

Central Mountain Accommodation Review Committee
Working Group Meeting # 10
Tuesday, February 04, 2014
8:00 p.m.

Hill Park Secondary School
465 East 16th Street, Hamilton, ON

Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Chair - Michael Prendergast

Voting Members - Diana Asrani, Amber Bourque, Candice Campbell, Marney Campbell, Jenn Clarke, Leanne Friesen, Dianna Gamble, Adam Hinks, Marj Howden, Barbara Jalsevac, Kathy Long, Denise McCafferty, Jamie McLean, Sharon Miller, Patricia Mousseau, Robert Nixon, Candice Romaker, Janeen Schaeffer, Lourie Vanderzyden, Philip Viana, Laurie Walowina

Non-Voting Members - Julie Beattie, Maria Carbone, Colin Hazell, Lillian Orban, Jennifer Robertson-Heath, Nanci-Jane Simpson, Doug Trimble

Regrets

Voting Members - Philip Erwood, Margaret Toth

Non-Voting Members - Biljana Arsovic Filice, Linda Astle,

Resource Staff

Ian Hopkins, Ellen Warling

Recording Secretary

Kathy Forde

Public - 13 public attendees present - Linden Park (2); Queensdale (10); School Affiliation Unidentified (1)

1. Call to Order

Michael Prendergast called the meeting to order.

2. Agenda

2.1 Additions/Deletions

Nil

2.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Minutes from Working Group Meeting # 9

3.1 Clarification

Wording under the last paragraph of Item 6.1 was revised for accuracy.

3.2 Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved with revision as discussed.

4. Correspondence

Due to limited time, correspondence will be deferred. It was noted however, that in the piece from JP Danko dated January 26th, dollar figures referenced under Item 4 will be verified by Ian Hopkins.

New information was submitted on a memory stick from the GL Armstrong community as feedback for Public Meeting # 4 but is quite lengthy. The meeting time would need to be extended to allow members sufficient time to process the details. It is important to read and assess all feedback, however, with limited time members contemplated how to address the information as received:

- Should we accept this submission for review tonight
- If we do not look at this now it has no impact on the decisions that are made tonight
- If we accept this type of correspondence then everyone should have had the same opportunity to provide written comments
- There was a clear method for the public to participate so this feedback was not provided through the established channels
- Writer took the time to formulate comments in written format so perhaps should accept
- We have given every school a chance to provide input
- Would be happy to read the correspondence
- May need to extend meeting
- Some members thought meeting should end at 9:00 pm as scheduled
- The writer took a lot of time but did not go through the process

The Chair agrees that the information should be received but considering its late receipt and length it would be difficult to process within the timeframe of the meeting. As such, it was suggested that the document be considered as correspondence for the next working group meeting.

Members voted (secret ballot) to determine whether the information submitted should be read as feedback or accepted as correspondence:

Read - (5) votes

Correspondence - (16) votes

The information will be included as correspondence for Working Group Meeting # 11.

5. Public Meeting # 4 - Feedback

5.1 Discussion

Feedback gather by facilitators from Public Meeting # 4 was consolidated and provided as a handout. Time was provided for members to review the information. In response to a question raised regarding Option 32, it was noted that the SAGE program is no longer at GL Armstrong and does not fall within the Central Mountain ARC.

6. Accommodation Options

6.1 Discussion - Report

To narrow down the four options to two, a vote was conducted. Members would select their two preferred options. If the numbers varied greatly members could then decide if only one option should go forward, or if the numbers were close whether a second vote was needed.

Option 22

- **Close GL Armstrong in 2015. Students attend either Eastmount Park or Queensdale for JK-6**
- **Franklin Road remains K-8 with current boundaries**
- **Ridgemount and Pauline Johnson are closed in 2015. Students north of the Linc attend Cardinal Heights for JK-5**
- **Linden Park is renovated to be a JK-8 school for 2015 and receives Eastmount Park and Queensdale students for 7 & 8. Cardinal Heights 6, 7 & 8s attend Linden Park**
- **New 425 pupil place JK-8 School proposed south of the Linc for 2015**

Option 32

- **Close GL Armstrong 2015. Students attend either Queensdale or Eastmount Park for JK-6 Eastmount Park grade 7 & 8s attend Franklin Road and Queensdale 7 & 8s attend Linden Park**
- **Linden Park becomes JK-8 facility**
- **Franklin Road remains a JK-8 with additional grade 7 & 8s from Eastmount Park**
- **Cardinal Heights become 4-8 and Pauline Johnson JK-3 in 2014. Build new school on site or consider new site south of Linc for 2017**
- **Close Ridgemount in 2015. Students from north of Linc attend Linden Park and students south of Linc attend New JK-8 on Cardinal Heights site or south of Linc**

Option 34

- Close Eastmount Park and Queensdale in 2015. All students attend GL Armstrong for JK-8
- Close Linden Park in 2015. Students east of Upper Wellington attend Franklin Road for JK-8 and students west of Upper Wellington attend Ridgemount for JK-8. Ridgemount would need renovations/additions to retrofit into a JK-8 facility
- Pauline Johnson become JK-3 and Cardinal Heights becomes 4-8 - Campus school

Option 35

- Close Eastmount Park in 2015. All students attend GL Armstrong for JK-8
- Close Linden Park 2015. Students east of Upper Wellington attend Franklin Road for JK- 8. Students west of Upper Wellington attend Queensdale JK-6 and GL Armstrong for 7 & 8
- Queensdale remains a JK-6 facility and continues to attend GL Armstrong for 7 & 8
- Pauline Johnson and Ridgemount remain JK-5 schools and graduates attend Cardinal Heights for grades 6, 7 & 8

Members voted (secret ballot) on their preferred two options as follows:

Option 22 - (9) votes

Option 32 - (13) votes

Option 34 - (8) votes

Option 35 - (12) votes

Many variables have been considered as options were developed. Options 32 and 35 are two very different options but are very close in votes so there was no need to vote again. Options 32 and 35 will be submitted as the committee's recommendation.

At the next meeting, rationale will be prepared for the two options going forward to ensure trustees understand the committee's thinking. Any thoughts on rationale can be emailed to Ian Hopkins.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

- **Next Working Group Meeting # 11 - February 11, 2014 at Ridgemount**

Handouts

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes - Working Group Meeting # 9
- Correspondence
- Committee Options 22, 32, 34, 35
- Financial Summary Options 22, 32, 34, 35
- Public Meeting # 4 Feedback