



**West Hamilton-City Accommodation Review
Working Group Meeting #8
March 30 2017- 6:00 pm
Strathcona School
Minutes**

Attendance

Committee Members: John Efthimiadis, Rob Fiedler, Tracy Upham, Barbara Stares, Matt Allen, Tanya Ritchie, Janine Durajlija, Melissa Crawford, Nadine Bernacki, Shelly Turk, Teri Lantagne, Khantavy Sayavon, Nicole Poyton, Eleni Jalbout, Jennifer Walsom, Alison Savage, Joanne Cheyne-Miller

Committee Member Regrets: David Heska, Sue Caven, Sarah Sirkett

HWDSB Resource Staff: – Superintendent/Chair Sue Dunlop, Estella Jones, Steve Johnstone, Tannis Hamill, Karen Koop, Bob Fex, Sean Malcolmson, Gerry Smith, Dan Ivankovic, Mary Finstad, Ellen Warling

Trustees: Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham

Public: Hess (2), Strathcona (1)

Recording Secretary: Sue Phillips

1. Housekeeping Items – Sue Dunlop

Minutes from WG#7 – approved

Correspondence – committee reviewed and discussed the submitted correspondence

2. Key Considerations from WG#7 - round-table discussion

Committee agreed with including the following revised key considerations in the Interim Report. Revised or additional considerations in green text.

- Funding Opportunities
- School Condition
 - Funding Opportunities and School Condition replaced the single heading of School Condition and Funding Opportunities
- Community Hub
- Traffic and Student Safety
- Maintaining Community/Walkable Schools
- Size of Schools
- Programming
- Outside Play Space

3. Interim Final Report – Bob Fex reviewed all sections of the draft Interim Report

- a. Contents of Section 3: Advisory Committee Review
- b. What does the committee want to see in the Advisory Committee section of the report?
 - i. Preferred ideas?
 - Committee agreed to include all five ideas (with idea rationale) as well as the Initial Option (with a statement) in the report. The statement on the Initial Option should read that the committee and public feedback do not support the Initial Option
 - Remove numbers from the Identified Themes on Initial Option and Public Meeting
 - ii. Considerations from the committee?
 - Committee agreed with including the key considerations as amended



Sue Dunlop noted the following regarding the staff recommendation: we have an obligation to create a recommendation that follows the guiding principles and to present our best business case. We will likely be going with a variation of Idea C. The trustees don't always go with the staff recommendation. They look at all information presented. They have been present at our meetings, they are listening to you and the public.

4. **Dot-'Mocracy'** – the committee reviewed and discussed their preferences on Ideas A-E (as presented at Public Meeting #2) as well as the Staff Initial Option. using the dotmocracy process.

Discussion:

- There was discussion surrounding the French Immersion program and for optimal success of the program, there should be at least 2 classes of each grade.
- The desire of dual-track schools and the Board's LTFMP guiding principles of at least a 60/40 balance needs to be worked toward and achieved at Earl Kitchener. Discussion was had about the possibility of making the FI catchment for EK match the English catchment. This is to assist in the balancing of the two programs and to reduce the number of students at EK and Ryerson. An alternative was suggested to have the EK FI catchment encompass the English catchments for EK and Central. Another important point in this discussion was that Bennetto would benefit from a larger FI catchment as there are too few students in that school.

5. Next Steps

- Report to trustees
- PAR discussions happen at the start of board meetings
- Decision will be made June 5, 2017
- Correspondence will be updated on a weekly basis on the Accommodation Review webpage
- Delegations to take place on Monday May 8, 2017. They can be 5-10 minutes in length.
- If people are interested in the Board meetings but can't attend them the meetings are streamed live on the website
- Trustees will be asking questions over the coming weeks before making their decision in June