

WEST GALT

Elementary Schools' Pupil Accommodation Review

Public Meeting #2

March 1, 2012

Blair Road P.S. 7:00 p.m.



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Agenda

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1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Accommodation Review Process
3. Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)
4. Draft Review Objectives
5. School Information Profiles
6. Questions/Other



What is a Pupil Accommodation Review?

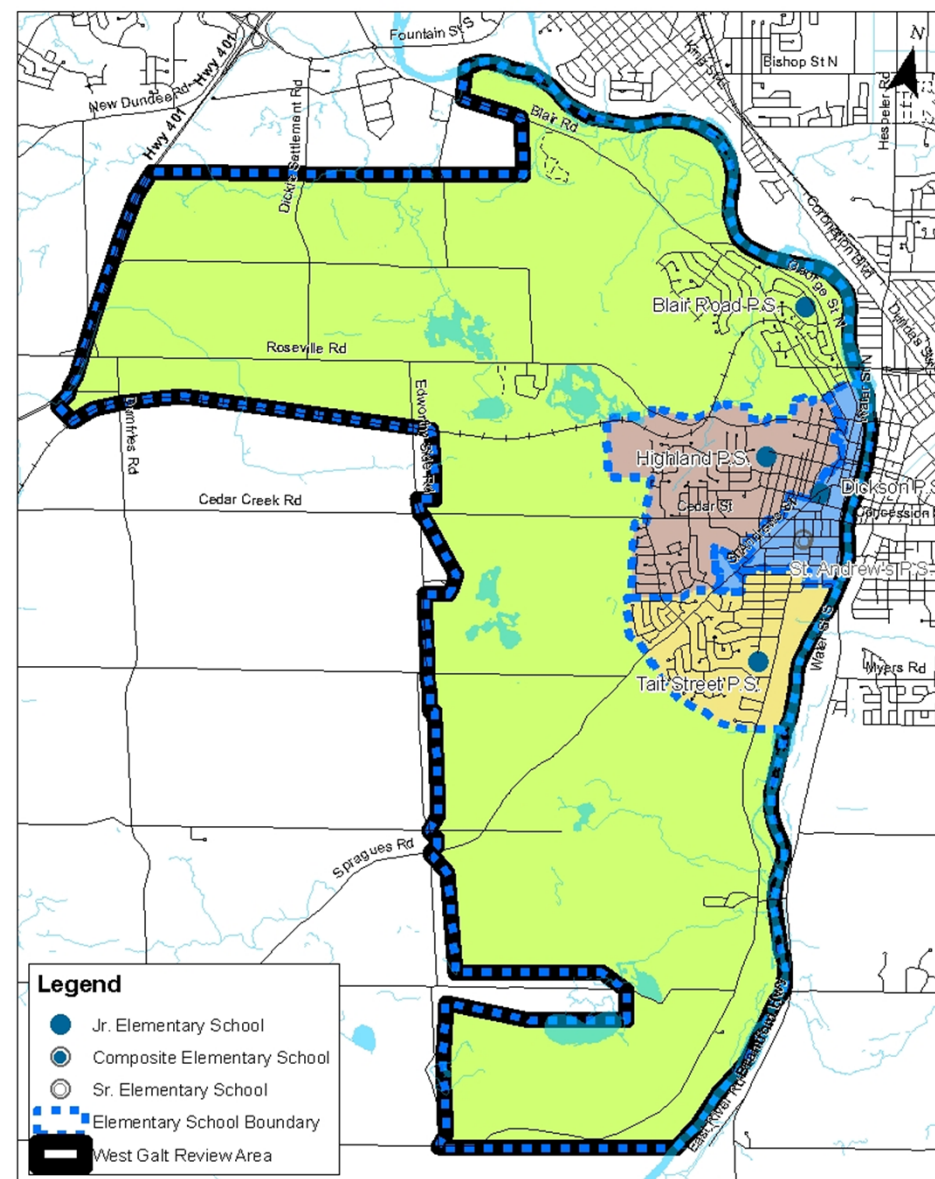
- a formal public process that ensures a decision taken by a school board regarding the future of student accommodation has the full involvement of an informed local community
- a process based on a broad range of criteria regarding the quality of the learning experience for students



Review Area

- The West Galt Review Area includes:
 - Blair Road P.S. (JK-6)
 - Dickson P.S. (JK-5)
 - Highland P.S. (JK-5)
 - St. Andrew's P.S. (6-8)
 - Tait Street P.S. (JK-6)

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West Galt Enrolment and Capacity

School	On-the-Ground Capacity (2011-2012)	On-the-Ground Capacity (2012-2013)	Enrolment – October 31, 2011		# portables	% Capacity
			Total	FTE*		
Blair Road PS	279	294	245	212.5	0	76%
Dickson PS	161	161	115	115	0	71%
Highland PS	348	464	532	454.5	6	131%
St. Andrew's PS	424	424	446	446	4	105%
Tait Street PS	348	348	304	269	0	77%
TOTAL	1560	1691	1642	1497	10	96%

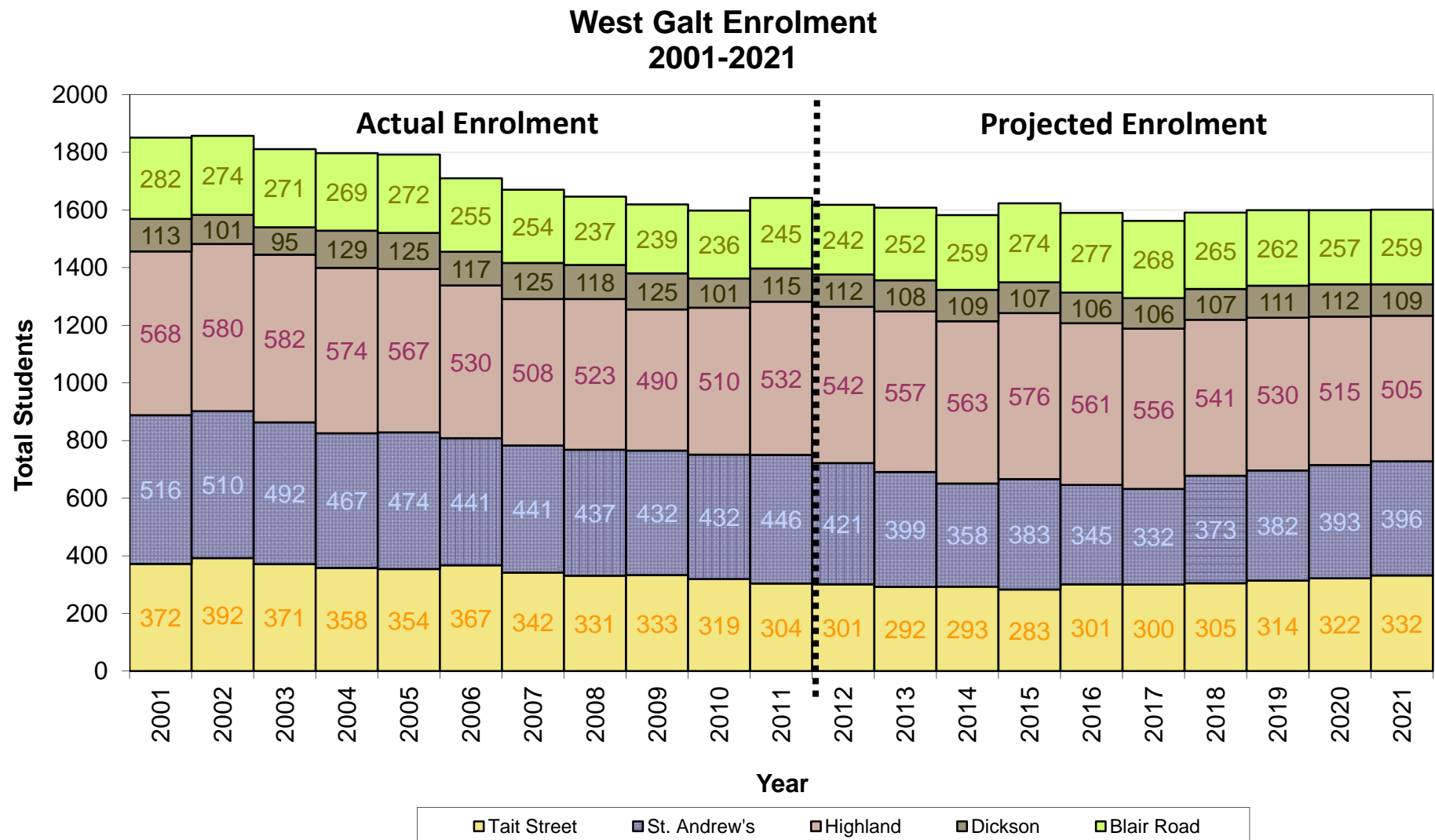
*FTE refers to Full Time Enrolment – Kindergarten students counted as half a student because they only use the facilities half the time

% Capacity = FTE/Built Capacity

On-the-Ground capacity is the Ministry recognized loading of classrooms in a school. This may not accurately represent how the school is being utilized.



West Galt Projected and Historic Enrolment 2001-2021



**12% decline 2001-2011
compared to Board
increase of 3%**

ARC Membership

The ARC consists of:

- Up to 2 parents/guardians from each school
- The principal from each school
 - Jodie Hancox-Meyer, Blair Road
 - Barry Frame – Dickson
 - Wendy Bowker – Highland
 - Karen Tomlin – St. Andrew's
 - Marcia Lubert – Tait Street
- The review area Superintendent of Education
 - Lila Read
- WRDSB Planning/Facilities Staff
 - Lauren Manske, Senior Planner
 - Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner
 - Dennis Cuomo, Manager of Planning
 - Ron Dallan, Manager of Capital Projects
 - Andrea Kean, Recording Secretary
- Study area municipal representation
 - City of Cambridge Planning
- Up to 2 community representatives



Accommodation Review Process

Process

Identify issues



Develop Objectives



Develop Scenarios



Evaluate Scenarios**



Accommodation Report

School Information Profiles

Accommodation Review Reference Criteria



ARC Meetings

- Explain process
- Present Background info
- Identify issues
- Discuss limiting factors

- Discuss Issues
- Complete Info Profiles
- Develop Objectives

- Develop Scenarios

- Review Public Feedback
- Refine Scenario(s)

- Review Public Feedback
- Confirm Preferred Scenario(s)

- Complete Accommodation Report

Public Meetings

- Explain process
- Review Background information
- Receive Feedback

- Present Draft Objectives/ Initial Scenarios

- Present Refined Scenarios

- Present Accommodation Report
- Receive Feedback

**Scenario development and evaluation may go through multiple iterations as scenarios are evaluated , and new ideas result from the evaluation.

Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

Mission

To advise and provide recommendations that will inform the final decision made by the Board of Trustees about the future of student accommodation in the West Galt community of Cambridge.

Vision

To strengthen the quality of learning experience for students



Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

Goals

- To establish grade configurations that provide the best learning opportunities for students and staff
- To establish sustainable/long-term enrolments that provide equitable learning opportunities for students and staff
- To increase equity of facilities necessary to deliver curriculum and support student achievement
- To establish/maintain facilities and boundaries that are long-term (approx. 10 years), and consider:
 - *Walking distances (community/neighbourhood-level schools)*
 - *Efficiency of transportation*
 - *Capacity of schools*
 - *Current and future population density and demographics*
 - *Proximity to other schools*
 - *Impact on feeder and surrounding schools*
- To minimize the impact on students where changes are proposed (consideration for grandparenting, phasing, transitions, etc.)
- To improve the long-term opportunity for the Board to make a solid business case for additional capacity funding as residential development plans progress in Cambridge West

Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

Draft Objectives

- To eliminate the JK-5 school organizations in favour of JK-6 or JK-8
- To reduce the number of students currently attending Highland P.S. to better match the enrolment to the schools' built capacity
- To reduce the potential for combined grades at schools by moving towards the following criteria (*from Board Policy 3002*):
 - *JK-6 facilities between 350 and 400 students (approx. 2 classes/grade)*
 - *JK-8 facilities between 500 and 650 students (approx. 2 classes/grade JK-6, 2+ classes/grade 7-8)*
- To increase the number of students within walking distance to their assigned school
- To increase the number of students housed in permanent accommodation
- To reduce unused (surplus) capacity by organizing schools and boundaries to achieve utilization rates (enrolment/capacity) that exceed 80% over the long-term (approx. 10 years)
- To maintain those school buildings that can provide appropriate, purpose-built facilities (kindergarten rooms, gyms, libraries, etc.) and achieve legislated accessibility requirements at the lowest per pupil cost

School Information Profiles



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School Information Profile

Date: 2011-09-23

SCHOOL PROFILE			
School:		Blair Road Public School	
Address:		85 Sunset Blvd., Cambridge, ON N1S 1A9	
Grade Configuration		JK-8	
Age of Facility		48 years	
Site Size		5.9 ac	2.39 ha
Building Size – GFA		28,201 sq ft	2,620 m ²
School Capacity (building only, Ministry recognized)		282	
School Capacity (building and porta-pak)		282	
Number of portables		0	
Current enrolment (Total/FTE)		241	209.5
Utilization (% Accommodation)		74 %	
Historic Total Enrolment (past 5 years) Based on October 31 Enrolment		Year: 2006/07	Enrolment 255
		Year: 2007/08	Enrolment 254
		Year: 2008/09	Enrolment 237
		Year: 2009/10	Enrolment 239
		Year: 2010/11	Enrolment 238
Enrolment Total Projection (next 5 years)		Year: 2012/13	Enrolment 241
		Year: 2013/14	Enrolment 258
		Year: 2014/15	Enrolment 264
		Year: 2015/16	Enrolment 275
		Year: 2016/17	Enrolment 279
Feeder Schools:		Grades:	
Number of Out of Boundary Students		19	
Number of Split Grades		4	
Is there a French Immersion Program?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Attachments: Site and Floor Plans with date of original building and any subsequent additions

To be used as a information gathering tool

Section 1: Value to the Student

Section 2: Value to the Board

Section 3: Value to the Community

Section 4: Value to the Local Economy

Section 5: Valuation Summary

School Information Profiles – Key Points PROGRAM

- Small schools – Blair Road, Dickson, Tait Street
- Over capacity schools – Highland and St. Andrew's
- French Immersion at Highland and St. Andrew's
- Classes at Highland and Dickson do not have access to gymnasium for daily physical activity
- Inconsistent feeds to St. Andrew's – Highland and Dickson at Gr. 6, Blair Road and Tait Street at Gr. 7
- Special Education area classes at Blair Road
- Full-day kindergarten at Dickson not in purpose-built classrooms

School Information Profiles – Key Points FACILITY + SITE

- All schools smaller than average site size
 - Dickson is smallest (<1 acre)
- No room for additions at Highland
- Minimal room for additions at all other schools
- Accessibility issues – Dickson, Tait Street, St. Andrew's
- No frontage at Tait Street limits busing



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Scenarios – Accommodation Options

Scenarios may contain:

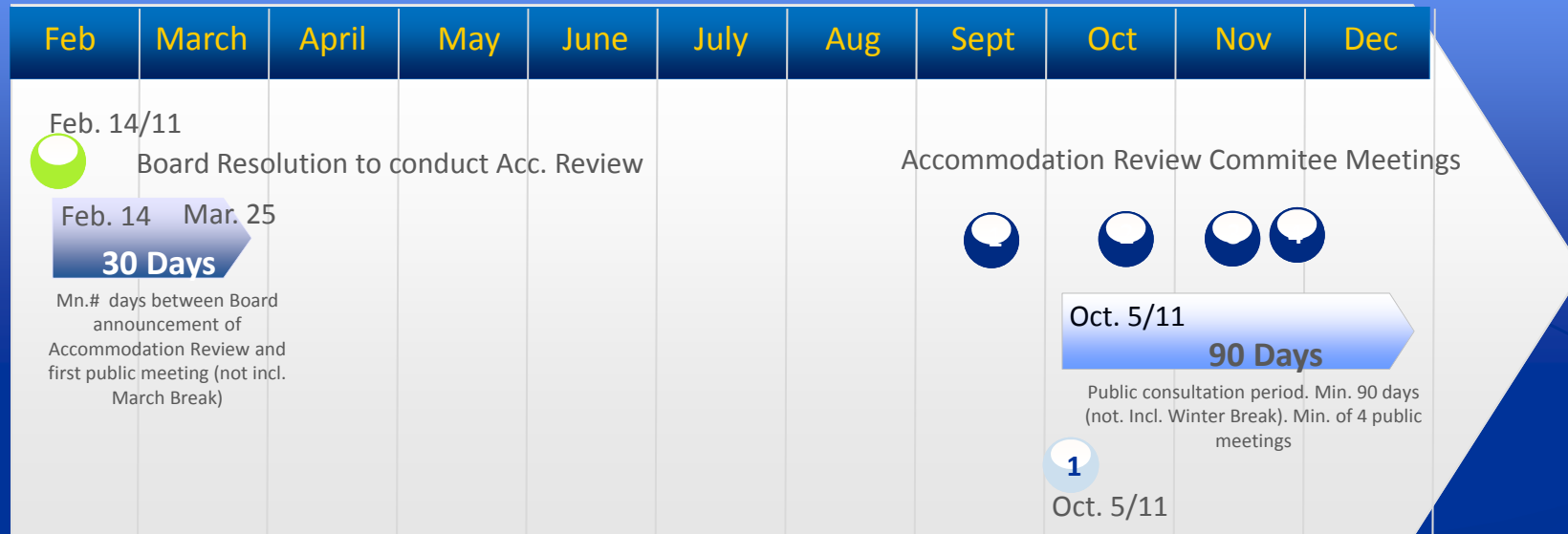
- Boundary changes
- Grade changes
 - E.g. JK-5 becomes JK-6; JK-6 becomes JK-8
- School closures
- New school construction or additions

Next Steps

- ARC continues to meet to refine scenarios
- Public Meeting #3
 - Tentatively scheduled for March 27, 2012
 - Front-runner scenarios with costing
- ARC prepares draft Accommodation Report and Recommendations
- Public Meeting #4
 - Draft Accommodation Report presented
- ARC submits final Accommodation Report to Trustees
- Staff review ARC report and prepare their own report and recommendations
- Trustees vote on recommendations of ARC and Staff

Accommodation Review Process – Timeframe

2011



2012



Webpage

<http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/accommodation-reviews/west-galt-elementary-schools>

The screenshot shows the website for the West Galt Elementary Schools Accommodation Review. The header includes the Waterloo Region District School Board logo and navigation links: Home, About Us, Programs, Schools, Careers, and Staff. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled "West Galt Elementary Schools Accommodation Review". Under "SCHOOLS INVOLVED:", there is a list of schools: Blair Road P.S., Dickson P.S., Highland P.S., St. Andrews P.S., and Tait Street P.S. A link is provided to click for a map of the West Galt Review Area. The "NEWS FEED" section has a date of September 27, 2011, and a headline stating that details of the first public meeting have been announced. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Andrew's P.S. Gymnasium, 65 Victoria Avenue, Cambridge. A paragraph explains that this is the first of a minimum of four public meetings, followed by a question and answer period. A date of February 14, 2011, is also mentioned, stating that the Waterloo Region District School Board approved the commencement of a Pupil Accommodation Review of Blair Road, Dickson, Highland, St. Andrews and Tait Street Public Schools. The "PUBLIC MEETINGS" section states that a minimum of four (4) public meetings will be held throughout the review, open to the general public. It lists "Public Meeting Announcements, Presentations and Minutes" and includes a link for "Public Meeting #1 - Wednesday, October 5, 2011" with an "Announcement" link. The "ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)" section explains its purpose: to conduct an accommodation review of a particular school or schools within a given planning area of the Board in order to advise and provide recommendations that will inform the final decision made by the Board of Trustees on whether a school or schools should be either closed or consolidated.

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Click [here](#) for a map of the West Galt Review Area

NEWS FEED

September 27, 2011

Details of the first public meeting for the West Galt Review have been announced:

Wednesday October 5, 2011

7:00 – 8:30 pm

St. Andrew's P.S. Gymnasium, 65 Victoria Avenue, Cambridge

This is the first of a minimum of four public meetings that will take place throughout the review. Staff will make a brief presentation about the review process and schedule, followed by a question and answer period. No accommodation options will be presented at this time and no decisions have been made.

February 14, 2011

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Public Meeting Announcements, Presentations and Minutes

- Public Meeting #1 - Wednesday, October 5, 2011
 - [Announcement](#)

ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

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Contact Information

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Thank you!

Questions or Comments?



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