

Collegiate Avenue School Closure Transition #2 Meeting

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Green Acres School

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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
 - Katherine Bailey, Green Acres 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
 - Melissa Steward, R. L. Hyslop School Council
 - Parul Lal, R. L. Hyslop Staff
 - Tanya Shaver, Executive Assistant
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Welcome

Jeff Gillies welcomed all and encouraged the members to spread the word to parents and the community of the upcoming changes (i.e. directing to the website). Land Acknowledgement was recognized. Round table introductions were made.

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

- Updated Lower Stoney Creek School Consolidation Plan
 - Transition 1 is this Transition Committee's focus
 - Transition 2 (the new building at Eastdale) is on track and anticipate the project will be complete by December 2019 and students can move into the new school January 2020
- Transition Plan
- Transition Timelines
- Green Acres Walking Distance Map
- R. L. Hyslop Walking Distance Map
- New Eastdale Walking Distance Map

Agenda

- Transition Planning
- Transition Committees
- Review of Transition Plans
- Transition Committee Discussion
- Next Steps

Committee Items for Discussion to prepare for Transition 1

- School Closing Ceremony
- Planning shared school activities during 2018-2019 School Year
- Communication plan for keeping families informed
- Extracurricular activities, excursion, special events, etc. for students

Comments / Concerns / Suggestions from Committee Discussion

The Green Acres distance map show that all Kindergarten students live within walking distance

- Kindergarten parents have been accustomed to having courtesy transportation
- In the spring we will send the information out to the parents with this information

Collegiate Closing Plans and Ceremonies

- Dates not currently set but the end of May is the goal
- All parents, former students, and community will be invited
- Activities are still being planned and organized
- The final closing ceremony will be on the last Wednesday in June with students and staff only

Planned shared activities with R. L. Hyslop and Green Acres

- R. L. Hyslop VP Dale Hill and Green Acre Principal Tara Gasparik are working to get activities ready for Collegiate students who will be transferring over
- Ideas are coming together and we may do some team building as done at Eastdale School when the students transferred to Mountain View
- The Green Acre's Positive School Climate Planning Team will be meeting tomorrow to discuss and plan transition activities
- R. L. Hyslop staff will be discussing and co-ordinating activities tomorrow
- One suggestion from Eastdale was a question box that students could drop in their concerns/questions and these are then answered at student assemblies

What will be the name of the school?

- We will be following the Naming of the School Policy at the appropriate time

Will R. L. Hyslop and Green Acres have “ending” ceremonies?

- We are welcoming the new students with the outlook of all coming together
- Activities will be shared to have the students feel together as one group
- Will need to start using the term “New Eastdale Site” so everyone feels a part of this

With Collegiate coming to Green Acres will there be two school councils?

- Typically they come together into one group
- Principals will manage this at the school level

At least one portable will be coming to Green Acres.

Artifacts from the closing school are gathered by the HWDSB Archives

- Whenever a school closes artifacts from the building can sometimes be applied to the new building so a team will come down to identify these
- The Archives at Hill Park are where artifacts over the years have been housed

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

- Jeff Gillies at tshaver@hwdsb.on.ca
- Carole Paikin Miller at cpamill@hwdsb.on.ca

Next Steps

- Transition Committee Meeting # 3 at R. L. Hyslop School at 6:00 p.m. on April 18th, 2019
 - If a fourth meeting is needed this will be arranged
- Closure of Collegiate Avenue is June 28, 2019
- Construction at Collegiate Ave Site starts in the summer of 2019
- First day of school at Green Acres and R. L. Hyslop will be September 3rd, 2019