



PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW UPDATE

Yarker Family School & Odessa Public School

January 2017

New options presented by PARC

As part of its work to provide feedback on the Initial Staff Report that recommends the closure of Yarker Family School and the relocation of students to Odessa Public School, PARC members have been discussing proposed alternatives. Some of the options under discussion include:

- Rental option – use classroom as community sharing centre (community hub)
- Increase grades to 4/5
- Close Odessa Public School
- Hold off on process due to flaws
- Provide specialized programs at Yarker
- Introduce French Immersion program

These options are included in the PARC Working Committee Meeting minutes, which are available on the LDSB website at <http://limestone.on.ca/PARC/Yarker>. The PARC will further review and discuss these options at its next meeting.

Pupil and Accommodation Review Online Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the online survey to provide parents and members of the community with an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed recommendation to close Yarker Elementary School and relocate students to Odessa Public School.

The survey responses will be reviewed by the PARC at its next PARC Working Committee Meeting (deferred at its January 26 meeting). The survey was open from November 30, 2016 to January 20, 2017. There were 47 respondents (19 parents/guardians, 3 staff and 25 community members).

Information collected in the survey, along with information from the November 30, 2016 Public Meeting, will be forwarded to the PARC and posted to the Board's website. This information will also be included in the Community Consultation section of the Final Staff Report to be presented to the Board of Trustees at a School Enrolment/School Capacity Committee of the Board on April 24, 2017. Final decisions on the report are tentatively scheduled to be made at the May 17, 2017 Board Meeting.

Consultation with Community Partners

As part of its consultation around long-term accommodation planning and pupil accommodation reviews, the Board has held two meetings to invite feedback and input from municipal and community partners. The meetings, held in September and January, were intended to allow municipal and community partners to share and present relevant planning information that might affect recommendations or decisions made by the Board of Trustees.



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Additional PARC Working Meeting

The PARC agreed at its January 26 meeting that another working meeting was needed. This meeting is in addition to previously scheduled meeting on March 21, 2017. The additional meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 16 at Yarker Family School.

School Enrolment/School Capacity Committee Meeting Dates

Dates for upcoming School Enrolment School Capacity Committee (SE/SCC) meetings have been finalized. Trustees will receive the Final Staff Report and discuss recommendations at these meetings (with the exception of the delegation meeting).

- April 3, 2017 – 6 p.m. at LDSB Education Centre: Trustees receive Final Staff Report
- April 24, 2017 – 6 p.m. at Yarker Family School: Trustees receive delegations
- May 17, 2017 – 4:30 p.m. at LDSB Education Centre: Trustee discussion and recommendation(s)

How to provide feedback

Community consultation and feedback is an important part of the accommodation review process. Here is how you can provide feedback:

1. Parents and the community are encouraged to provide input to the PARC (via your school representatives).
2. Parents and the community can participate in a public meeting scheduled for March 7, 2017.
3. Parents and the community are invited to submit questions to the PARC Facilitator via email to: facilitator@limestone.on.ca
4. Parents and the community can apply to be a public delegation at a Special Board Meeting scheduled for 6 p.m., April 24, 2017 at Yarker Family School.

All questions and comments received by the PARC, and the feedback from the two public meetings, will be used to assist Board staff in developing a final report for the Board of Trustees. The Final Staff Report will be delivered to the School Enrolment/School Capacity Committee (SE/SCC) in the spring of 2017. The SE/SCC will hold a meeting to allow the public to make formal delegations concerning the Final Staff Report.

It is expected that the Board of Trustees will make its final decision regarding this Pupil Accommodation Review at its May 17, 2017 meeting.

You can read the staff report and more about the process by visiting the LDSB website at <http://www.limestone.on.ca/PARC/Yarker>