

## **East Hamilton Consolidation Public Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 11**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Sir Wilfred Laurier School**

# **MINUTES**

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### **Staff Members Present:**

- Jeff Gillies, Superintendent, Student Achievement
  - Nadeen Shehaiber, Manager Capital Projects
  - Debbie Sprentz, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Principal
  - Dianne Barlow, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Vice-Principal
  - Jennifer Hogan, Acting Principal Elizabeth Bagshaw School
  - Tanya Shaver, Executive Assistant
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### **Welcome**

Jeff Gillies welcomed all and introduced the committee members.

The Ministry has provided funding for a new JK – 8 Elementary school for 682 students to be built beside Glen Brae School. This meeting is to share plans of the new school and timelines as we move forward.

### **Power Point Presentation**

The Power Point Presentation from this meeting will be posted on the HWDSB website <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/school-renewal/boundary-reviews/>

### **Power Point Includes:**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Agenda
  - East Hamilton School Consolidation Overview
  - Plans for New School on Glen Brae Site
  - Transition Process
  - Timelines and Next Steps
- Accommodation Review Resolution
- Ministry Funding Approvals
- Zones 1 and 2
  - Glen Echo
  - Glen Brae
  - Sir Isaac Brock
- Zones 3 and 4
  - Sir Wilfrid Laurier
  - Elizabeth Bagshaw
- Zones 5 and 6

- Sir Wilfrid Laurier
- Elizabeth Bagshaw
- Enrolment Projections
- New School Layout on Glendale Campus
- Addition at Sir Wilfrid Laurier
- Addition Construction Timelines
- Transition Planning
- Transition Committee
- Next Steps

### **East Hamilton School Consolidation Overview**

- Zone 3 & 4 students from Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Elizabeth Bagshaw move to new school on Glen site when construction is complete.
- Once Zone 3 & 4 students move to new school on Glen site, Zone 5 students from Elizabeth Bagshaw move to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Elizabeth Bagshaw closes.
- Zone 6 students currently at Sir Wilfrid Laurier, remain at Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

### **Highlights of Presentation of New School**

The new school will be built as the students from Glen Echo, Glen Brae and Sir Isaac Brock remain in their schools.

This will be a three-storey school and include:

- Three room Child Care Facility with secured play area
- Five full day Kindergarten rooms
  - Will have direct access to outside, secure playground
  - Rooms will be connected and have shared washrooms
- Will be 25 classrooms in the building
  - The Learning Commons will be on the main floor with natural light, flexible seating and easy access
  - Youngest students will be on ground floor
  - Middle school Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be located on the middle floor
  - Grades 7 and 8 will be on the third floor
- Gym will be 6500 square feet with divider, scoreboard, fixed stage and sports flooring
- Music room will have lockable cupboards for storage and sink for cleaning instruments
  - Will be on first floor for access to stage
- Art Room will have sinks and deep cabinets for storage of art supplies
- Science will have open islands and teacher demonstration station
- Classrooms will have teaching wall with white board and interactive short throw projector
- No French Immersion at the new school

### **Highlights of Presentation for Sir Wilfrid Laurier Addition**

Elementary Standard Design Guidelines are followed for all schools so learning areas will be the same in new buildings and additions. The addition will increase accommodation to 736 by 2020 and include:

- Two FDK rooms

- Roof repairs / replacements
- Renovation to existing Day Care space
- Renovation of Music room
- Renovation to Learning Commons

### **Next Steps**

When all the City and Municipal approvals are in place, we can then begin the transition planning.

- School construction takes approximately 12-18 months following the approvals
- An advisory group will be established to address the transition of students and staff
  - Transition Committee will include parents, staff and students
  - These meetings will start approximately one year beforehand to prepare for transition of students, school closings, etc.
  - Will look at ways to bring students and parents together as buildings combine
  - Will look at plans for ceremonies for those schools that are closing

Regular updates will be on HWDSB website as well as in school newsletters and on the school website

- Community and neighbours will be notified of upcoming construction
- Signage will go up on the site

With five different schools eventually being under one roof, the Policy for naming of the school will be followed and take place at a later date but before the building is complete.

- New Glen site school will receive a new name process following Policy
- For Sir Wilfrid Laurier the decision can be made to change or not through discussion with the school councils

### **Questions/Comments**

Will a school bus be provided?

- The HWDSB has guidelines for transportation eligibility
  - Kindergarten students more than 1 km are eligible –
  - Grades 1 to 8 are eligible if they live over 1.6 km away
  - Transportation eligibility is considered only from the student's home number

When is rough estimate for building?

- A date cannot be confirmed as there are too many variables involved
- Currently the approval process is going very well with the city
- Usually 12 – 18 months to build the school once all the approvals have been received
- Anticipate it will be between two to three years before building completed

Will there be two moves for the students?

- Students will move only once

What about teachers from closed schools?

- Staff have an opportunity to follow their students
- Staff from the closing schools will have the first opportunity to go to the new building
- Bigger schools have a Principal, Vice Principal and two office assistants

Will there be portables?

- Not that we currently anticipate

Why these Boundaries and Zones?

- Determined by the Board of Trustees
- Also determined by the capacity of schools within the zones

Will grandfathering of students be a possibility?

- Typically “grandfathering” of a student is for Grade 8 students and will be considered so the student may graduate with their classmates

Currently the Nutrition Program is working out of a closet so how is the school going to manage with an additional 300 students at Sir Wilfred Laurier?

- There will be additional staff to support the increase of students
- School-based decisions can be made to look at possible other spaces for the nutrition program
- As well, discussion around more space for this program can take place at the Transition meetings

If I have a Kindergarten child who is eligible for Transportation and an older child that is not can I have my older child accompany my younger on the bus?

- You can apply for Courtesy Transportation
- If room is available on the school bus your request can be approved to start in October of that school year

When will transition to new school happen? Could it be half way through a school year?

- It could happen half way through the school year but we always aim for September
- It could be challenging if the new school build encounters unexpected delays which could lead to a later occupancy