

TO: Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

TOPIC: **City of Peterborough Secondary Schools: Group Pupil Accommodation Review**

INITIATOR: D. Blair, Superintendent on Special Assignment
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BACKGROUND

1. The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board aims to provide educational programs and services of the highest quality, in facilities conducive to a stimulating learning environment and designed to meet the needs of all pupils, within fiscal parameters. In addition to facilitating the delivery of our Board mission, the Board will endeavour to optimize the use of its facilities. Various factors beyond the control of the Board impact on this commitment. These factors include declining, increasing, and shifting populations, current funding and operation realities, new provincial legislation and policy, changing educational objectives and physical limitations of buildings.
2. In January 2010, the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board reviewed and revised Board Policy No. BA-1.2, Pupil Accommodation Review: School Closure/Consolidation, which relates to pupil accommodation and accommodation reviews, as a result of new provincial directives released in June 2009.

This policy governs the process by which schools are to be identified and recommended for study and review. Any school, or group of schools, impacted by the following criteria, may be identified in an individual or group accommodation review.

Program Viability

Any school, or group of schools, which is deemed not able to offer a viable program in terms of enrolment, class sizes and/or grade configurations. This includes schools that under the normal staffing allocation would require the assignment of more than two grades to one class in elementary schools and multigrade/level/subjects to one class in secondary schools. Schools that are unable to provide an equitable range of learning opportunities for students will also be identified.

Overcrowded

Any school, or group of schools whose Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) exceeds, or is projected to exceed its pupil places as designated by the On The Ground Capacity allocation by 15% or more shall be identified.

Operating/Maintenance Costs

Any school, or group of schools, which is/are deemed to have extraordinary operating and maintenance costs which affect efficiency within the grants provided by the Ministry to the Board. Any school that is experiencing higher building maintenance expense than the average for the system and/or is in need of major capital improvements shall be identified.

Underutilized

Any school, or group of schools whose Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) falls, or is projected to fall below 85% of the pupil places as designated by the On The Ground Capacity allocation.

Other

Any school, group of schools or area which, in the opinion of administration should be considered due to exceptional circumstances. Such exceptional circumstances can include but are not limited to:

- 2.1.5.1 the school is destroyed by fire or other catastrophe;
- 2.1.5.2 the school is unusable due to environmental hazard;
- 2.1.5.3 the school is unusable due to a health hazard.

3. At the April 29, 2010 Regular Board Meeting, senior administration presented the Annual Accommodation Review Report. The City of Peterborough - Secondary Accommodation was identified as an area for review beginning in January 2011.

STATUS

4. While the Annual Pupil Accommodation Report (April 2010) identified the Peterborough secondary schools as an area review, Adam Scott Intermediate School and Kenner Intermediate School are incorporated in this review as they share some of the same physical space as Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute and Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute.
5. The Data Reports providing key information regarding the proposed Group Pupil Accommodation Review for Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School, and Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School, are found in Appendices A, B, C, and D respectively.
6. In summary, Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School, and Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School, have been identified for a group school accommodation review, based on the following criteria:

Underutilized

- The On The Ground (OTG) capacity for pupils attending the Peterborough secondary schools is 4071. It is noteworthy that the total OTG capacity of the four buildings becomes 4602 when the current pupil places allocated to the intermediate schools at Adam Scott CVI and Kenner CVI are included.
- From 2000/01 to 2009/10 secondary pupil enrolment declined by 900.3.
- Current enrolment is 3056.75 pupils which is 1014.25 pupils below capacity.
- Secondary enrolment projections over the next five years show a decline to 2303.03 pupils by 2015 which would be 1767.97 pupils below current capacity.

Program Viability

- As the number of pupils decline in a secondary school the breadth of programming becomes narrower.
 - Declining pupil enrolment reduces the number of teaching staff which, in turn, reduces the breadth of teaching expertise.
 - At the current enrolment levels some courses are already offered in multi-grade settings and others only in alternate years.
 - The availability of specialized program facilities affects the course offerings at some sites.
7. Appendix E provides a proposed critical path for the accommodation review process. This timeline has been created according to Ministry guidelines for the required timeframes for school reviews.
 8. School administration will begin the process of inviting school council members, secondary school students and staff who are interested in participating in the review process once the decision is made to proceed with the review. Local representation from the political and business community will be sought as well.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That, in accordance with Board Policy No. BA-1.2, Pupil Accommodation Review: School Closure/Consolidation, which relates to pupil accommodation reviews, Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School, and Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School, be identified for a group review and possible closure(s).
2. That, in accordance with Board Policy No. BA-1.2, Pupil Accommodation Review: School Closure/Consolidation, an Accommodation Review Committee be formed to conduct a review of Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School, and Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School.

3. That Trustee _____ be appointed as the trustee representative from another jurisdiction to join City of Peterborough Trustees Kitney and Wilfong as a member of the Accommodation Review Committee for Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School, and Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School.

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