



Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board

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Chair of the Board: Carl Pitman

Director of Education: Kathy Soule

NOTICE OF MEETING

This notice is to confirm that the next meeting of the
Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee (SE/SCC)
will be held on:

Monday, March 30, 2009
commencing at 5:00pm
in the Board Room, Education Centre
156 Ann Street, Belleville, Ontario

The agenda is attached to this notice. **Please bring your complete agenda package from the February 18, 2009 meeting for reference.**

Thelma Goodfellow
Chair of the SE/SCC

Kathy Soule
Director of Education

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



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Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee PUBLIC AGENDA

March 30, 2009 – 5:00 p.m.
Board Room, Education Centre

Section	Item	Report No.	Resp.
A	Call to Order		
	Approval of agenda Approval of minutes – March 4, 2009 Business arising from the minutes		
B	Recommendations		
	None		
C	Information		
	Public input regarding the Report from Senior Administration: West Belleville Accommodation Review		
D	Correspondence		
	None		
	Adjournment		

Next meeting: April 8, 2009, 5:00pm, North Hastings Senior Elementary School



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
STUDENT ENROLMENT/SCHOOL CAPACITY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2009**

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

Regrets: M. Brant, C. Cotton, M. Hall

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

Minutes: S. Smith

The meeting was held at North Hastings Senior Elementary School in Bancroft.

Call to order

Chair Goodfellow called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Approval of agenda

Moved: C. Pitman
Seconded M. Walker

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Approval of minutes

Moved: H. Marissen
Seconded: J. Williams

That the minutes of February 18, 2009 be approved.

Carried

Business arising from the minutes

None

Recommendations

None

Information

Director Soule welcomed staff and members of the public and reviewed the purpose of the meeting: to receive the report and recommendation from senior administration regarding the accommodation review for all schools in North Hastings. Director Soule read through the report describing the purpose for the accommodation review, meetings of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) and details regarding the two final scenarios considered by the ARC, Scenario 003a and 003b. Both scenarios involved the closure of Bancroft Public School.

The report provided details regarding enrolment, capacity, preliminary costing and timelines associated with both scenarios. In either scenario the board would be investing a large percentage of existing board funds to ensure safe, effective and respectful learning environments for students and staff. The closeness of the final vote of the ARC, input from individual school committees and the community and the cost differential of \$1.6 million more for Scenario 003a was recognized and considered by senior administration. Senior administration presented Scenario 003b: the closure of Bancroft Public School with the relocation of students to the current North Hastings Senior Elementary School, creating a Grade JK-8 facility, as the recommended accommodation option for North Hastings.

Director Soule walked the committee briefly through the appendices which included the report and recommendation from the ARC, public input, scenario analyses, a summary of questions, answers and additional information presented and committee meeting minutes and presentation materials.

Director Soule concluded by thanking the members of the North Hastings ARC for their personal time, commitment and dedication to the accommodation review process. Next steps were discussed. A second Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee meeting will be held on April 8, 2009, 5:00pm at North Hastings Senior Elementary School. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for public input regarding the recommendation presented by senior administration. Forms were made available for those interested in presenting and are also posted on the board website. The final decision will be made at the Board meeting on May 25, 2009.

Chair Goodfellow expressed thanks to the administrative team and resource staff for their hard work in the process and applauded ARC members and school communities for their commitment and dedication.

An opportunity was provided for questions from trustees regarding the information presented.

Q - The underlying question throughout the review process has been what will happen to the high school if enrolment drops. Is there any more clarification as to what the high school would look like with less than 500 students?

A - The board will continue to work with community members and partners to maintain a range of programming options and manage excess space in order to minimize future maintenance and operational costs. Good relationship between colleges and community partners will be maintained and nurtured and alternatives such as virtual computer based courses will be considered.

Q - What are the implications if the Grade 7 and 8 students were to be accommodated at the high school? Would it look like a school within a school model with a supervising principal and secretarial support?

A - It is difficult to determine what the final plans would look like at this time. These types of details would be worked out through the Integration Committee, considering factors such as student enrolment, funding, resources and space available.

Q - In order to accommodate Grade JK-6 students from Bancroft Public School at the North Hastings Senior Elementary School site, it appears that additional space will be required. How would the space issue be addressed, through an addition to the school or adding portables, and what impact would this have in five years when enrolment is projected to decline?

A - Details have been provided in preliminary draft floor plans included with the appendices. The addition of a port-a-pac, an extension to the school, would provide more options for space to accommodate the additional students in the immediate future. The port-a-pac consists of a number of portables joined together with a common hallway that joins on to the main school building.

Q - Will there be bussing implications with the closure of Bancroft Public School?

A - Bancroft Public School is located a very short distance from North Hastings Senior Elementary School, therefore there would be little impact in regard to transportation. Some younger students may need to be bussed. Currently all Grade 7 and 8 students from the rural schools travel by bus to North Hastings Senior Elementary School.

Additional comments were expressed in regard to the recommendation from the ARC, Scenario 003a, accommodating the Grade 7 and 8 students at North Hastings High School in a proposed school within a school model. It was noted that under this scenario, staff would continue to be represented by the appropriate union. Elementary students would continue to be taught by elementary teachers.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm