



Decision X Information

To: The Chair and Members of the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board

From: Jennifer Cobb, Chair, Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee
Mandy Savery-Whiteway, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board

Re: **Prince Edward County Area Accommodation Review Recommendations**

Purpose

To bring recommendations to the Trustees as a result of the accommodation review process conducted in the Prince Edward County area.

Background

An accommodation review process was undertaken in the Prince Edward County area as per Policy 15: Student Enrolment/School Capacity: Pupil Accommodation Review which states that a group of schools may be considered for an accommodation review where:

- The school or group of schools will experience an adverse impact on learning opportunities for students due to declining enrolment.
- Reorganization involved the schools will enhance program and learning opportunities for students.
- One or more of the schools is experiencing higher building maintenance or renewal expenses that the average for the system and/or is in need of major capital improvements.

The purpose of the accommodation review was to recommend changes that support:

- More equitable access to program offerings.
- Enriched program offerings wherever possible.
- Continued capacity to deliver special education programs.
- Optimization of resources.

Current situation

According to Policy 15: Student Enrolment/ School Capacity: Pupil Accommodation Review, the Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee (SE/SCC) was required to review the final report from administration and public input and prepare its recommendation to the Board. The recommendations are based on the final report and recommendations from administration, and feedback compiled from the public delegation. The SE/SCC had the discretion to approve the recommendations(s) as presented by administration or to recommend a different outcome. At its meeting on June 12, 2017, the SE/SCC prepared the following recommendations for Board consideration.



Recommendation #1

Moved: D. Patterson

Seconded: L. Kyle

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve Sophiasburgh Central School to remain open subject to conditions one to three (1-3) below:

- 1. That all agreements relative to establishing “The Sophiasburgh Opportunity” a Community Hub at Sophiasburgh Central School are signed in accord with the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board’s Administrative Procedure 570, version October, 2015;**
- 2. Signed contractual agreement(s) with the Sophiasburgh Community hub and The County of Prince Edward fund sourcing and governance building stakeholders are required, by no later than April 30, 2018;**
- 3. Student population sustainability, to ensure program viability must be part of the ongoing contractual consideration;**

Should by May 1, 2018, signed contractual agreement(s) are not realized, for the establishment of a financially viable community hub at Sophiasburgh Central School; then the students from Sophiasburgh Central School are consolidated with students at Prince Edward Collegiate Institute (PECI) for September, 2018, as contained in Board Report No. B-4, dated June 19, 2017.

Recommendation #2

Moved: D. Inch

Seconded: D. Patterson

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the consolidation of students from Pinecrest Memorial Elementary School and Queen Elizabeth School (Picton) at the Queen Elizabeth School (Picton) site effective September 2017 to form a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school, as contained in Board Report No. B-4, dated June 19, 2017;

Recommendation #3

Moved: D. Inch

Seconded: D. Patterson

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve effective September 2017, relocating Grade 7 and 8 students from Pinecrest Memorial Elementary School, and Queen Elizabeth School (Picton) to Prince Edward Collegiate Institute, creating a Grade 7-12 school, as contained in Board Report No. B-4, dated June 19, 2017.

Recommendation #4

Moved: D. Inch

Seconded: D. Patterson

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve consolidating students from Queen Elizabeth School (Picton) and Prince Edward Collegiate Institute at Prince Edward Collegiate Institute creating a Kindergarten to Grade 12 School, effective September 2018, as contained in Board Report No. B-4, dated June 19, 2017.



Recommendation #5

Moved: D. Patterson

Seconded: L. Kyle

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve continuing to explore opportunities for community partnerships for the consolidated school(s), including child care opportunities that are aligned with the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan priorities, as contained in Board Report No. B-4, dated June 19, 2017.

[Prince Edward County Area Accommodation Review Final Report, May 2017](#)

Respectfully submitted,

**Jennifer Cobb, Chair
Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee**

**Mandy Savery-Whiteway
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