

**Eastdale – Mountain View School Transition Committee**  
**Meeting #1**  
**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Mountain View School**

**MINUTES**

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**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
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**Welcome**

Jeff Gillies welcomed and thanked the Committee Members for volunteering their time to help guide us through the transition of combining the student population of Eastdale School into Mountain View School in September 2018 while a new school is being constructed on the Eastdale Site.

Hamilton City Councillor Maria Pearson and those attending in the gallery are as well welcomed.

A separate advisory group (Transition Committee) will be established to address the transition for students and staff of the affected schools.

If anyone has a question, comment or concern before the next Transition Meeting at the end of January, please email Executive Assistant Tanya Shaver at [tshaver@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:tshaver@hwdsb.on.ca)

**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

### **Accommodation Review 2016**

In 2016, the Board of Trustees approved the closure of Collegiate, Eastdale, Green Acres, Memorial SC, Mountain View and R. L. Hyslop. This will be followed by the opening of two new JK-8 elementary schools on the Collegiate Eastdale and Memorial sites with modified boundaries between these three schools.

Separate advisory groups (Transition Committees) have been/will be established to address the transition for students and staff of the affected schools.

The Transition Committee provides advice on a variety of matters including:

- Artefact and/or traditions
- School renaming
- Activities to support students and families
- Opening and closing ceremonies

### **Transition Planning**

Transition #1 (2017-18)

- Close Eastdale and move students to Mountain View

Transition #2 (2018-19)

- Move to new school on Eastdale Site
- To include students from Collegiate, Eastdale and Mountain View

Transition #3 (2019-2020)

- Move to new school at Memorial SC site
- To include students from Mountain View and Memorial SC

Transition Timelines

- December 13<sup>th</sup> Transition Committee Meeting #1
- January 31<sup>st</sup> Transition Committee Meeting #2
- April 4<sup>th</sup> Transition Committee Meeting #3
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Closure of Eastdale
- Summer 2018 Accommodation Upgrades at Mountain View and the start of demolition and construction of new school on Eastdale site

### **Relocation to Mountain View**

Eastdale students will be accommodated at Mountain View school commencing September 2018

The rationale for using Mountain View:

- Proximity to Eastdale
- Eastdale community stays together (grades/families are not at different sites)
- Eastdale & Mountain View can form new school community together prior to moving to the new school

Mountain View School

- Mountain View will be configured to service additional classrooms
- Universal barrier free washroom
- Accessible main entrance way
- New ramp for accessibility

## Upgrades to Mountain View

- Expanded parking with bus loop
- Accessible parking walkways entrances and washroom
- Portable classrooms

## Highlights of Discussion and Comments

- Students moving into the current Eastdale boundary will attend Mountain View
- Students move once again only when the new school building is complete
- The new school built on the Memorial SC site has a big enough parcel of land so the students can remain in the building while the new one is being constructed
- With Eastdale's land too small there was a need to transition the students to Mountain View
- Only when the schools are built do the new boundaries take affect
- Pictures of the new school are available on the website
- The new school is tentatively ready for opening for September 2019 but if we encounter delays, students will remain at Mountain View until the school construction is complete
- The two schools are coming together to form one school and will not be considered separate schools
- Need to have students thinking in terms of "we"
- Enrolment capacity at Mountain View (with the portables) will be 553
  - Less blended classes
  - Regular classes will have an approximate enrolment of 25 students per with kindergarten classes at 22 or 23
  - Five kindergarten classes all be within the building
  - Students up to Grade 3 will be within the building
  - Portables will hold Grades 3 – 6 and be a means to build relationships together
- Card access will be available for students to swipe to get into the main building for the washroom use. Same as other schools with portables
- Mountain View does not have lockers in building and in the portables there will be shelf hooks
- Older students go out on the large playground first
  - Younger students, who take longer to eat, and are scheduled afterwards
- Goal is to have every kindergarten student teamed with a bus buddy therefore the Grade 7 and 8 classes will be in building close to kindergarten rooms
- There is a ninth portable available and the site is being prepared to expect this in case of a growth spurt in the area
- Gym will be a bit of a challenge in winter and it will be the biggest problem when bringing the schools together
  - currently not big enough for two classes
  - outdoor activities will be more prevalent
  - alternative activities are available for within the classroom
  - temporary situation now as new gym at Eastdale will be quadruple the size
- Distribution of equipment from libraries, gyms, etc. will be followed by board protocol
- Washroom facilities at Mountain View meet requirements
  - Architects did take into account the numbers of students and staff to make sure regulations were met
  - For girls 11 were required; 18 are available
  - For boys 10 were required; 19 are available
  - For staff 3 were required,; 4 are available
- Board is committed to making sure equipment and space is in place for a Sensory Room

- Placement of teachers will be done by following the process that is already in place by the employee groups
- Play space for Kindergarten will need to be worked out in terms of possibly accessing larger area when not being used.
- Parking will be extended in the gravel area but not paved
- Portables are equipped with fire alarms, etc. and students will take part in all regular drills

#### **Transition Committee Items for Discussion**

- Athletic uniforms for the combined schools, what would they look like?
  - Transitional for one year or permanent for when in new school
- Work together to make the students to feel as a “we” not separate schools
- Naming process for the new school being built on the Eastdale site
  - Board policy is in place to follow steps to do this
- Issues around Grade 8 graduation (i.e. school name on diplomas)
- Collaborative piece for parents and school councils to bring them together
  - can we start building the family now as it should happen throughout the school year
  - what are some activities we can do to bring students and families together
- Can we bring Eastdale and Mountain View School Councils together at the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to work on ideas to build relationships before the September start
- Most important to have communication and updates so what things can we do to support the communication
- Pen Pals between Eastdale/Mountain View students is being looked at
- Possibility of arranging tours of Mountain View with Eastdale students/families

#### **Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at Eastdale School 6:00 p.m.