

## **Westmount Public School Accommodation Planning Meeting Feedback**

In-person feedback included the following concerns/themes:

### **Suggestions & Considerations:**

- Request was made to preserve local walkability.
- Request was made to end the compound patchwork fixes.
- Consider a transition committee at elementary schools for example to arrange tours of new school.
- Suggestion was made that French Immersion (FI) Grade 8's to Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute be grandfathered in, requesting they stay at Adam Scott CVI, keeping families together.
- Requested another meeting before spring accommodation meeting and welcome all trustees of the board.
- Fill Kenner Intermediate School with Millbrook South Cavan PS intermediates.
- Requested more plans options next time.
- Grade 7 and 8 to remain at Kawartha Height PS and supply Westmount PS with portables to reduce transitions.
- Send North Cavan PS students to James Strath PS, Westmount PS and Kawartha Heights PS have portables on site.
- Safety concerns for walkers, need crossing guards are at Brealey Drive and Cherryhill Road.
- Make Westmount PS FI only.
- Be transparent about long-term planning, we can't make short-term decisions without knowing long-term plans.
- Worry about siblings going to different secondary schools.
- Why not bus Millbrook/South Cavan PS students to Kenner CVI for secondary school.
- Make Kenner CVI and Intermediate school French and English stream.
- Students who go to James Strath PS will need to go through those social motions twice.
- This proposal doesn't address what happens when the Grade 6 students finish James Strath PS in three years, which is larger/bigger picture, more information is required.
- Accommodate students in the neighbourhood they live, local students should not be displaced for French Immersion.
- Transparency – we have been told this decision (September 2024) has not been finalized, but we have been shown data tonight that includes data showing this decision has final ("Proposed Accommodation Measure" Slide)
- Request granting exceptions to students/families who have been affected/impacted by previous moves.
- Consultation doesn't feel authentic with only one recommendation brought forward.
- Departure will occur to other school boards and private schools.
- There is a lack of institutional trust.

**Questions**

- Will any teachers at the elementary schools move to James Strath PS?
- Why wasn't James Strath PS selected in 2018?
- Does the address depict which intermediate school the student goes to?
- How many resource teachers at James Strath PS?
- Will consideration be made to facilitate the social consequences that could occur?
- What considerations if any are being made for students with special needs?
- When boundaries change, will students be grandfathered in with consideration around younger siblings?
- How is KPR reducing the impact on families?
- Can we send the JK students to James Strath PS rather than having them transition two schools for Grade 6 students and repeat the following year?
- Which schools are under/over enrolment?
- If Millbrook South Cavan PS and North Cavan PS are already way over capacity and with the growing community they have, why isn't the solution being dealt with in Millbrook. Why does this affect Peterborough so much?
- What is the trigger to build an intermediate school in Millbrook or Cavan?
- What is the trigger to build a new secondary school in Peterborough?
- What is the decision process for phase two and how can the community be involved?
- Do the student enrolment trends take into consideration the new multi-phase new builds in Lily Lake Trails?
- Will consideration of re-opening Lakefield High School or Peterborough Collegiate Vocational School happen?
- Can closed schools be re-opened, Armour Heights PS (2019) Ridpath PS (2017) PCVS (2012) South Monaghan PS (2014).
- Will children who live within the catchment area for a certain high school and live close enough to walk still be attending that school? (as opposed to being bussed out of area)
- No mitigation strategy provided that shows effort to reduce impact to already impacted families, as the decision-making body (trustees) were they also only provided 1 option?
- Feedback must be valued – has the decision already been made?
- Is there childcare available?