

Eastdale – Mountain View Transition Advisory Committee

Meeting #2

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Eastdale School

MINUTES

Committee Members:

- Jeff Gillies, Superintendent, Student Achievement
 - Jeff Beattie, Ward 9 & 10 Trustee
 - Darrin Griffiths, Mountain View Principal
 - Lindsay Snell-Allison, Eastdale, Vice-Principal
 - Summer Fraser, Eastdale Teacher
 - Hillary White, Mountain View Teacher
 - Ryan Crawford, Eastdale Learning Resource Teacher
 - Jennifer Glaves, Mountain View Learning Resource Teacher
 - Riley Highfield, Eastdale Student
 - Banni Thind, Mountain View Student
 - Baljinker Dhoothur, Eastdale Parent
 - Laura McKeown, Mountain View Parent
 - Sasha Walsh, Eastdale School Council Rep
 - Justine Brown, Mountain View School Council Rep
 - Tanya Shaver, Executive Assistant, Recording
-

Welcome

J. Gillies welcomed all and round table introductions were made.

School Council members from both Eastdale and Mountain View School had met the hour previous and were welcomed to observe the Transition Committee meeting (which is always open to the public) then welcomed to ask questions at the end.

The Transition Committee Meeting is to discuss further the Eastdale student transition to Mountain View while new school built on Eastdale site.

Norms for Meeting & Collaborating

As a group committed to supporting a smooth transition from Eastdale to Mountain View we commit to:

- Treating all individuals with respect
- Listening when someone is speaking
- Being open to different ideas/perspectives/opinions

HWDSB Land Acknowledgement

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

Eastdale & Mountain View Transition Committee Meeting #2

Power Point Presentation is posted on HWDSB Construction Website

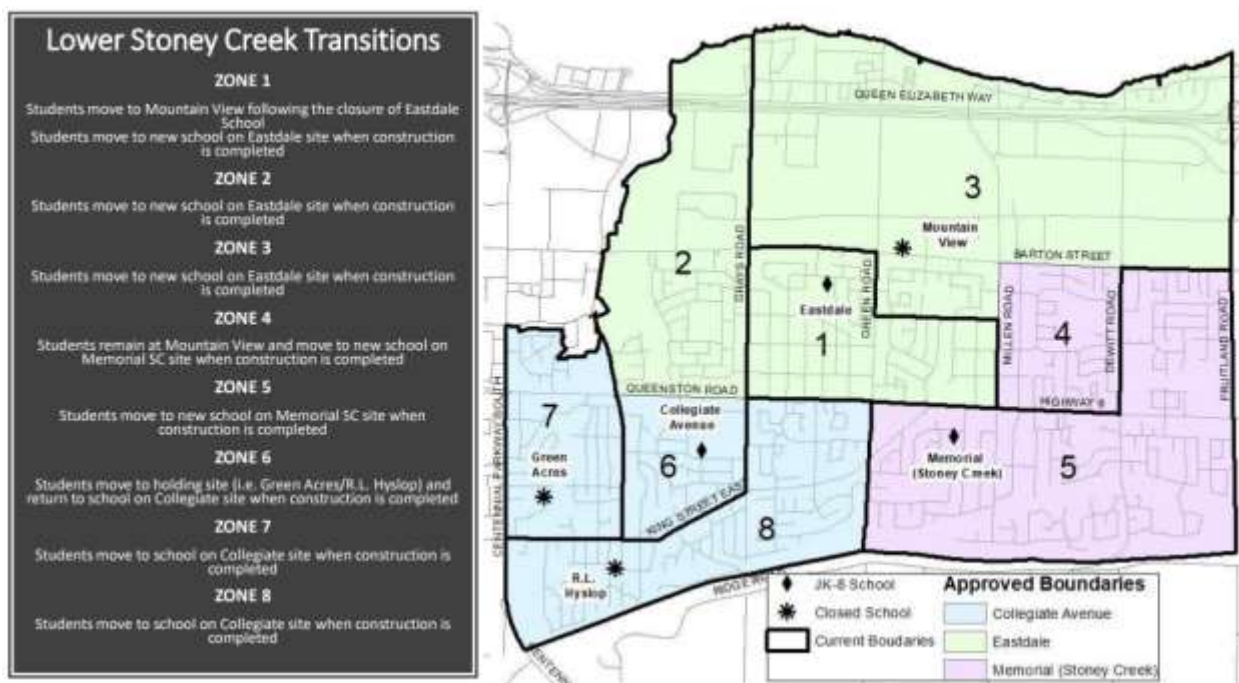
Lower Stoney Creek School Consolidation Plan

Transition #1 2017-18 – Close Eastdale and move to Mountain View

Transition #2 2018-19 – Move to new school on Eastdale site (Collegiate, Eastdale, Mountain View)

Transition #3 2019-20 – Move to new school at Memorial (Mountain View, Memorial)

Review of Lower Stoney Creek School Consolidation Plan



Staffing

There is a process where the board works with employee groups for teacher and support workers' job placements.

- Will work towards maintaining unity
- Teachers may be able to follow pathway of student
- Staffing is too early to predict at this time.

Naming Schools Policy

Distribution and review of Policy 2.3 and Procedure for Naming of School

- Will go through naming process for new school at Eastdale
- Eastdale to Mountain View MAY be renamed
 - school councils need to start a conversation around this referring to the Policy
 - School administration will lead this conversation and report back to SOSA

Communication

Parents may not have an overall sense of what is happening. Besides letters and web postings, is there anything else board or schools can do for further communication?

- Newsletter, twitter, push notification to phones
- Direct parents to Construction Website via newsletters
- Pair Synervoice message with letter coming home; “check your child backpacks”
- Encourage staff to talk about the new school and show images; students will share their excitement with parents
- ESL teacher at Eastdale will reach out to parents and will ask if translations are needed
- Is social media the best way to reach out to parents?
- Currently looking at signage for outside the schools as a way of notifying the community

Events / Activities

Both councils came together to talk about family and event planning transitions.

- Bit of framework has been developed.
- Finding ways to have joints classroom experience with grade to grade (i.e. skype)
- Goal is to have a monthly event
- Two events in May – Meet and Greet for parents to parents
- June – Meet and Greet for parents to staff

Open Discussion

Equipment and furniture will be possibly stored.

- Movers may store things over the summer and move into portables when they are ready
- Board will work with teachers.
- Movers have totes that will be available for easy packing

Transportation

- Will follow Transportation Policy; cannot predict at this time
- Most students will be within the walking area of new Eastdale
- Crossing guards will be put in place as needed by the City of Hamilton
- Luis Patricio, School Travel Planning Coordinator, can work with school councils when changes come into place

Before & After School Care

Mountain View has before and after school program and Eastdale does not. Will this be carried over?
Can Mountain View's program accommodate Eastdale kids?

- Darrin Griffiths will research and get information for the April meeting.

Next Steps

Transition Committee Meeting #3 scheduled for April 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Mountain View

- Bring a friend; encourage others to attend.
- Both schools have council meetings before April 4th and will discuss the Naming of School policy.
- If Transition Committee needs to meet beforehand please connect with Jeff Gillies
- Further questions that may come up can be directed to either
 - Jeff Gillies, Superintendent, Student Achievement
 - Jeff Beattie, Ward 9 Trustee
 - Darrin Griffiths, Mountain View Principal
 - Lindsay Snell-Allison, Eastdale, Vice-Principal