



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
STUDENT ENROLMENT/SCHOOL CAPACITY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
April 20, 2010**

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**Present:** M. Brant, S. Clements, T. Goodfellow, M. Hall, D. Inch,  
H. Marissen, C. Pitman, M. Walker, J. Williams

**Regrets:** C. Cotton

**Resource:** K. Donnell, T. FitzGibbon, R. McGall, J. Montgomery, J. Rogers,  
D. Rutherford, K. Soule, D. Tregenza

**Minutes:** S. Smith

**Call to order**

Chair Goodfellow called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Approval of agenda**

Moved: C. Pitman

Seconded M. Hall

**That the agenda be approved.**

Carried

**Approval of minutes**

Moved: D. Inch

Seconded: H. Marissen

**That the minutes of February 22, 2010 be approved.**

Carried

**Business arising from the minutes**

None.

**Recommendations**

None.

**Information**

Chair Goodfellow reviewed the purpose of the meeting, to receive as information the report and recommendations from the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) and Senior Administration concerning the accommodation review of Athol Central Public School and South Marysburgh Central School. An opportunity for public input into the reports will be provided at a subsequent Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee meeting on May 18, 2010 at South Marysburgh Central School.

**Report from the Athol/South Marysburgh Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)**

Heather Zantingh, Chair of the Accommodation Review Committee, read through the ARC report. The report included information regarding the purpose and rationale for the creation of the ARC, committee membership, public meeting dates and a summary of the accommodation options considered by the ARC. Following much deliberation and community consultation, the ARC voted unanimously to support the accommodation scenario proposed by Senior Administration: the closure of South Marysburgh Central School with Athol Central Public School becoming a JK to Grade 8 school. The recommendation is supported based on the understanding that renovations and enhancements would occur at Athol Central to accommodate students from JK to Grade 8.

The report reflected the passion and concern of committee members and the broader community regarding the loss of a community school. However, the ARC noted that the community is committed to moving ahead and looks forward to working with the school board to make one school a strong, vibrant and sustainable school for years to come.

Chair Goodfellow thanked the Chair and members of the ARC for their hard work and commitment to the process.

**Report from Senior Administration: Athol/South Marysburgh Accommodation Review**

Director Soule referred to the report from Senior Administration. The report recommends for consideration by the Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee the closure of South Marysburgh Central School and that Athol Central Public School becomes a JK to Grade 8 school, accommodating students from South Marysburgh Central School. Director Soule called on Senior Administration to speak to the report.

Referencing a power point presentation, Superintendent FitzGibbon provided background information on the review process and school profile information. Both schools are located on County Road 10 in Prince Edward County and draw from the same catchment area. The two schools are twinned, sharing school administration and one School Council. Superintendent Rutherford reviewed the school enrolments from a historical, current and future perspective and referred to school capacity information. Controller Tregenza reviewed the proposed floor plans and renovations showing a small addition at the back of the school and enhancements and renovations within the school. Preliminary costing, financial estimates and proposed timelines for next steps were reviewed. The projected budget for the renovations and enhancements to Athol Central is \$781,000. Funding to support the initiative would flow from the Early Learning, Enrolment Pressures and School Renewal Grant. Following Board approval, the Integration Committee would be formed. Construction at Athol Central would begin in the spring of 2011, with Athol Central becoming a JK to Grade 8 facility in September 2011.

Superintendent FitzGibbon thanked ARC Chair Heather Zantingh for her leadership and dedication to the accommodation review process and ARC members and school staff for their passion and commitment, working together in the best interest of students.

An opportunity was provided to trustees for questions and clarification of information presented. In response, the following information was provided:

- the old Athol School, located on the grounds of Athol Central Public Schools is being used by the school board for storage
- the projected cost for renovations and enhancements includes applicable taxes
- clarification regarding water supply and school wells. Both schools also have a holding tank and drinking water is trucked in.

**Recommendations**

There were no recommendations.

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm