and to add any more they might develop.

## 5. Charting of ideas for work groups

Due to time constraints this agenda item was deferred to the meeting of March 27.

## 6. Presentation of School Information Profiles at second Community Meeting

The sub-committee presented its draft powerpoint for review. Some suggestions for improvement were made. The sub-committee will reconvene and present an amended draft at the next committee meeting, March 27. Representatives from each school were encouraged to present a part of the powerpoint at the second community meeting of April 11.

## 7. Questions

Questions were answered throughout the meeting and are noted.

Further clarifications were made:

- q. Why is Pelee Island Public School included in the data, they aren't part of this mandate?
- a. We will keep the community informed out of respect. Their principal is the principal of Jack Miner.  
The public will be made aware of the specifics of their funding at a public meeting at some point in the future.  
The school is funded through an outlying (supported) school and is the only school that generates this grant.

- q. How do we respond to the public if we determine to close Kingsville DHS when the board has already determined to keep Harrow DHS open?
- a. Every community is quite unique and requires a different solution to its issues.
- q. What is the current enrolment at Tecumseh Vista?
- a. 653 elementary and 111 secondary (grade 9 only) FTE
- q. How much did it cost to build Tecumseh Vista?
- a. \$26.7 million.
- q. How much land is required to build a school?
- a. Secondary 10 acres; elementary 5-8 acres
- q. How are vice principals allocated?
- a. A formula is used to allocate vice principal time based primarily on enrolment.

Superintendent Lyons noted that any requests for information should be made via the Chairperson.

7. Next steps

We will plan that the March 27 committee meeting at Jack Miner at 4:30 will be a lengthier meeting. A light dinner will be provided.

Brainstorming ideas from this evening's meeting will be discussed and charted.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. when the committee took a tour of Kingsville Public School.

Distribution:

*Minutes of previous meeting*

*Updated School Information Profiles*

*Possible solutions to mandate, courtesy of E. Dunlop*