

**Collegiate Avenue School Closure Transition #1 Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 31, 2019**  
**Collegiate School**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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**Committee Members:**

- Jeff Gillies, Superintendent, Student Achievement
  - Carole Paikin Miller, Trustee Ward 5
  - Lisa Barzetti, Collegiate/R. L. Hyslop Principal
  - Tara Gasparik, Green Acres Principal
  - Dale Hill, R. L. Hyslop Vice-Principal
  - Nisha Marwaha, Collegiate Student
  - Erika Church, Green Acres Parent
  - Kim Adam, Collegiate School Council
  - Cathy Paonessa, Collegiate Staff
  - Darcy Denman, Collegiate Staff
  - Carol Knezevic, Collegiate Staff
  - Heather Dempsey, Green Acres Staff
  - Cynthia Dobrik, R. L. Hyslop Staff
  - Parul Lal, R. L. Hyslop Staff
  - Tanya Shaver, Executive Assistant
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**Welcome**

Jeff Gillies welcomed all and round table introductions were made. Land Acknowledgement was recognized.

**Transition Planning and Committee**

A Transition Committee is established to address the transition for students and staff of Collegiate, Green Acres, and R. L. Hyslop School. Members can include staff, students, administrators, School Council and/or Parent Council representatives, Ward Trustee and Superintendent.

**Power Point Presentation**

The Power Point Presentation from this meeting will be posted on the HWDSB School Construction Transitions website <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/school-renewal/transition-committees/>

**Power Point Includes**

- Accommodation Review Resolution
- Lower Stoney Creek School Consolidation Plan
- Transition Plan
- Transition Timelines

## Agenda

- Transition Planning
- Transition Committees
- Review of Transition Plans
- Transition Committee Topics for Discussion

## Comments / Concerns / Suggestions from Committee Discussion

Goal is to make the transition as smooth as possible for students and staff to alleviate possible anxiety of the move and changes.

- Previous experience in this process found that once older students went to visit peers at the other school, students became connected and excited for the move.
- As a committee we can suggest and create certain activities to facilitate the bonding of students
- Concern that students from Green Acres do not have a full year to bond as the R L Hyslop students come together and stay together

Class sizes are very small at R L Hyslop but will this will change when all is done?

- Ministry guidelines for class cap sizes need to be followed

Portables will be needed at Green Acres but not at R L Hyslop.

For athletic teams all students will be playing together

- We want the students to form bonds on the playground as well as within sports

The Transportation Policy will need to be followed so there may be students who have always received transportation but no longer will be able to access the bus.

- Parents should be notified in June if they qualify for transportation so they have notice to make arrangements ahead of time
- Empty seats on the bus are abundant at Green Acres so many parents need to have fair warning that they no longer will be able to access courtesy
- Maps will be provided at the next meeting so that by spring we will have a good idea of eligibility for transportation

Principals will manage many things at the school level that may come up as we move along the process.

- Staff at Collegiate are already engaged in conversation around various celebrations and ideas for the closing

Many parents would like to know if the Collegiate teachers will be moving to the holding school with their current students.

- Teaching staff have an agreement with their Federation and they have an opportunity to travel with the students
- There is a process based on seniority

If questions arise before next Transition Committee Meeting please connect with either

- Tanya Shaver at [tshaver@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:tshaver@hwdsb.on.ca)
- Carole Paikin Miller at [cpamill@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:cpamill@hwdsb.on.ca)

### **Next Steps**

Transition Committee Meeting #2 at Green Acres School at 6:00 p.m. on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- To determine eligibility for busing, Jeff will bring a “walkability map” to get a sense of which areas may qualify for transportation

Transition Committee Meeting # 3 at R. L. Hyslop School at 6:00 p.m. on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019