



Pupil Accommodation Review
Community Consultation Meeting
Board Room, Jim McCuaig Education Centre
Thursday, April 28, 2016 - 1:00 p.m.

Chair: David Wright, Superintendent of Business

Resource Staff: Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education
 Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Superintendent of Education
 Dave Covello, Manager of IT and Corporate Planning
 Heather Harris, Capital Planning Officer
 Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer
 Donica LeBlanc, Early Learning Lead

Present: Myra-Jane Bannon, Fort William First Nation
 Karen Cholin, Harbourview Childcare Centre
 Brittany Collins, Fort William First Nation
 Marilyn Grudinski, Little Lions Daycare
 Janet Napash, Eabametoong Education Authority
 Karen O’Gorman, Township of Gillies
 Sid O’Kees, Eabametoong Education Authority
 Lori Roulston, TBDSSAB
 Brenda Sas, Kinderplace Childcare Centre
 Marnie Tarzia, TBDSSAB
 Tom Walters, George Jeffrey Children’s Centre

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Welcome & Introductions	David Wright, Superintendent of Business, welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting will be recorded and the minutes will be posted on the website. Next public meetings for the renewal process are June 6, 2016 for the	

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	<p>South Side Renewal Plan and June 8, 2016 for the North Side Renewal Plan. Feedback from Community Partners will be accepted up to June 6, 2016. Everyone introduced themselves. David Wright informed everyone that all information shared today is posted on the board website.</p>	
Presentation	<p>David Wright Superintendent of Business addressed a power point presentation which will be posted on the board website after the meeting.</p> <p>David Wright explained renewal in two different contexts: the renewal plan and the renewal numbers (what the Ministry uses to determine what the renewal costs are).</p> <p>Once the decision is made, a transition committee will be struck. Consultation will take place with parents/guardians and schools to determine the best transitioning for students.</p>	
Questions and Comments		
Tom Walters	<p>Q- Tom Walters inquired about the Sherbrooke daycare and the transportation routes that will be affected because of the potential changes. Tom Walters expressed concern about after school programs, and how will transportation change and may impact daycares?</p> <p>A- Dave Covello indicated that for the South Side, with Sherbrooke remaining open, the transportation pattern shouldn't change significantly. Sherbrooke will maintain its same catchment area so there would be minimal impact.</p>	
Brenda Sas	<p>Q- Brenda Sas expressed concerns that if Superior CVI were to become the elementary school, what the outdoor playground space would look like. Brenda Sas inquired would the current parking lot be reconfigured to become an outdoor play space?</p>	

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	<p>A- David Wright acknowledged that administration has heard concerns expressed regarding the outdoor play space if Superior were to become the elementary school. Administration is currently investigating what the site could look like as an elementary school. There are several factors such as childcare, section 23 programs, central resources. Administration could look at remediating the parking space to green space. Administration is looking at creating green space if Superior were to become the elementary school.</p>	
Marilyn Grudinski	<p>Q - Marilyn Grudinski inquired with Churchill moving into Westgate will the IB program move as well?</p> <p>A - Sherri-Lynne Pharand confirmed the IB program will move into Westgate.</p>	
Karen O’Gorman	<p>Q - Karen O’Gorman inquired for highschool students from the Gillies area to Westgate, will there be any changes in transportation for students from Gillies?</p> <p>A - Dave Covello indicated at the end of the day, that the transportation routes could be shorter.</p>	
Brenda Sas	<p>Q - Brenda Sas inquired if the larger elementary school would become a Grade K-8 school?</p> <p>A - Sherri-Lynne Pharand indicated that beginning in September, schools that are presently Grades K-6, will transition to become K-8 schools with the exception of McKenzie Public School. It will be a two year phase in period with Grade 7 beginning in September 2016.</p>	
Karen Cholin	<p>Q - Karen Cholin inquired if there had been any more thought as to where the childcares would be located?</p> <p>A - Dave Covello responded that administration is presently in discussions with DSSAB and indicated that the board is working to ensure there is a space for every childcare.</p>	

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	<p>Q - Karen Cholin indicated that she is concerned that the daycare she is located at will be split up.</p> <p>A - Dave Covello indicated that childcare locations have not yet been determined.</p> <p>A - Marnie Tarzia from DSSAB indicated that the DSSAB is presently looking at childcare data projections.</p> <p>A - Lori Roulston from DSSAB indicated no decisions can be made until after the final decision is made by the Lakehead District School Board.</p>	
Karen Cholin	<p>Q - Karen Cholin inquired if there will be a spot for each daycare?</p> <p>A - Dave Covello indicated that the board's plan has a spot for every childcare.</p>	
Brenda Sas	<p>Q - Brenda Sas inquired where will renovation funds come from for daycares?</p> <p>A - David Wright indicated that the board is looking to the Ministry for full funding of renovations for childcares. Administration will recommend to Trustees to fund the costs of the daycares in the elementary schools from the school renewal budget.</p>	
Marilyn Grudinski	<p>Q - Marilyn Grudinski inquired if there are any plans for the St James building, especially because of the historical significance of the building?</p> <p>A - David Wright responded that the board will wait and see how the transition happens. Administration will review surplus spaces. The decision will ultimately be made by Trustees.</p>	
Karen O’Gorman	<p>Q - Karen O’Gorman inquired with the framework of community hubs: is the plan sitting within this and where are the links to that in terms of the projections?</p>	

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	<p>A - Heather Harris responded that administration took a look at the system as a whole, looking at the different neighbourhoods and wrap around services. Heather Harris used Sherbrooke as an example as Sherbrooke has a number of community partners within the school. Heather Harris indicated that any school that has a daycare is considered a community hub. The board, as far as part of the plan, is open to partnerships, and that the board needs to plan with the enrolment that it presently has.</p>	
Karen O’Gorman	<p>Q - Karen O’Gorman inquired if the primary consideration is enrolment and then community hubs?</p> <p>A - Heather Harris confirmed the primary consideration is programming for students, but the board is always open to community hubs.</p>	
Tom Walters	<p>Q - Tom Walters inquired if the board had considered lobbying the Ministry of Education to stop charging daycares for spaces in the schools, now that we are all part of the Ministry?</p> <p>A - David Wright responded that the concept of community hubs comes with other Ministry’s and organizations funding the space they are utilizing in schools. Early Years is now within the Ministry of Education. For Community Hubs in general they are looking for partners to come to the table with money.</p> <p>Q - Tom Walters indicated that it seems ludicrous to him that the money flows from one group to the other and we are all in this together in regards to the needs for children. Tom Walters indicated that it is becoming increasingly difficult to deal with reductions to daycares and wanted to put the comment out there for the record.</p>	

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Tom Walters	<p>Q - Tom Walters inquired if participants would have access to slides that were presented at the meeting.</p> <p>A - David Wright indicated that the information will be posted on the board website and that community partners were invited to provide feedback up until June 6, 2016.</p>	
Final Comments	<p>David Wright thanked everyone for attending, asking questions and providing feedback.</p> <p>Tom Walters indicated that he appreciated the clear information presented and suggested it will be difficult decision for Trustees.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.	