

East Hamilton Consolidation Public Meeting

Tuesday, April 10

6:00 p.m.

Glen Brae School

MINUTES

Staff Members Present:

- Jeff Gillies, Superintendent, Student Achievement
 - Nadeen Shehaiber, Manager Capital Projects
 - Sandra Constable, Glen Brae Principal
 - Mark Taedson, Glen Echo Principal
 - Tina Morabito, Sir Isaac Brock Principal
 - Tanya Shaver, Executive Assistant
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Welcome

Jeff Gillies welcomed all and introduced the committee members as well as Maureen O'Shaughnessy, Principal Architect.

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:

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

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- Elizabeth Bagshaw
- Enrolment Projections
- New School Layout on Glendale Campus
- Construction Timelines
- Transition Planning
- Transition Committee
- Next Steps

East Hamilton School Consolidation Overview

- Zone 1, 2 & 3 students from Glen Echo, Glen Brae and Sir Isaac Brock move to new school on Glen site when construction is complete. Glen Echo, Glen Brae and Sir Isaac Brock close. Glen Brae to be demolished after closing.

Highlights of Architect Presentation from Nadeen Shehaiber and Maureen O'Shaughnessy

The new school will be built as the students from Glen Echo, Glen Brae and Sir Isaac Brock remain in their schools. When construction starts on the property between Glen Brae and Glen Echo schools all safety precautions will be in place:

- Entrance to area of construction will be from Secord Drive not interfering with Rainbow Drive entrances to Glen Brae
- Deliveries of materials will take place after school hours
- Proper barriers will enclose the construction site
- When students move into the new school, the old school will be demolished with the same safety precautions in place

When the new school is built, from Secord Drive will be:

- Main School Entrance
- Staff Parking
- Bus lay-by lane

This will be a three-storey school:

- Five full day Kindergarten rooms
 - Will have direct access to outside 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

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.

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 Board policy for naming of schools will take place at a later date but before the building is complete.

Questions/Comments

For students currently at Glen Brae and with all the construction around the, will the playground be safe and smaller?

- Not as much play area but will be to the south away from the construction area
- Possible to discuss sharing of the play fields with the secondary area

Will all rooms have teaching walls?

- Standard in all rooms and will white board and interactive short throw projector
- No more chalkboards in the school

Are enrolment projections taking into consideration of movement that may happen within the neighbourhood? Many are elderly and lived in the community for a long time. We suspect there might be a turnover of younger families moving into the area in the future.

- The HWDS does plan for future expansion
- If needed, can be revisited if projections increase

Have projections been made for how many will need for childcare?

- Ministry Funds pay for the child care and we create the space
- Numbers are taken care of by the child care centre

Will the extended program be available as it currently is at Sir Wilfred Laurier School?

- Believe it will be similar but the provider will make the decisions

Will all students have a locker?

- No more lockers in any of the new school builds but instead there will be "Hook and Shelf" system in the hallways

- Many factors were taken into consideration when eliminating the lockers such as pest/rodent control, locker management, garbage control, etc.
- Belongings will stay outside of the students' homeroom
- Tiffany Hills uses this system and from the feedback prefer it much better than lockers

What about the safety of cell phones as they cannot be taken into the classroom?

- Cell phones could be locked up in classrooms
- Will be determined at the school level how cell phones will be stored during the day

Will there be a drop off area for parents in their cars?

- Planning must follow the Hamilton Active & Sustainable School Transportation Charter (ASST), therefore, "Drop Off Zones" are not incorporated into any school designs

Will bus traffic increase?

- Not sure at this time
- Can show "walkability" charts at a future meeting

What happens to Glen Echo School?

- School will close and that site will be put up for sale.
- The Ministry process for the sale of school property mandates the land is first offered to conterminous school boards and then the City of Hamilton

Will French Immersion be located at new school?

- No. French Immersion will move from Glen Echo and Glen Brae at the end of June 2020 to other locations (Parkdale & WH Ballard as well as new school at Eastdale site in Lower Stoney Creek).

Will current staff at the schools go to the new school?

- Staff will have an opportunity to follow their students
- This is a union agreement

Will there be exterior improvements i.e. soccer fields?

- We need to work with the Ministry budget which is very tight
- We try to do as much as we can for developing the outside plans
- Some areas will be asphalt and lines can be painted on them for outside games
- Equipment for soccer, etc. could come from fundraising initiatives at the school

Will the school still have secure entrances as they do now?

- All doors will have buzzers for outside access
- The school's interior path is designed to force the person only to the office