



MINUTES OF THE

WAINFLEET ELEMENTARY ACCOMODATION REVIEW ARC/PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

William E. Brown Public School
6:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Cam Hathaway, Leigh Ann Sauer, Lesley Stratford, Chris McInnis, Sherry Gaylord, Cheryl Keddy-Scott, C. Wohlschlagel, Michelle T. Higles, Shawna Marr, Abby Marr, Jason & Jessica Duliban, Janine Odreman, Donna Cridland, Sarah Ivins, Terry Gilmore, Jen Bartlett, Ryan Lacharity, Ted Hellels, Yvonne Hessels, Nancy Beamer, Lisa Ormel.

Cam Hathaway introduced himself as the Facilitator for the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review and welcomed everyone to the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) and public meeting.

Mr. Hathaway explained the purpose of the Accommodation Review Committee is to review the proposal recommendation and provide input on behalf of everyone; parents and the public. It was confirmed that the Accommodation Review website www.dsbn.org/arc contains all the information regarding the accommodation review including all questions asked during meetings and throughout the review. All questions submitted online or asked during meetings will be reviewed by the committee.

The Accommodation Review Committee then introduced themselves:

Sherry Gaylord – Parent, Winger

Chris McInnis – Principal, Winger

Leigh Ann Sauer – Principal, William E. Brown

Lesley Stratford - Parent, William E. Brown

Cheryl Keddy-Scott – Trustee, Grimsby and Town of Lincoln

Diane Chase – Trustee, West Lincoln and Wainfleet (unable to attend)

The committee and the majority of attendees were taken on a tour of the school.

Mr. Hathaway then referred to the presentation (attached as Appendix A) and reviewed the slides Background, Guidelines, Overview of Schools, Projections, Proposed Accommodation Option.

It was then shared for the meeting the following questions that arose from the orientation session on May 10, 2018;

The only comment that has been heard is that the parents, etc. want to see a school remain in the village area.

Question arose about the expertise of teachers. Some teachers have English, math, physical education and with a smaller school may have to teach other subjects.

Also the split classes were mentioned. With a larger number of students in the school it would allow for a decrease in the number of split classes.

Accommodation Review Committee Portion of the Meeting

Mr. Hathaway asked the committee members if there were any questions after their review of the Initial Staff Report.

Sherry Gaylord asked what will happen with the decision since there is a municipal election in October. Mr. Hathaway explained that the final report will be presented at the October 23, 2018 Board Meeting but the Trustees will still have until November 27, 2018 for their final decision. The new Trustees will not be sworn in until the January 2019 Board Meeting. All Trustees make the final decision on the Accommodation Review, they receive all the information that committee reviews in order to be informed of the entire process.

Lesley Stratford asked if the high schools will be altered for the students after the accommodation review. Mr. Hathaway explained that the high schools the students currently proceed to will not be altered by the Accommodation Review.

Cheryl Keddy-Scott asked what the travel distance is between William E. Brown and Winger Public Schools. Chris McInnis mentioned it was approximately 6 minutes.

There were no further questions for comments.

Public Portion of the Meeting

Mr. Hathaway then opened the public portion of the meeting indicating that no one in attendance signed the speakers list. He asked the audience in attendance if they had any questions and if possible would try and answer them or possibly staff present might be able to assist with the answer.

Will they build a new building?

The Board currently has one shared building with the Catholic Board in Niagara Falls at Kate S. Durdan/Loretto School. They share the same building, learning commons and gymnasium. There previously was one in St. Catharines Pinegrove/Michael J. Brennan School but the Catholic Board moved their students to a nearby school as the enrolment was low.

What would community use look like within the proposed school?

The community use of schools is currently looked after by the board. Annual meetings are held with municipalities to see if there is an interest in a partnership to utilize space in schools or aspects of the schools such as gymnasiums. In Welland there is a partnership with the Welland Public Library and they share library space in Diamond Trail Public School. Also, in Niagara on the Lake the Town worked with the school board and the size of the gymnasium was increased for the running of external programs. The Board met with the Township of Wainfleet to discuss the possibility of a partnership since there is a need for items such as off site health care in this area or possibly a new mothers program.

What is the enrolment at the Catholic school?

There are approximately 90 students in St. Elizabeth at this time. As with the DSNB schools it is very costly to keep a building running under capacity and to also be able to do the facility upgrades required. We do not have access to the projections for that school at this time.

Mr. Hathaway then asked if there were any other questions. Since there were none he reviewed the upcoming meeting dates (Appendix A). He noted that in the report the next meeting date was set for September 20, 2018 but it was moved to September 19, 2018 due to the Fall Fair.

To stay informed of the process people should visit the website www.dsbm.org/arc for all up to date information. Mr. Hathaway encouraged those in attendance to talk to others in the area in order for everyone to keep informed about the review, he then thanked everyone in attendance for their participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Questions that have arisen during the public input portion of the meeting can be found at www.dsbm.org/arc under Questions Asked

Welcome

Agenda

6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. School Tour

6:15 p.m. Initial Staff Report and School
Information Profile Overview
Accommodation Review Committee
Working Meeting
Public Input

Purpose of Committee

Introduction of Committee





Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review ARC/Public Meeting

May 16, 2018

Background

- ▶ The DSBN's Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) identifies the Wainfleet Elementary Planning Area as an area where review may be an option to address accommodation issues.
- ▶ Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline update
- ▶ November 28, 2017 – approval to prepare Initial Staff Report (ISR) to review:
 - a joint-use school project for the three elementary schools serving Wainfleet
 - February 27, 2018 the NCDSB indicated it would support the proposed joint-use school initiative



Background

- ▶ March 27, 2018- Initial Staff Report presented and approved:
 - Initiation of Accommodation Review
 - Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)
- ▶ Public, Municipalities and Community Partners notified
- ▶ April 2018 meeting with Township of Wainfleet
- ▶ May 2018 ARC Orientation Meeting



Overview of Schools

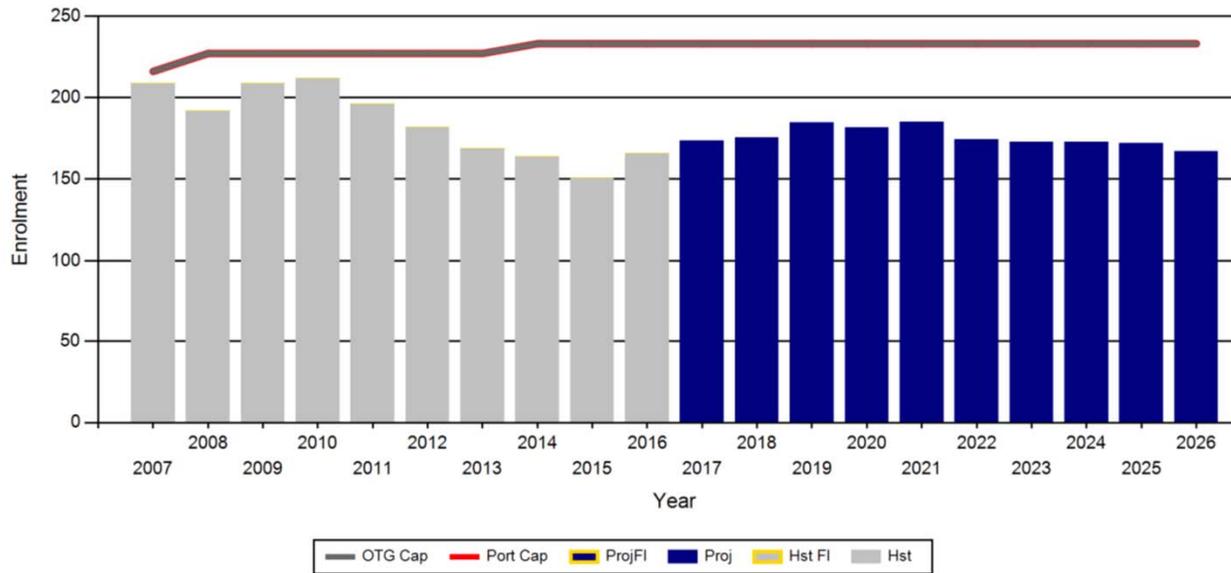
SCHOOL	STRUCTURE & PROGRAM	CAPACITY	ENROLMENT (OCT 2017)	FACILITY UTILIZATION (2017)	SITE SIZE
William E. Brown PS	Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, Elementary	219	183	83.6%	2.76 hectares (6.8 acres)
Winger PS	Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, Elementary	279	195	69.9%	4.26 hectares (10.5 acres)



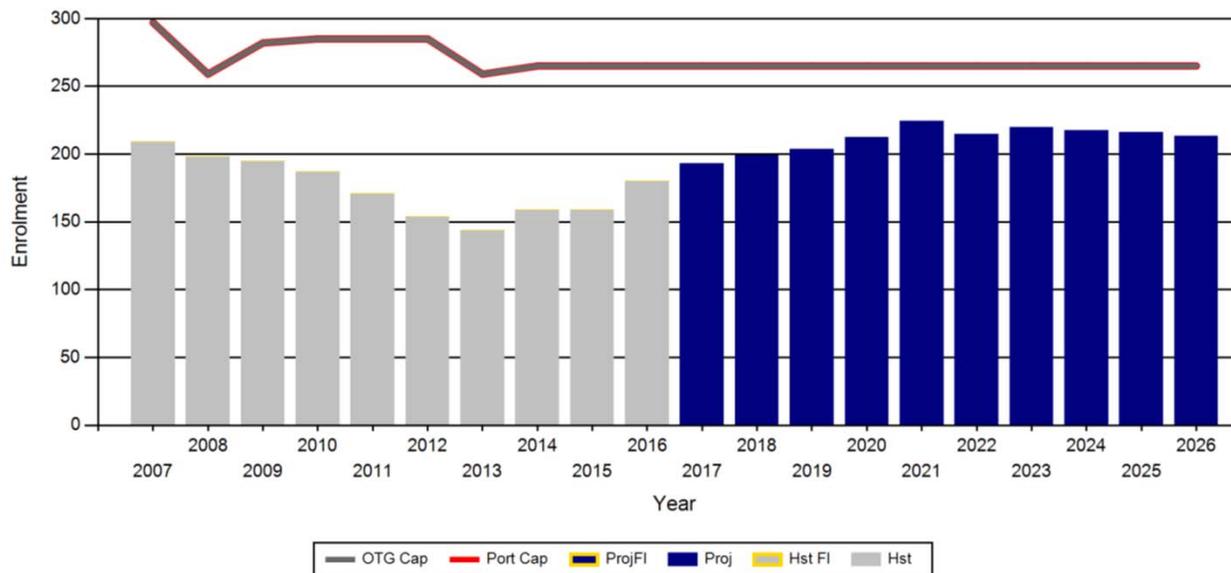
Enrolment Projections

- ▶ Projections are based on documented data
 - School enrolment
 - Grade to grade retention rates
 - Live births
 - Municipal data, new development and building permit activity

William E. Brown



Winger



Proposed Accommodation Option

- ▶ Consolidate William E. Brown and Winger schools into a joint-use DSBN-NCDSB school on a site to be determined.
- ▶ Benefits include:
 - Enhanced programming
 - More variety of extra-curriculars
 - Larger staff
 - Improved enrolment and facility utilization
 - Funding efficiencies
- ▶ The proposed option will be subject to Board and Ministry approval.



Wed Sept 19, 2018	ARC/Public Meeting #2 Municipal/Community Partners Comments Close To Inform Final Staff Report
Tues Oct 23, 2018	Board Meeting Final Report Presented to Trustees and Public Delegations
Tues Nov 27, 2018	Board Meeting Addendum - Final Staff Report for Presentation and Consideration

Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review

www.dsbn.org/arc



INFORMATION REGARDING: Public Meetings Guidelines

1. To ensure everyone's voice is heard, there will be a Speakers List to sign for those wishing to present at the meeting.
2. This session is for public input so there is a time limit of **three minutes** per speaker. It is important to establish a sense of decorum so that all voices can be respected and heard.
3. Members of the public are asked to have their thoughts in **written form** to be recorded and attached to the minutes of the meeting as part of the Accommodation Review records. (*Municipal Freedom of Information/Privacy of Protection Act, 1990*)
4. If making a comment on behalf of a group of people, please advise of the approximate number represented.

