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Parent Information Meeting

- 1) Welcome and Introductions – M. Masterson
- 2) Project Update and Building Challenges – C. Arnew/B. Ferkul
- 3) Our Plan: 2019/2020 School Year – J. Nigro
- 4) Questions and Answers

Your New School

- The new school is scheduled to open September 2020 and will include both English and French Immersion streams.
- The unique natural environment of the King George property represents an opportunity to build an innovative school that features
 - 21st century learning environments,
 - sustainable design,
 - integration of indoor and outdoor learning environments,
 - a child care facility, and
 - natural play spaces.

Project Update

- KPR has been awarded over \$18M in provincial funding to build the new elementary school.
- The board has approved an additional \$2.2M if necessary
- Funding has increased by over 30% from original amount to address site challenges.

Project Update

- Site plan approval is expected February 2019, followed by issuing and awarding of tenders.
- Construction expected to begin June 2019.
- Scheduled occupancy of September 2020.

Building Challenges

- Site challenges associated with building on the King George school site are significant and include:
 - Steep grades
 - Drainage
 - Site preparation work
 - Heavy equipment traffic
 - Bus and normal parent and city traffic

Building Challenges – Safety First

- The safety of our students and staff has to be our paramount concern during any capital project.
- As we have worked through the design and site preparation phases of this project, it has become clear that it is not possible to safely keep students and staff in the King George building while the new school is being built.
- Our safety concerns are not just for everyone on-site during the school day, but also walking and driving to school each day.

Our Plan – 2019/2020 School Year

- We plan to house King George PS students and staff in the Ridpath PS site for the 2019-2020 school year.

Our Plan – How did we get here?

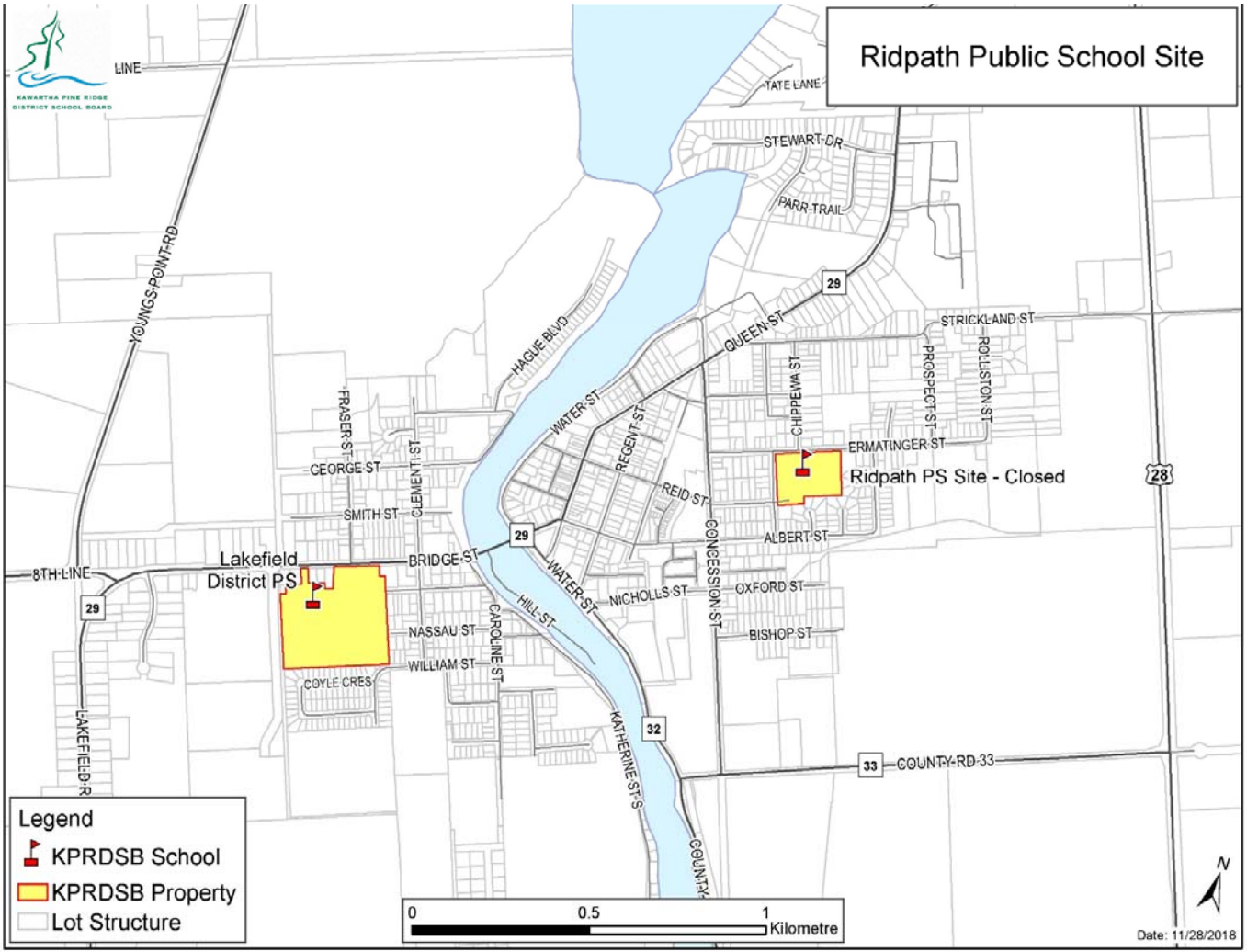
- We explored many options to accommodate students and staff during the building phase. These options included:
 - keeping some or all of the King George school community in the existing school building throughout the construction process
 - housing the students in the former Monseigneur-Jamot school site on Romaine Street, in Peterborough
 - combining the King George PS and Armour Heights PS communities within Armour Heights and Ridpath school sites.

Our Plan – Why Ridpath Junior PS site?

- The Ridpath Junior Public School site is six acres and move-in ready.
- Capacity for 435 students. Current KG enrolment is 330 students so ample room
- There is a broad playground with plenty of green space for safe play and outdoor learning.
- It is located within a quiet neighbourhood.
- Until December 2017, Ridpath was in use by students, and it remains a fully functioning school building.
- The entire King George population will remain together for the year.



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Our Plan - Next Steps

- **Transportation** – We will provide busing for all students, with stops near their home, to and from the Ridpath Junior PS site each day.
- **Before and After School Care** – We know parents rely on these programs. We are working with our child care partners on how we can maintain service for families, most likely at Armour Heights PS, with busing provided to and from Ridpath.
- **School bell times** – We know parents are anxious for this information. We will be working to finalize bell times and bus stop information as soon as possible.

Your Questions

- We know you have questions and we will continue to share information with you over the coming months.
- We thank those who submitted some initial questions and we would like to respond to those now.
- Most of the questions that we have received are about:
 - School Bell Times
 - Transportation
 - Before and After-School Care
 - Program/Enrolment Questions, and
 - Questions about Ridpath

School Bell Times

- 1) Will the school day begin and end earlier to allow children and parents enough time to return to town and still get to after-school extracurricular activities?
- 2) When will we know about school bell times so we can organize before and after-care, after-school activities, etc.?
- 3) What school bell time options are there?

Transportation Questions

- 1) What is the maximum amount of time an average bus ride to Ridpath will take?
- 2) How will decisions about bus stop locations be made?
- 3) Can students be bused to and from parents' workplaces instead of home address?
- 4) If students are attending King George out of bounds, will they be accommodated for busing?
- 5) For parents who don't drive, or rely on city transit, what will happen when their children are sick, or need to get to appointments?
- 6) Questions about supervision on buses, driver training, number of students per bus, personal device use on buses for families who don't currently use buses

Before and After-School Care

- 1) Where and when will before and after-school care be offered?
- 2) Will students be bused from Armour to Ridpath in the morning and from Ridpath to Armour in the afternoon for the before and after-school program?
- 3) For parents who rely on public transit, how will students get to the before and after-school program?
- 4) Will there be any options for child supervision on snow days (for parents who work but cannot drive to Lakefield)?

Program/Enrolment Questions

- 1) For families who attempt to enroll their children at other schools, what will be the process for considering exceptions, e.g. students with special needs or low-income families without vehicles?
- 2) Could Kindergarten students start at/attend Armour instead of being bused to Ridpath? A full day and long bus ride are concerns.
- 3) If a student in French Immersion is home schooled or attends an English school next year, can they rejoin French Immersion next year?
- 4) While at Ridpath, is there an opportunity to share resources with Lakefield DPS and offer Anishinaabemowin language or culture programming for students?
- 5) What is the capacity of the new school versus population projections - will the new school accommodate all of the students in the area, including French Immersion and new subdivisions?

Questions About Ridpath

- 1) Why was Ridpath closed, are there any health concerns, such as asbestos?
- 2) Will parent/teacher interviews and school-community events be held in Peterborough or at Ridpath?
- 3) Will there be extra-curricular activities at Ridpath, particularly for students whose options may be limited by the move?
- 4) If the school is not ready in September 2020, will students continue to be bused to Ridpath?

Additional Questions

- 1) Since the original decision to build a new school included consideration of the major factor of not having to relocate any of the students, should the decision to close King George and Armour Heights be reconsidered?
- 2) How will the board avoid losing students to separate school or homeschooling?
- 3) How will you rebuild trust with parents, staff and students and give us opportunities to know about the major challenges and potential solutions as they arise in this project?

Next Steps

- Parents and guardians can continue to submit questions to kpr_info@kprdsb.ca
- Updates will be shared with parents and posted on the school board website www.kprschoools.ca in the East City School section, accessible from the home page.

Thank You



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