

# HWDSB

New North Secondary Transition Advisory Committee

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Delta Secondary School

## Attendance:

HWDSB Resource Staff: Susan Dunlop, Mark Taylor, Nadeen Shehaiber

Trustees- Christine Bingham, Larry Pattison, Ray Mulholland

Delta- Kevin Graham, Marcia Halblander, Elysia Dywan, Andrea Klose, Joanne Cooke, Crystal Provo, Charlotte Branton, Krysta Bucci, Shelley Clemence

SJAM- Barry Smith, Elaine Burgess, Cameron Prosic, Christine Johns, Meredith Strongman, Judith Bishop

Sir Winston Churchill- Marco Barzetti, Joachim Vallentin, Abigail Boyko

Westdale- Michelle Visca

Adelaide Hoodless- Nanci Simpson, Joanne Souter

Bennetto- Sandra Rowell

Cathy Wever- Steven Johnston

Dr. Davey- Tanya Glabb

Hess Street- No Rep

Memorial- Jacqueline Johnson, Joanne Cooke, Crystal Provo

Prince of Wales- Gerry Smith

Queen Mary- No reps

Queen Victoria- Kelly Sweeting, Susan Pasian

W.H. Ballard- Sherry Del Mastro, Sandra Lindsay

SEAC- Lita Barrie

Recording Secretary- Teresa Movre

Start-Up Time: 6:01

## Welcome and Introductions

- Superintendent Dunlop welcomed the New North Transition Advisory Committee
- Introductions took place
- All meetings are open to the public- viewing only
- Review of the Agenda and Working Agreement

## Transition Advisory Committee Mandate and Role

- Review of slide- page 6
- Naming process to begin in January 2018
- School projected to open September 2019

## Facilities Update

- Review of slides -pages 7-12
- Review of two blue print drawings of new build- electronic version to be emailed to schools tomorrow
- School site is located at the corner of Melrose Avenue and King Street
- Concept plan has been in the works for over 4 years
- South Pan Am Precinct- City is building a recreation centre next to the existing Jimmy Thompson Pool. Bring together partnerships between the HWDSB and the City of Hamilton. In between the two spaces a green space will be developed and owned by the City of Hamilton.
- No onsite parking lot- Parking will be at the old Parkview site
- Bus drop off is along Melrose Avenue
- Some highlights include- Approximately 167,00 sq. ft., 3 stories, 36 classrooms, triple gym, 5 change rooms, cafetorium, Learning Commons, Food and Nutrition Program, Visual Arts, open classrooms, Computer Engineering, Fitness room, Science Labs, Collaborative Learning spaces, Tech Wing, Hospitality and Tourism, Music, Visual Arts, Health and Wellness, Media Arts Labs
- Modern and airy feel in the school
- Projected opening in September 2019
- 90% completed underground work
- Masonry work is underway
- Tambro Construction- Guelph

## Questions and Answers

1. How are the washrooms and change rooms being assigned keeping in mind gender inclusion? There has been much discussion about the need for universal and barrier free accommodations. There will be a universal washroom and change room available to students.
2. Where is the elevator located? Centrally located
3. Is there any outdoor athletic space for football, soccer, or field hockey? There is outdoor space but specifically for a football field. There is not enough space for a standalone football field. Athletic practices etc. may take place at Tim Horton's Field. In addition the Dominion Glass Field will be refurbished by the City for student use.
4. Is there any space set aside for the Walk-in Closet and Prom Project? The Community room is located on the ground floor. Extra storage space has not yet been worked out. It is possible the Prom Project may have to be housed at a different site.
5. Are there plans to have space for the many community agencies currently working out of the Delta and SJAM? Yes, there will be space for our community partners. Still working through details. Funding for the Nurse Practitioner is still being looked at.
6. Please describe what an open classroom looks like? Double classroom- operates and counts as two classrooms- outside walls – no inside walls. The intent is for integrated

learning. Six months of very extensive consultation with teachers and members of the Program Team on these plans.

7. Visual Arts has been a very important part of SJAM. Will the new site provide the same amount of space square footage that SJAM currently has? There are currently 5 studios at SJAM. There are not 5 studios at the new site. We have funding for and are meeting the Ministry benchmarks for Arts.
8. Reducing 5 art studios being reduced to 1. Does this mean the end of this special program? Was there a conscious decision to undermine the program? Absolutely not, there has been no conscious decision to undermine the program. HWDSB is committed to the Arts and Arts education and we will ensure there is a strong and vibrant Arts program at the New North Secondary School.
9. Is there a Digital Media Lab? Yes.
10. What types of accessibility features will be designed in the new school? What does the Open classrooms- students with exceptionalities acoustic challenges? Build according to the Code and Accessible Standards. Required to be barrier free, worked at length with the Leadership and Learning Team. Special Education rooms will be designed with sound sensitivity.
11. Is the intention to have the double classroom rotating or to have two teachers teaching two different subjects at the same time? The idea is not to have two teachers competing for student attention, but to use this space in a creative and innovative way to maximize student learning. Once the school team is in place and the timetable has been set the School Admin Team will make those decisions taking into consideration at the floor plan.
12. Is there a wall between the double classrooms? No.
13. Is the Cosmetology Program offer at the New North? If not will students be provided transportation? No. The Cosmetology Program will not be offered at the New North. Students will be able to take the program- but not at the new site.
14. Is there space for the Parent and Child Program that currently runs out of SJAM? Yes. Specific storage for babies and strollers to accommodate this program.
15. Is this located near the Guidance and Resource rooms? Yes, same floor- same wing.
16. Where is Green Industries located? 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
17. Is there is a kitchen that is accessible to community program? Yes.
18. Is there plans for the Day Treatment Programs? Unfortunately, it is a programming question so there no answer at this time.
19. Will the Nya weh Program move to the New North? Will they have access to a kitchen? Yes.
20. Can the outdoor space be used by students for soccer, track end other athletics? How large is the outdoor space? Yes- approx. 150, 000 square ft.
21. Triple gym- 3 separate gyms with curtain dividers not walls. Funded for curtains not walls.
22. Will the Community Room be shared by the numerous programs? Will review during the transition work. Look at spaces available in the school. The Community Room can be used by more than one group at one time but logistics will need to be looked at.

23. How many Computer Labs? 3 labs. Computer Engineering Program and two Media Arts Labs.

### **Background**

- Reviewed slides- pages 13-18
- June 2013 HWDSB Secondary Program Strategy approved by Trustees
- Spring 2017- Construction begins
- Sept 2017- Construction continues, internal transitions begin
- Dec 2017- Transition Advisory Committee reconvenes
- Kevin Graham and Barry Smith update the Committee- Staff- currently providing professional development of staff at both sites so they have common language, experiences etc. Students- discussions about opportunities that permit students to come together. Student Senators sit side by side. Getting a chance to get to know each other.
- Main changes in boundaries are- As of September 2019 Bennetto and Hess will feed into Westdale, Queen Mary will feed into Sir Winston Churchill. Looking at feasibility of current Grade 8s going to their new schools. Minimizing the transitions as much as possible.
- Enrollment projections calculated using historical trends
- Accommodation and Planning can be invited to a meeting to discuss further
- Transportation is provided for Tier 3 programs
- Some of the changes include- ESL and ALPHA programs at Westdale, Cosmetology Program at Sir Winston Churchill, and NYAWEH at New North and Sir Winston Churchill

### **Additional Questions and Answers**

24. Is there a proposed boundary review to look at the old Robert Land area? There are no plans at the current time for a boundary review. Trustee Pattison confirmed the Board of Trustees are discussing boundary review possibilities.
25. Has there been any Capital Investments for any of the feeder schools to prepare them for the increase in enrolment? Sir Winston Churchill – Current and expected updates include- Learning Commons and Science Labs, Auditorium, Football field, gym. Westdale- Current and expected updates included- Learning Commons, Science Labs, Football field
26. Will there be gender inclusive washrooms and change rooms at the New North? Yes. There will be a universal and barrier free washroom and change room.
27. Sir Winston Churchill's enrolment be under 1000. Is it possible to review boundaries to balance enrolment? Yes it's possible- but not planned yet. A Boundary review can be triggered by the Board of Trustees.
28. How many ESL, ELL and ALPHA students are expected at each school? Sue Dunlop will ask for these numbers. This will impact programing
29. Why is the Nya weh Program not offered at Westdale? We can look to determine if there is a need at Westdale. The information was taken from the 2013 Secondary Program Strategy.

30. Will this committee look at community readiness by reaching out to community partners? Yes. That is a very important part of both the internal and external transition.

**Outline of the Work Groups**

- Review of slides -pages 19-21
- Keep asking questions
- Committee will meet as a large group as well as break off into smaller sub-committees- Culture and Traditions, Transition Activities, Transportation and Traffic Issues, Accommodation and Program, and other areas you want to consider
- Please sign up for a sub-committee

**Adjournment:** 8:00 - Next meeting Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Delta- 6:00 p.m.