

BOARD MEETING

MONDAY MAY 28, 2012

7:30 pm

1. Call to Order T. Simmons
2. O Canada
3. Written Questions for Clarification
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

PROFILING EXCELLENCE STUDENTS:

6. Sarah Gunnell – Adelaide Hoodless. OFHSA Citizenship Awards for Grade 7. S. Stephanian/T. Simmons
7. Emma Thomas – Westdale S. S. OFHSA Designer of the 2012 Conference Logo S. Stephanian/J. Bishop
8. Nick Davies – Westmount S. S. Local Food Drive Champion – “Stuff the Bus” and the “Great Soup Round Up” campaigns S. Stephanian/W. Hicks
9. Chantal Silveira – Parkside S. S. Best Buddy Champion S. Stephanian/J. Brennan
10. Naomi Epp – Parkside S. S. Best Buddy Champion S. Stpehanian/J. Brennan

ACTION ITEMS:

11. Reports from the Committee of the Whole R. Barlow
 - A. May 7 2012 – Open CTW
 - B. May 9 2012 – Open Special CTW
 - C. May 14 2012 – Open Special CTW
 - D. May 23 2012 – Open Special CTW
 - E. May 28 2012 – Open Special CTW (verbal)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

12. Governance Committee J. Brennan
13. Policy Working Sub-Committee J. Bishop
14. Finance Advisory Sub-Committee J. Brennan
15. Audit Committee K. Turkstra

INFORMATION ITEMS:

16. Student Trustees’ Report J. Shen, J. Janas
 - A. Local Activities
 - B. OSTA Report
17. Chair’s Report T. Simmons
18. Director’s Report J. Malloy
19. OPSBA Report J. Brennan

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 20. R. Cameron
- 21. C. Weston
- 22. N. Ciarlo

- 23. Public Questions for Clarification
- 24. Adjournment

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Special Education Advisory Committee	Tuesday May 29 2012	7:00 pm	Ed Centre, Lower Auditorium
Finance Advisory Sub-Committee	Wednesday May 30 2012	12:30 pm	Ed Centre, Room 1
Policy Working Sub-Committee	Thursday May 31 2012	5:45 pm	Boardroom
Governance Sub-Committee	Wednesday June 6 2012	12:00 pm	Ed Centre, Room 1
Committee of the Whole	Monday June 11 2012	6:30 pm	Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee	Tuesday June 12 2012	6:30 pm	Location – TBD
Finance Advisory Sub-Committee	Wednesday June 13 2012	1:00 pm	Ed Centre, Room 1
Special Education Advisory Committee	Wednesday June 13 2012	7:00 pm	Ed Centre, Room 1
Board Meeting	Monday June 18 2012	6:30 pm	Boardroom

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Open Committee of the Whole Report to
Open Regular Board**

DATE: Monday, May 28, 2012
TO: OPEN REGULAR BOARD
FROM: Robert Barlow
Chair of the Committee of the Whole
RE: **Report of the May 7, 2012
Open Committee of the Whole**

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ :

That the Report of the Open Committee of the Whole dated May 7, 2012 be adopted.

Motions:

ACTION ITEMS

1. Naming of the New School

It was moved by A. Johnstone, seconded by L. Orban: That the Board select the name École Michaëlle Jean Elementaire for the new school currently known as Bellmoore Elementary and if permission is not received from Michaëlle Jean to use her name, the school is to be named École Sieur De La Salle Elementaire.

CARRIED, 10 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Brennan, Johnstone, Hicks, White, Orban, Mulholland, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop, and Turkstra), **1 ABSTENTION** (Trustee Peddle).

2. Student Trustees 2012-13 – Election Results

It was moved by R. Barlow, seconded by J. Brennan: That the election by Student Senate of Lexi Ewing, student at Highland and Sydney Stenekes, student at Parkside, to the position of Student Trustee be confirmed by the Board of trustees for the term of office August 1 2012 to July 31 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Shen voted in favour.

3. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Terms of Reference

It was moved by T. White, seconded by J. Bishop: That Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board approve the revised Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Terms of Reference.

CARRIED, 9 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Hicks, White, Orban, Mulholland, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop, Turkstra and Peddle), **1 ABSTENTION** (Trustee Brennan).

4. Policy Working Sub-Committee: Curriculum Process Policy

It was moved by J. Bishop, seconded by T. Simmons: That the Curriculum Process Policy be revoked.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Shen voted in favour.

5. Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home and School Associations – correspondence referred from Board.

It was moved by T. White, seconded by K. Turkstra: That Staff return with a report in the fall on the recommendations for a School Travel Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Shen voted in favour.

MONITORING ITEMS

6. Early Learning Report

It was moved by J. Bishop, seconded by T. Simmons: That the Guiding Principles for Early Learning be approved with the addition of the seamless support for parents and children and seamless learning experiences be added.

CARRIED, 8 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Hicks, White, Orban, Mulholland, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop, and Turkstra), **1 OPPOSED** (Trustee Peddle).

The following Monitoring Items were presented:

- HWDS Mental Health Strategy
- Early Learning Report

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Open Committee of the Whole Report to Open Regular Board

DATE: Monday, May 28, 2012

TO: OPEN REGULAR BOARD

FROM: Robert Barlow
Chair of the Committee of the Whole

RE: **Report of the May 9, 2012
Open Special Committee of the Whole**

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ :

That the Report of the Open Committee of the Whole dated May 9, 2012 be adopted.

Motions:

ACTION ITEMS

1. Three Options Added

It was moved by T. Simmons, seconded by J. Bishop: That as advised by B. Barlow and the Director, the three options put forth by T. Simmons would be added to the package as separate options for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

2. Option A – Close existing three high schools, build new centrally located school

It was moved by L. Peddle, seconded by A. Johnstone: That the closure of Delta, Parkview and Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary Schools upon opening of a new school on a centrally located site pending Ministry approval with an opening date no later than September 2015.

CARRIED, 9 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Brennan, Johnstone, Hicks, White, Mulholland, Simmons, Barlow, Turkstra and Peddle), **1 OPPOSED** (Trustee Bishop), **0 ABSTENTIONS.** Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

3. Option C (I) – Absence of Ministry funding, relocate programs and students to Sir John A. Macdonald

It was moved by W. Hicks, seconded by J. Brennan: That in the absence of funding and Ministry of Education approval for construction of a new school, Parkview and Delta would close in June 2013 and programs and students relocated to Sir John A. Macdonald effective September 2013.
Table until Option A is exhausted.

CARRIED, 7 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Brennan, Hicks, White, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop, and Turkstra), **1 OPPOSED** (Trustee Mulholland), **2 ABSTENTIONS** (Trustees Johnstone and Peddle). Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

4. Option D – Creation of a post-ARC Committee

It was moved by T. Simmons, seconded by J. Bishop: That the creation of a post-ARC committee be comprised of school council members, students, parents, staff, SEAC, Transportation and community members to inform direction around the transition, program, facilities and supports for the preservation of the Parkview Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

5. Option E – Facilities Management review of remaining facilities

It was moved by T. Simmons, seconded by J. Bishop: That the Facilities Management Department will consult with the principal and specialists to ensure that the remaining facilities meet the program strategy and address the renewal needs as outlined by this ARC Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

6. Option F – Boundary Review

It was moved by K. Turkstra, seconded by J. Brennan: That should there be the need for a boundary review of the ARC review area or beyond that one be struck once the business plan is approved by the Ministry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

The following motions were withdrawn:

7. Option B – Location of a new high school, if a centrally located property not available

It was moved by L. Peddle, seconded by T. White: That if a centrally located site is not available for a potential new school, this new school will be built on the Delta HS property pending Ministry approval with an opening date of September 2015.

CARRIED, 7 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Brennan, Hicks, White, Barlow, Bishop, Turkstra and Peddle), **3 OPPOSED** (Trustee Johnstone, Mulholland and Simmons), **0 ABSTENTIONS.** Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

8. Option C (2) – All schools remain open until a new facility is ready

It was moved by J. Bishop, seconded by K. Turkstra: That all schools remain open until such time as the new facility is ready to open in September 2015 and the students will move en masse to the new school.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Open Committee of the Whole Report to
Open Regular Board**

DATE: Monday, May 28, 2012
TO: OPEN REGULAR BOARD

FROM: Robert Barlow
Chair of the Committee of the Whole

RE: **Report of the May 14, 2012
Open Special Committee of the Whole**

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ :

That the Report of the Open Special Committee of the Whole dated May 14, 2012 be adopted.

Motions:

ACTION ITEMS:

I. West Secondary Accommodation Review

Clause (b)

It was moved by J. Brennan, seconded by K. Turkstra: That the Board approve the closure of Parkside Secondary School in June 2014 and the realignment of the existing catchment area with Highland Secondary school, with upgrades no less than \$15 million, effective September 2014, subject to Ministry approval.

CARRIED, 9 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Brennan, Johnstone, Hicks, White, Mulholland, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop, Peddle), **2 OPPOSED** (Trustees Orban, Turkstra). Student Trustees Janas and Shen abstained from voting.

It was moved by J. Brennan, seconded by L. Peddle : That the creation of a post-ARC committee comprised of school council members, students, parents, staff, SEAC, Transportation and community members be approved to look into the renovation of the Highland School site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Trustee Mulholland was not in the Board Room during the vote.) Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

It was moved by K. Turkstra, seconded by L. Orban : That a boundary review be immediately initiated around Millgrove Elementary and Waterdown District High Schools to consider that Millgrove's high school to be Waterdown.

CARRIED, 9 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Brennan, Johnstone, White, Orban, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop, Turkstra, Peddle), **1 OPPOSED** (Trustee Hicks). (Trustee Mulholland was not in the Board Room during the vote.) Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

It was moved by T. Simmons, seconded by J. Bishop : That the Facilities Management Department consult with the principals, specialists and school communities to ensure that the remaining facilities are upgraded to meet the program strategy and address the renewal needs as outlined by the West ARC.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

2. 2012/2013 Budget

It was moved by J. Brennan, seconded J. Bishop:

1. That the Board approve the 2012/2013 Salary and Benefit expenditures in the amount of \$443,841,553 and that the Superintendent of Business and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds as outlined in Appendix A dated May 14, 2012.
 To the motion, as amended, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** (Trustee Hicks left the Board Room during the debate and vote on this clause; Trustee Mulholland has left the meeting.)
 Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.
2. That the Board approve the 2012/2013 Non-Salary expenditures in the amount of \$62,734,178 and that the Superintendent of Business and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds as outlined in Appendix A dated May 14, 2012.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Trustee Hicks has left the meeting.) Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.
3. That the Board approve the 2012/2013 Capital Budget expenditures in the amount of \$29,705,186 and that the Superintendent of Business and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds as outlined in Appendix D dated May 14, 2012. The Superintendent of Business and Treasurer is further authorized to secure short-term financing of project expenditures until such time as permanent funding is secured.
 To the motion, as amended, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE:

I. Petitions re Parkside Secondary School

It was moved by T. Simmons, seconded by J. Brennan: That the petitions regarding the closure of Parkside Secondary School be received for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

The following motions were considered at the May 14, 2012 Open Special Committee of the Whole and were **LOST**:

I. West Secondary Accommodation Review

Clause (a)

It was moved by J. Brennan, seconded by K. Turkstra: That the Board approve the closure of Highland and Parkside Schools in June 2015 and the construction of a new school on the Highland School site with a target opening date of September 2015.

LOST, 5 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Brennan, Hicks, Mulholland, Turkstra, Peddle), **6 OPPOSED** (Trustees Johnstone, White, Orban, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop). Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

It was moved in amendment by A. Johnstone, seconded by T. Simmons: That funding for the new

school on the Highland School site be not procured from the sale of Ancaster High School property site.

LOST, 4 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Johnstone, Hicks, Simmons, Barlow), **6 OPPOSED** (Trustees White, Orban, Mulholland, Bishop, Turkstra, Peddle), **1 ABSTENTION** (Trustee Brennan). Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

It was moved by L. Peddle, seconded by T. White: That staff bring forward a recommendation by November 2012 on how to proceed with completing the work of the West ARC as it relates to Ancaster High School.

LOST, 3 IN FAVOUR (Trustees White, Turkstra, Peddle), **7 OPPOSED** (Trustees Brennan, Johnstone, Hicks, Orban, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop). (Trustee Mulholland was not in the Board Room during the vote.) Student Trustees Janas and Shen were opposed to the motion.

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Open Special Committee of the Whole Report to Open Regular Board

DATE: Monday, May 28, 2012

TO: OPEN REGULAR BOARD

FROM: Robert Barlow
Chair of the Committee of the Whole

RE: **Report of the May 23, 2012
Open Special Committee of the Whole**

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ :

That the Report of the Open Special Committee of the Whole dated May 23, 2012 be adopted.

Motions:

CORRESPONDENCE:

I. Chris Weston (Head of Science, HWDSB) re Proposal for High School Renewal - South ARC

It was moved by J. Bishop, seconded by K. Turkstra: That the submission from Chris Weston (Head of Science, HWDSB) regarding a proposal for high school renewal in the area of the South ARC be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

ACTION ITEMS:

I. South Area Accommodation Review

It was moved by L. Peddle, seconded by J. Brennan: That the Board approve the closure of Barton, Hill Park and Mountain Secondary Schools upon the opening of a new school located both easterly and south of the Lincoln Alexander Parkway pending Ministry approval with an opening no later than September 2016.

Amendment:

It was moved in amendment by T. Simmons, seconded by J. Bishop: That "September 2016" be changed to read "**September 2015**".

CARRIED 10 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Brennan, Johnstone, Hicks, White, Mulholland, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop, Turkstra, Peddle), **1 OPPOSED** (Trustee Orban). Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

To the motion as amended, **CARRIED, 10 IN FAVOUR** (Trustees Brennan, Johnstone, Hicks, White, Mulholland, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop, Turkstra, Peddle, **1 ABSTENTION** (Trustee Orban). Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

It was moved by L. Peddle, seconded by K. Turkstra: That a boundary review be undertaken subsequent to Ministry of Education funding approval for the new school.

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CARRIED, 10 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Johnstone, Hicks, White, Orban, Mulholland, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop, Turkstra, Peddle), **1 ABSTENTION** (Trustee Brennan). Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

It was moved by L. Peddle, seconded by W. Hicks: That the Board approve the creation of a post-ARC committee comprised of school council members, SEAC, students, parents, staff and community members to inform direction around the transition, program, facilities and the supports for the preservation of the Mountain program.

Amendment:

It was moved in amendment by J. Bishop, seconded by A. Johnstone: That the phrase “preservation of the Mountain Program” be changed to read “**success of the Mountain program students**”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

To the motion as amended, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

It was moved by L. Peddle, seconded by T. White: That the Facilities Management Department consult with the principal and specialists to ensure that the remaining facilities meet the program strategy and address the renewal needs as outlined by this ARC Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

It was moved by A. Johnstone, seconded by L. Peddle: That, if a new facility is approved by the Ministry, all schools remain open until such time as the new facility is ready to open – students will move en masse.

CARRIED, 7 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Brennan, Johnstone, Mulholland, Barlow, Bishop, Turkstra, Peddle, **4 OPPOSED** (Trustees Hicks, White, Orban, Simmons). Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

2. Policy Development Review Process

It was moved by J. Bishop, seconded by J. Brennan: That the Policy Development Review Process as amended, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Trustee Turkstra was not in the Board Room during the vote.) Student Trustees Janas and Shen voted in favour.

The following motions were withdrawn:

South Area Accommodation Review

It was moved by K. Turkstra, seconded by L. Peddle: That all schools remain open until such time as the new facility is ready to open – students will move en masse.

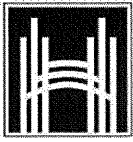
It was moved by R. Mulholland, seconded by L. Orban: That all schools remain open until such time as the new facility is ready to open – students will move en masse.

The following motion was considered at the May 23, 2012 Open Special Committee of the Whole and were **LOST**:

South Area Accommodation Review

It was moved by J. Brennan, seconded by A. Johnstone: That the Board approve the creation of a post-ARC committee to plan for transition of all decisions made for the South ARC.

LOST, 2 IN FAVOUR (Trustees Brennan, Johnstone), **8 OPPOSED** (Trustees Hicks, White, Orban, Mulholland, Simmons, Barlow, Bishop, Turkstra), **1 ABSTENTION** (Trustee Peddle) Student Trustees Janas and Shen were opposed to the motion.



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April 24, 2012

Mr. Tim Simmons
Chair of the Board
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
Education Centre
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RE: 2010 Anti-Racism Symposium Recommendations

Dear Mr. Simmons,

On behalf of the City of Hamilton's Committee Against Racism, I have been advised to forward recommendations regarding education, that were highlighted at the third annual Anti-Racism Symposium held on September 18, 2010. The Anti-Racism Symposium is an opportunity to express ideas for strengthening Hamilton's anti-racism strategies. Attached is the symposium's executive summary.

Feedback from symposium discussions revealed that there is a high level of diversity within the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board. The most significant issues identified were the low academic success rates of racialized students, verbal bullying, discrimination and diversity. As a result of these discussions, the following recommendations were put forward:

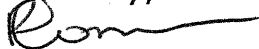
- The community has expressed concerns about the academic achievement of racialized students, in particular Black students. We need to implement strategies that encourage all students to succeed and eliminate the disparities in educational achievement.
- Bullying in school is a major challenge for many students. The school boards should have more resources available to students coping with this issue and a standardized procedure for dealing with students who are discriminating against or bullying others.
- The school's faculty should reflect the diversity of the students. Efforts to recruit racialized faculty and staff should be increased and made a priority.

In response to the above recommendations, at the October 25, 2011 meeting the Committee Against Racism made the following motion:

"That the recommendations, regarding education, are sent to all boards of education, including HWDSB (Public Board) and HCDSB (Catholic School Board), to be addressed, and the committee will follow up as to the next steps."

As such, I hope the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board will review the recommendations and respond with strategies on how to address the issues outlined in the recommendations, and communicate its next steps with the Committee. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Roger Cameron

Chair - Committee Against Racism

cc: Gail Belisario, Principal of Equity

NOTE:

The Committee Against Racism is a volunteer advisory committee of the City of Hamilton, appointed by Council. Members comprise of residents of the City of Hamilton, representing diverse backgrounds and cultures. The mandate of the Committee Against Racism is to advise, advocate and consult on relevant issues in the community of Hamilton relating to racism and its consequences, including anti-racism strategies and its benefits. Committee Against Racism is committed to ensuring equitable treatment for all without discrimination on the basis of race, ancestry place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, family status or ability level.

Committee Against Racism
Third Annual Anti-Racism Symposium
Executive Summary

On September 18, 2010, the Committee Against Racism facilitated its third annual **Anti-Racism Symposium**. The primary focus of the symposium was "*Building Partnerships: Anti-Racism Strategies for Hamilton*". The symposium, held at the Downtown Arts Centre, 28 Rebecca Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., gave participants an opportunity to express ideas for strengthening Hamilton's anti-racism strategies. In attendance were about 60 delegates from diverse groups and community stakeholders in Hamilton involved in anti-racism work were present. Sectors represented included healthcare, not-for-profit organizations, grassroots organizations, students and teachers, representatives from funding agencies, outreach workers and researchers.

Presenters from key community organizations came for the expressed purposes of information sharing, education and raising awareness. They were asked to focus on (a) the efforts being made by their organization to address the problems of racism, (b) the ways in which they collaborated with other community partners to resolve these problems and (c) the strategies that their organization utilized to strengthen their relationships with these partners.

The symposium commenced with welcoming remarks from Tyrone Childs, Moderator for the day, and Jovaune Rhodes, Chairperson of the Committee Against Racism. Councilor Brian McHattie also greeted attendees and introduced the Mayor, Fred Eisenberger, who provided participants with a very stimulating address of the day's challenges. The symposium was designed to be interactive and informative. As such, participants provided questions to be posed to the speakers. In response, speakers addressed developments in several key areas: Housing, Police Services, Education, Healthcare and the Media. Panel presenters included:

- Brenda Osbourne, CEO, City Housing
- Eric Girt, Deputy Chief, Hamilton Police Service
- A. Rukshi, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic Schools
- Priscilla Mochrie, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
- Pat Wright, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion
- Dr. David Higgins, St. Joseph's Health Centre
- Howard Elliot, Hamilton Spectator
- Maxine Carter, Access & Equity, City of Hamilton

A highlight of the symposium was the dialogue between attendees and presenters; participants were given the opportunity to ask the presenters questions (Appendix 2, Page 18). While the presenters were able to respond to the vast majority of questions, due to the interest of attendees and time constraints, some questions could not be answered.

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Chair of the Board, Tim Simmons,
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May 1, 2012

To Chair of the Board, Tim Simmons,

Please find enclosed a proposal for high school renewal in the area of the South ARC.

As we are all aware, the HWDSB faces many challenges and decisions regarding current and future facilities. The HWDSB and South ARC committees have tabled proposals in which each school listed for review has options that list it for closure, and others that keep it open. Since these proposals were put forward, however, new information has surfaced and in the interest of doing what is best for the community I would like to present for your consideration, a plan that best suits the current and future needs of the students of Hamilton.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with each of you to discuss your concerns and perhaps broker a solution. This proposal is a compromise, and I would welcome your input ahead of the May 23 decision.

Please direct any correspondence to me at the above address,

Thank you very much,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Weston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Weston B.Eng. B.Ed.
Head of Science, HWDSB

“Concept F” - A proposal for the HWDSB South ARC

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following actions should be taken for the schools on Hamilton mountain;

- A) **Close Mountain Secondary June 30, 2015.**
- B) **Close Barton Secondary June 30, 2015.**
- C) **Close Hill Park Secondary June 30, 2015.**
- D) **Build a new secondary school south of the Linc to open September 1, 2015.**

See **Map 1** – Current schools & **Map 2** – Proposed schools

The HWDSB faces many challenges in the area outlined by the South ARC. Current and future student needs must be considered, and decisions must be made regarding current and future facilities. Foremost among these challenges are a current surplus of secondary facilities, and a declining enrolment of students. The HWDSB and South ARC committees, after a very arduous process, have tabled concepts A – E. Among these proposals, each school listed for review has options that list it for closure, and others that keep it open. Since these proposals were put forward, however, new information has surfaced and in the interest of doing what is best for the community I would like to present for your consideration, a plan that best suits the current and future needs of the students of Hamilton.

- 1) **Facilities:** Current secondary facilities located on Hamilton Mountain are: Sir Allan MacNab, Westmount, Mountain, Hill Park, Sherwood, Barton and Saltfleet. Of these schools, Westmount contains a special program and should not be considered. The geographic location of Saltfleet (located in Stoney Creek) and Sir Allan MacNab (on the west mountain), make them necessary as well. Closure of either school would create large areas without secondary schools, and unreasonable travel distances. Closing Sir Allan MacNab would create areas that are over 6km from the nearest school. Saltfleet and Westmount were also removed from consideration in the South Arc’s terms of reference.

This leaves the following schools for consideration: Hill Park, Sherwood, Barton and Mountain.

- 2) **New School:** The population growth on Hamilton Mountain has resulted in a large area south of the Lincoln Alexander Parkway (Linc) with no secondary school, and an excess of schools to the north. It is therefore advisable to build a new secondary school in a south/east location, south of the Linc. This would leave Saltfleet to the east, MacNab to the west and a new school to the south of the Linc. The remaining area (north of the Linc) could be easily serviced by one school.
- 3) **Mountain:** Mountain Secondary, due to its low student population, is no longer feasible. Since the elimination of excess student spaces is required to apply for Ministry funding for a new school, this school should close. The special vocational programs offered should be moved collectively to one of the remaining schools, or the new school.

This leaves the following schools for consideration: Hill Park, Sherwood and Barton.

- 4) **Special Programs:** Several schools have identified special programs that exist at their schools. Among those identified to the Board of Trustees are; Sherwood's hockey, volleyball and soccer programs, Sherwood's music program, and Hill Park's art program. These programs are very valuable to the Board and its students, and may be considered portable only under certain conditions. None of these programs were created in isolation. They are the result of effective collaboration. Efforts should therefore be taken to combine schools, keeping teaching teams together, rather than dispersing staff and creating disruption to the wonderful programs currently being offered.
- 5) **Enrolment:** In trying to determine which school the community believes should stay open, it is important to look at patterns of enrolment. Sherwood Secondary has had a strong student population of approximately 1200 students for many years. The recent decision to allow students from Billy Green to attend Saltfleet has reduced this slightly to 1085 for September 2012. Enrolment at other schools, Barton and Hill Park, for September 2012 is close to 700. If elimination of excess student spaces is the goal, a logical way to reduce disruption within the system would be to close schools that have a large number of excess student spaces. Schools with fewer staff, could then be combined into the new school.
- 6) **Facility Condition Index:** Much debate has been focussed on the FCI rating for the various schools. Upon comparison, the conditions of the remaining schools in question (Hill Park, Sherwood and Barton) are actually quite similar. It is fair to say that each of these schools needs considerable upgrades and if schools are to close, an investment should be made to the remaining school. After inspecting the various schools, including gymnasiums, auditoriums, science & tech rooms, computer labs and classrooms, the school with the best facilities and most suited to upgrades is Sherwood.

The low ceilings in Barton's gymnasiums, for example, make them ill suited for many sports and cannot be easily rectified. A volleyball program could not be run in this school. Similarly, Hill Park's gyms are smaller than Sherwood's and provide limited viewing space. Brick walls are located directly beside the courts, limiting their usefulness and creating potential safety issues. To be fair, all three schools have issues that need to be addressed, including flooring issues and malfunctioning dividers, but these can be easily addressed. The overall design, however, cannot be changed, and the best gym facility is Sherwood's.

Sherwood, similarly, has the best auditorium of the three schools. Barton's auditorium facility is smaller than both Sherwood and Hill Park. Hill Park auditorium's pew seating, however, is less attractive despite some technical upgrades. The auditorium is worth mentioning, because modern school designs have been moving away from them and toward "cafeteriums". It, therefore, may not be included in the new school. Maintaining a quality auditorium benefits the mountain community as evidenced by the fact that they are frequently rented by outside groups.

A unique school feature is the beautifully maintained courtyard at Sherwood which provides students with views of green space, rather than parking lots.

- 7) **Location:** With a new school being proposed in the south, proper school placement must be considered. Locating schools too close together can be problematic. Closing Barton and Hill Park creates a logical solution, as it closes the schools closest to the new school's proposed location. Looking at the Hamilton map (attached), this arrangement provides a fairly even spacing between mountain schools.

School closures are a very emotional issue for all stakeholders. As schools are scheduled to close, and new school boundaries are created, it is important that students and parents be aware that every existing schools boundary will be affected. This is true of this proposal and all proposals put forward by the South ARC. Schools remaining open will have boundary changes, resulting in student transfers. With fewer schools, and individual school utilization set to rise (especially in 2015), out-of-catchment preference should be considered for students wishing to graduate from Sherwood or Sir Allan MacNab, despite the boundary change.

- 8) **Billy Green:** As new boundaries are assigned to schools, the location of Billy Green to the east (Stoney Creek) should logically belong to its closest school, Saltfleet. Trustees recently voted to allow Billy Green students to attend Saltfleet, despite being over capacity. The capacity at Saltfleet could be addressed by building an addition, or by placing the new school further east and adjusting boundaries. The other measures discussed here address surplus space at other schools.

Projected enrollment (Table 1) shows the schools outlined by the South ARC at 71.9% utilization in 2011. This is projected to drop to 60.9% by 2016 and to 57.6% by 2021. Under this plan, a surplus of students creates the need for a new school. With the new school in place, and Billy Green included at either Sherwood or the new school, school utilization would be 91.5% in 2016 and 85.6% by 2021. With Billy Green relocated to Saltfleet, school utilization among the South ARC schools would be 88.8% in 2016 and 83.5% in 2021. The result is only a 2% decrease in overall utilization of these schools. The transfer of Billy Green to Saltfleet leaves the remaining schools with healthy populations and leaves the school with the lowest utilization percentage (MacNab) untouched.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

For these reasons, the following actions should be taken for the schools of Hamilton mountain;

- A) Close Mountain Secondary June 30, 2015.**
- B) Close Barton Secondary June 30, 2015.**
- C) Close Hill Park Secondary June 30, 2015.**
- D) Build a new secondary school south of the Linc to open September 1, 2015.**

See **Map 1** – Current schools & **Map 2** – Proposed schools

- 1) That all schools remain open until the new school is ready for occupancy in 2015.
- 2) That any new school will include space for community partnerships where interest and support is evident.
- 3) That the Facilities Management Department consult with the principal, school councils, school communities and specialists to ensure that the existing facilities meet the program strategy and address the renewal needs as outlined by this ARC Committee.
- 4) That there be an equitable distribution of athletic programs (health and wellness), of Advance Placement (AP) programs, Programs of Choice (POC) and Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) across the cluster.
- 5) That there be a Secondary French Immersion (FI) program centrally located within the South ARC cluster.
- 6) That there be appropriate Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions programs within the South ARC cluster to adequately service the number of students that would require them.

In developing this proposal, the South ARC's reference criteria were consulted to align with their mandate based on the following factors:

a) Scope

The schools identified in this proposal match the South ARC Terms of Reference.

b) Accommodation

Table 1 summarizes the historical and Projected Enrolment of each current school. **Table 2** shows the proposed enrolment for this proposal. Since the transfer of Billy Green to Saltfleet was not included in any of the other ARC proposals, Tables 3 and 4 show projected enrolment with Billy Green included at the new school (**Table 3**) and Sherwood (**Table 4**). Under the current situation, declining enrolment is projected to cause the 5 schools covered under the South ARC to decline from 71.9% utilization in 2011 to 57.6% utilization by 2021. Under this proposal, school utilization improves to 83.5% by 2021. The inclusion of Billy Green would increase this to 85.6%, a difference of only 2.1%. The lowest of the remaining schools, Sir Allan MacNab at 74.4% remains unchanged. The inclusion of Billy Green into Saltfleet's catchment area, therefore, does not provide a significant negative impact to the rest of the south cluster.

c) Facility Condition

According to the ReCAPP® (Renewal Capital Asset Planning Process) software, the current back-log of renewal needs for the five schools is estimated to be approximately \$48,000,000. Assuming that no additional repair work is undertaken in the interim, this total is projected to increase to approximately \$80,000,000 by 2020 (Table 5).

Recently, these numbers have been put under close examination, and existing schools may in fact be in better shape than previously thought. These numbers can therefore be considered a worst case scenario, and if school repairs can be completed for less it will improve the Board's future bottom line. Table 6 identifies the current and projected renewal needs of the schools under consideration.

Using these numbers, this proposal has the potential to eliminate \$35,000,000 in future renewal needs. The future renewal needs for the remaining schools would be addressed through the Board's annual renewal plan developed by the Facilities Management Department.

d) Program

This proposal, "Concept F", includes the recommendations made by the South ARC committee regarding program type and placement. The recommended location and implementation of any programs is contingent on Trustee approval and student interest.

e) Transportation

The Board's existing Transportation Policy (Appendix F-3) states that secondary students residing in "all developed urban areas" will be eligible for transportation services when the walking distance exceeds 3.2km. Approximately 74% of the total student population across the entire south cluster presently reside within walking distance to their home school, while 26% are eligible for transportation.

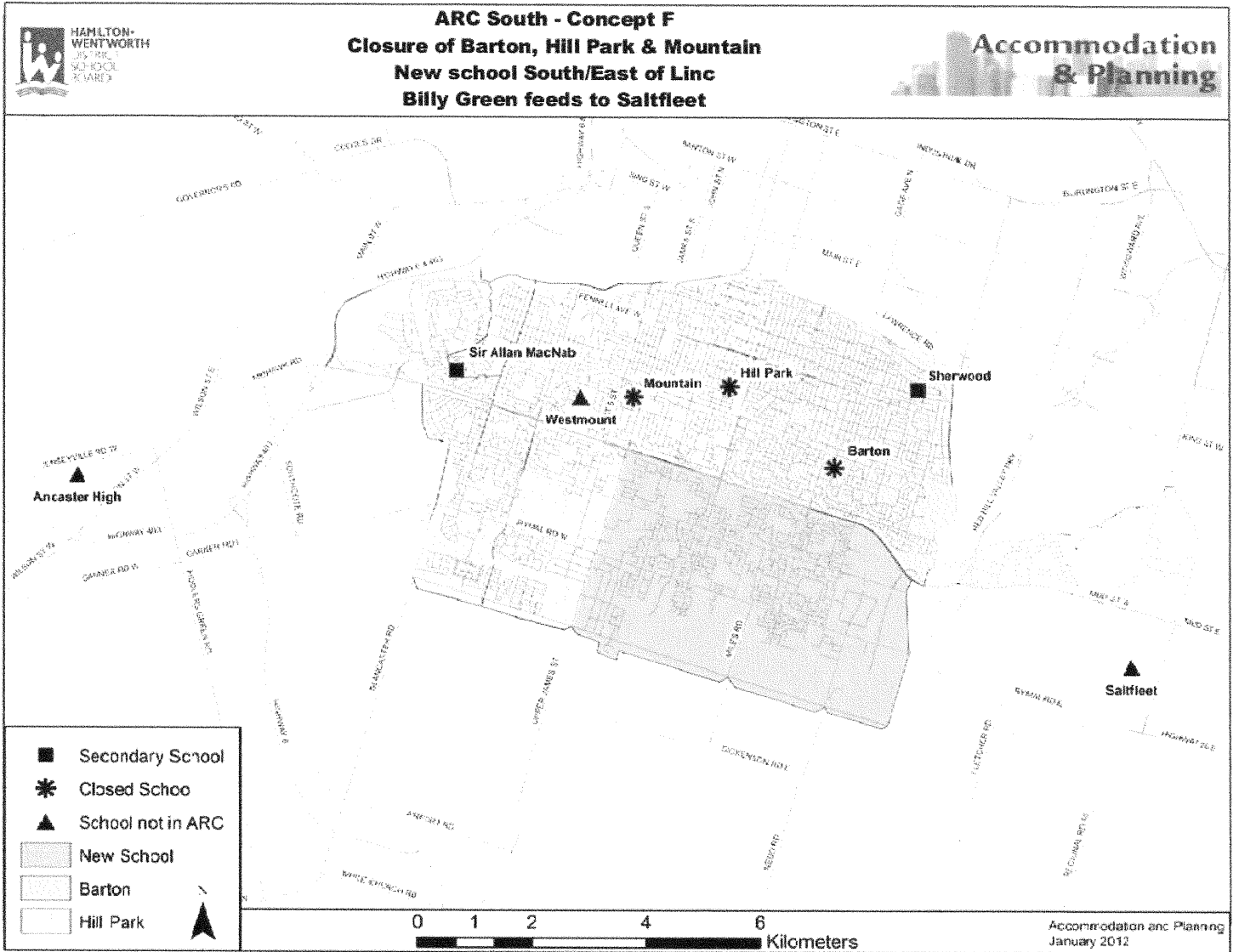
This proposal falls within the higher end of the range proposed by the South ARC options, which would result in between 65% and 76% of students residing within walking distance to their home school. There are a number of additional factors, such as the exact location of the new school site, which must be considered. In addition, if the Board is offering programs of choice board-wide and across the cluster then they need to provide transportation equitably to all students.

f) Funding

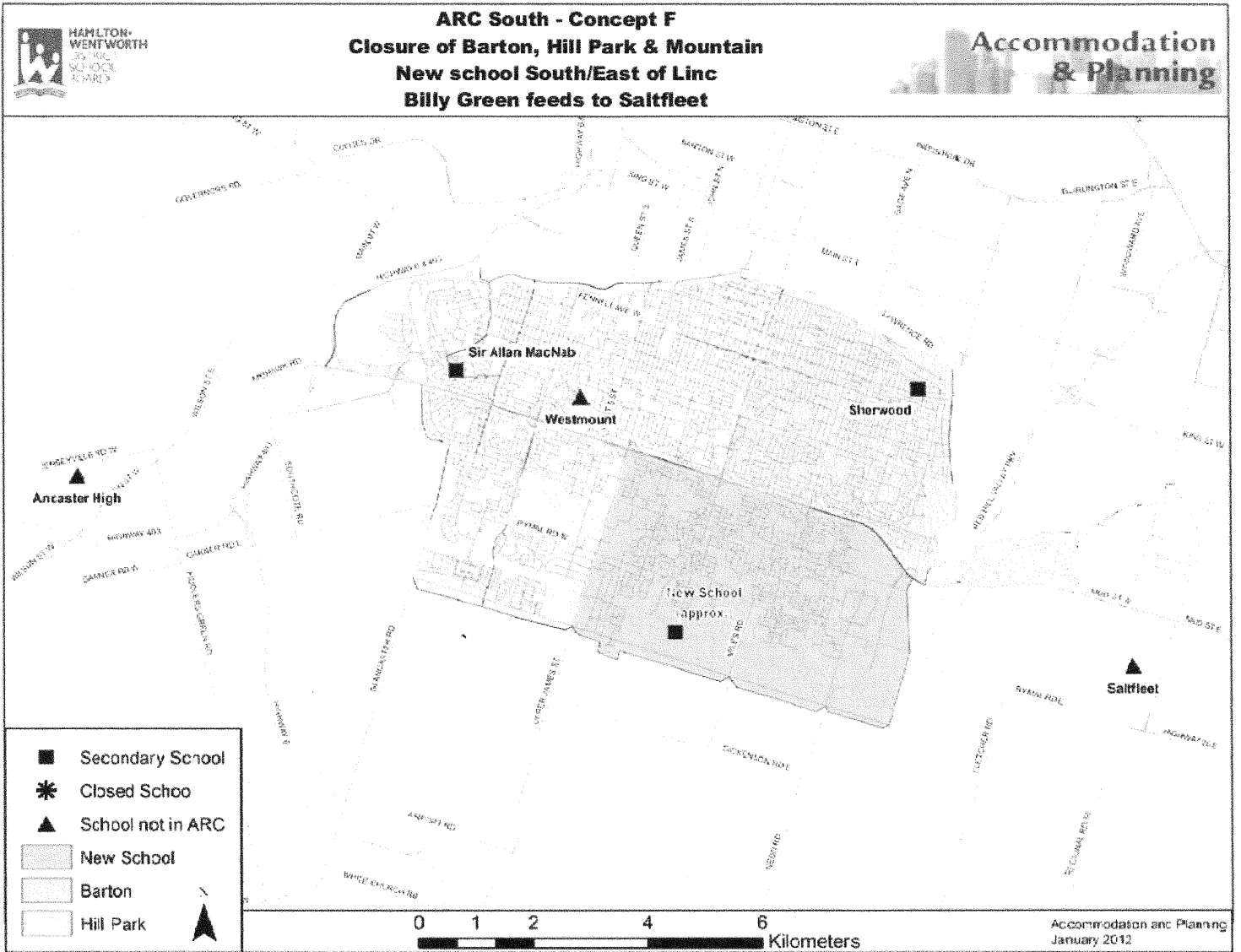
Table 7 summarizes the estimated costs and potential funding sources associated with this proposal. The proceeds of disposition from the sale of the school sites proposed for closure could potentially account for 44% of the total estimated funding required to undertake the project. The balance of funds would be requested from the Ministry of Education through the submission of a business case. If ministry funding is available, this proposal boasts a \$7,089,000 surplus. Additional funds could be put toward school renovations and repairs, or properties could be retained for future strategic planning. Should no additional funding become available through the Ministry of Education, it is requested that Board staff explore alternate funding strategies.

g) Implementation

All of the South ARC recommendations propose a June 2015 timeframe for school closures and a target opening date of September 2015 for the new school. The Committee has also recommended that in order to minimize disruption, no student should move until such time as construction of the new school is complete. This proposal, "Concept F", recommends the same implementation strategy.



Map #1: HWDSB Secondary Schools (Mountain) – Current schools, shown with proposed boundaries & closures



Map #2: HWDSB Secondary Schools (Mountain) – Proposed boundaries and schools (location of new school is approximate)

Table 1: Historical and Projected Enrolment (Current Situation)

Secondary School	2015 OTG Capacity	2010/11	% Utilized	2015/16	% Utilized	2020/21	% Utilized
Barton	1092	871	79.8%	738	67.6%	723	66.2%
Hill Park	1194	857	71.8%	666	55.8%	573	48.0%
Mountain	525	179	34.1%	182	34.7%	171	32.6%
Sherwood	1308	1202	91.9%	1038	79.4%	986	75.4%
Sir Allan McNab	1413	867	61.4%	744	52.7%	735	52.0%
Total	5532	3976	71.9%	3368	60.9%	3188	57.6%
Surplus/Deficit		1556		2164		2344	

Table 2: Projected Enrolment - Concept F - with Billy Green at Saltfleet

Secondary School	2015 OTG Capacity	2015/16	% Utilized	2020/21	% Utilized
Barton					
Hill Park					
Mountain					
Sherwood	1308	1234	94.3%	1172	89.6%
Sir Allan McNab	1413	1156	81.8%	1051	74.4%
New School	1000	913	91.3%	883	88.3%
Total	3721	3303	88.8%	3106	83.5%
Surplus/Deficit		418		615	

Table 3: Projected Enrolment - with Billy Green at New School (included for comparison)

Secondary School	2015 OTG Capacity					2015/16	% Utilized		2020/21	% Utilized
Barton										
Hill Park										
Mountain										
Sherwood	1308					1234	94.3%		1172	89.6%
Sir Allan McNab	1413					1156	81.8%		1051	74.4%
New School	1000					1014	101.4%		964	96.4%
Total	3721					3404	91.5%		3187	85.6%
Surplus/Deficit						317			534	

Table 4: Projected Enrolment - with Billy Green at Sherwood (included for comparison)

Secondary School	2015 OTG Capacity					2015/16	% Utilized		2020/21	% Utilized
Barton										
Hill Park										
Mountain										
Sherwood	1308					1335	102.1%		1253	95.8%
Sir Allan McNab	1413					1156	81.8%		1051	74.4%
New School	1000					913	91.3%		883	88.3%
Total	3721					3404	91.5%		3187	85.6%
Surplus/Deficit						317			534	

Table 7: "Concept F" Funding Strategy

Estimated Costs	Concept F
1 New Construction (1000 Pupil Place School)	25,415,442
2 Land Acquisition 15 acres at \$400,000/acre	6,000,000
3 Program Strategy	1,035,000
4 Other (Park land, moving costs, etc.)	100,000
5 Sub-Total (line 1-4)	32,550,442
Potential Funding Sources	Concept F
1 Proceeds of disposition (at \$400,000 per acre)	-14,224,000
2 Ministry of Education (New School)	-25,415,442
5 Sub-Total (line 1-4)	-39,639,442
Potential Cost to Board	-7,089,000

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Dear Mr. Simmons:

I am deeply disheartened at your decision to leave 100 Main Street and demolish Joseph Singer's architecturally sound and strikingly beautiful building which has served for many decades as your home and as a landmark in this community.

I think this decision shows callous disregard for the environment and I urge you to think critically about it and the Board's truly upsetting legacy of neglect and demolition.

History will frown upon the Board's short-sited and simplistic craving of parking lots, pristine drywall, drop-ceilings and shining glass. Our ancestors left us with so much more. And yet the Board chooses time and time again to let our historic and cultural monuments crumble into landfills. These monuments are not only significant for historic and cultural purposes, but in the long run, their preservation and adaptation hold great economic, aesthetic and environmental value as well. The greatest cities in the world have figured this out. It's time Hamiltonians recognized the value of what lies right under our noses.

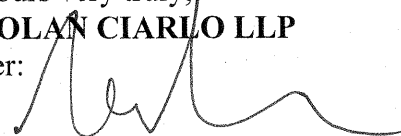
I remain hopeful that McMaster will demonstrate greater stewardship in this regard and have written to the University in hopes of opening a dialogue on the subject. I am enclosing the letter which I have sent to McMaster.

I am aware that it is the HWDSB which has applied for the demolition permit. And so I am writing to the Board to urge that any demolition activity or any other activity that could devalue the building or compromise the building's future use by McMaster be withheld until all alternatives for its adaption and reuse have been fully assessed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,
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Dear Sir/Madame:

I am very pleased to hear that McMaster is once again investing in downtown Hamilton and moving ahead with plans to build a downtown health campus on the current grounds of the Board of Education Building at 100 Main Street West.

Hamilton is turning a corner. But as we move forward together, we must be sure not to repeat the mistakes of the past that led Hamilton into a dark period for so many years. Many of those mistakes were blunders of urban planning which neglected Hamilton's rich architectural heritage – a heritage of more than just aesthetic value, but of real cultural and long-term economic value as well.

I am writing in hopes of opening a dialogue between advocates of the Save the Board of Education Building Campaign and McMaster so that all options can be carefully considered – so that an irreversible mistake can be averted.

Joseph Singer's striking archetype of mid-century New Formalism is a rare jewel in the downtown core. The building is a temple to education and the pursuit of knowledge. It is a canvas of art, sculpture and relief. It is a stronghold of polished marble, engraved steel, brass fixtures, walnut veneer, dark leathers and the kind of artisanal craftsmanship of which only few examples remain today. It is an account of the lives of our ancestors.

McMaster, a pillar of this great City, would do well to embrace the Board of Education Building which stands proudly adjacent to its shining cousin, Hamilton City Hall.

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The recently unveiled Lister Block, the John Sopinka Court House, Hamilton City Hall, and many others stand as examples of what is possible when vision and creativity face-off against the wrecking ball. Surely we are learning. Our favorite cities and neighborhoods around the world are those where adaptive reuse thrives. Finding ways to recycle the gems of our past not only shows responsible environmental stewardship but helps to create urban vibrancy, diversity and aesthetic charm – the qualities which Hamiltonians too often feel can only be found in the streets of New York or Paris.

I am a McMaster alumnus and life-long Hamiltonian and wish to add my voice to the chorus urging McMaster not to destroy the Board of Education Building. Perhaps the building can be renovated and extended vertically or laterally to accommodate the needs of McMaster, the City and third party developers. Perhaps it can be upgraded and leased to the City or other parties with the health campus being built elsewhere on the same property. The alternatives are many and I am confident that if all parties assess the subject with an open mind, a responsible solution can be developed – one of which McMaster, its partners and this community can all be proud.

For your information, I am enclosing a CD which includes the official Architectural Record of the Board of Education Building as well as other interesting materials including two short videos about the building. I hope that you will take the time to review these materials and I look forward to hearing your response.

Yours very truly,
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