



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
STUDENT ENROLMENT/SCHOOL CAPACITY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2010**

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

Resource: K. Donnell, T. FitzGibbon, R. McGall, J. Montgomery, M. Norton, 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: M. Walker
Seconded J. Williams

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Approval of minutes

Moved: C. Pitman
Seconded: J. Williams

That the minutes of January 25, 2010 be approved.

Carried

Business arising from the minutes

A composite map showing the boundaries and catchment area for Queen Elizabeth School, Pinecrest Memorial Elementary School, Athol Central Public School and South Marysburgh Central School in Prince Edward County was distributed. Superintendent Rutherford reviewed the school boundary areas and provided a snapshot of the location of each school within the catchment areas. Clarification was provided regarding the McCauley Village area. Students from this area attend either Pinecrest Memorial or Queen Elizabeth School, a historical practice that has continued since the amalgamation of the Hastings County and Prince Edward County school boards.

Athol/South Marysburgh Accommodation Review: update

Superintendent FitzGibbon provided an update. The third ARC meeting was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. The ARC Chair provided a summary of the meeting that took place with ARC members earlier in the month. Members discussed concerns and issues that were identified. The ARC did not see itself as representing two separate communities and felt very strongly about moving forward as one, strong dynamic school community.

At the request of the ARC, Senior Administration provided additional information to the ARC as follows:

- enrolment analysis showing actual student enrolment for 2010 versus Watson's projected enrolment for the district and Prince Edward County
- number of students living within Athol and South Marysburgh wards by school
- draft floor plans showing potential renovations and enhancements to Athol School
- EQAO results for Prince Edward County Schools

The draft floor plans showed a small addition to the back of Athol Central Public School to accommodate two additional classrooms. Other proposed enhancements within the existing school included additional washrooms and the rebuild of existing ones, an early learning centre and larger staff room. Many questions were asked and answered around the proposed renovations and next steps for the ARC.

The ARC passed a motion to move forward and endorse the proposed recommendation from Senior Administration: the closure of South Marysburgh Central School and Athol Central Public School becomes a JK to Grade 8 school. The ARC will meet on March 2, 2010 to prepare its report and recommendation and will present the report on March 22, 2010 to Senior Administration and the public.

An opportunity was provided for questions from trustees. In response, it was clarified that South Marysburgh Central School is considered a rural school for funding purposes and, the current septic system at Athol Central Public School has the capacity to accommodate for the proposed minor addition, should the recommendation be approved.

Recommendations

There were no recommendations.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.