

Kawartha Heights Public School Accommodation Planning Meeting Feedback

In-person feedback included the following concerns/themes:

Suggestions/Considerations:

- Parent wanted confirmation that Grade 7 and 8's going to James Strath PS will remain at James Strath PS and continue to Crestwood SS for secondary school.
- Discussion around concerns about transitions and student mental health.
- Discussion around James Strath PS school planning – Literacy and Math.
- Parent stated, this is a bandage.
- Parent stated, I am struggling to provide input when KPR isn't giving us more information about the future, not my problem to solve the board's problems.
- Requested Kawartha Heights PS be given portables and keep grade 7 and 8's.
- Westmount PS and Kawartha Heights PS can stay at their own schools or come to Kawartha Heights PS.
- Suggested a parent committee be developed as a long-term working group to represent school communities during the long-term accommodation planning.
- Suggested Millbrook South Cavan PS students goes to Kenner CVI.
- Raised concerns around walkers from Kawartha Heights PS to James Strath PS – Brealey Drive and Cherryhill Road, requires a crossing guard.
- Parents discussed concerns around traffic flow and congestion. Discussion occurred that the city is investing in Brealey Road. However, this is happening during the two years that the Grade 7 and 8's are at James Strath PS which will make walking and traffic less safe during construction.

Questions:

- Parents questioned why KPR was not proactive but reactive. The board knew that construction was happening but believes the board didn't plan ahead and this is why the board is in the position they are in now.
- Is there funding for new schools?
- Were portables considered to be put on Kawartha Heights PS property?
- Why wasn't KPR buying more property in the county when enrolment pressures started?
- Crestwood SS septic/well, will the building ever be able to hold more capacity, is KPR investing in the Crestwood SS building?
- Has the board considered Grade 7 and 8 transition plans, to support students?
- Has KPR considered making Westmount PS full French Immersion (FI)?