



**Breslau/Stanley Park Elementary Schools Pupil Accommodation
Review
Minutes of Accommodation Review Committee Meeting # 10
October 6th, 2010 – 6:00 pm**

The tenth meeting of the Breslau/Stanley Park Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) was held at Stanley Park P.S. on October 6th, 2010.

Committee Members Present:

Pauline Shiry, Principal of Mackenzie King P.S., William Grobe, Principal of Breslau P.S., Carolyn Graham, Principal of Smithson P.S., Rob MacQueen, Principal of Stanley Park P.S., Karin Bileski, Vice Principal of Crestview P.S., Crysta Fernandez, parent – Stanley Park P.S., Sean Mahoney, parent – Mackenzie King P.S., Janice Scherer, parent – Franklin P.S., Troy Starr, parent – Smithson P.S., Tania Hunter, parent – Crestview P.S., Lesley Kraehling, parent – Crestview P.S. Laurie Tremble, parent – Lackner Woods P.S., Nancy Allan Catton, parent – Breslau P.S., Anessa Selcage, parent – Franklin P.S., Kathy Waybrant, Community Rep., Mary Hingley, recording secretary, Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner, Lauren Manske, Senior Planner and Chris Smith, Manager of Planning for the Waterloo Region District School Board.

Regrets:

Gregg Bereznick, Area Superintendent, Carolyn Griffiths, Principal of Crestview P.S., Ron Dallan, Facility Services, Libby Martz, Vice Principal of Lackner Woods P.S., John Scarfone, Township of Woolwich, Brian Bateman, City of Kitchener, Jane Pritchard, Principal of Franklin P.S., Doug Hudson, parent – Breslau P.S., Tracy Jasmins, parent – Mackenzie King P.S., Mark Richardson, parent – Stanley Park P.S., T. Ritchie, parent – Lackner Woods P.S.

1. Welcome

Chris Smith, Manager of Planning welcomed members of the ARC and opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

- Mr. Smith extended a welcome to Carolyn Graham, the new Principal at Smithson P.S.
 - Introductions were made around the table.

2. ARC Meeting # 9 – Draft Minutes Approval

- Mr. Smith asked the group if there were any corrections/concerns with the minutes from the September 22nd ARC meeting.
 - No concerns or corrections were raised.
 - Minutes from the September 22nd meeting were approved.
 - Mover: Troy Starr
 - Seconded: Bill Grobe

3. Revised Draft Review Objectives

Mr. Smith and Mr. Hercanuck noted that a few small updates have been made to the Draft Review Objectives last revised June 9, 2010. None of the updates change the spirit/intention of the objectives.

- Provide current and future students in the review area with equitable program opportunities to ensure their success by:
 - Having regard for the Good Schools Standing Committee guiding principles on school size (change to: Having regard for Board Policy 3002 – Elementary School Size and Configuration)
 - Recognizing the distribution of Special Education, French Immersion and English as a Second Language programs, and ensuring these programs are accommodated with any proposed changes

- Make the best use of Capital and Operating resources by:
 - Maximizing the number of students within walking distance to school
 - Maximizing the number of students in permanent accommodation
 - Eliminate, **(change to: Eliminating)**, where practical, underutilized space and introduce new facility
 - Identify (change to: Identifying) facility requirements for new mandates, i.e. Association of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK)
 - Improve (change to: Improving) retained facilities (i.e. site, layout, security, access, facility)

- Develop a solution that is long-term (approximately 10 years) by:
 - Creating more consistent feeds between the secondary and senior elementary program
 - Addressing future development plans and demographic shifts
 - Minimizing the number of student transitions where changes are proposed

Mr. Hercanuck asked the ARC if they felt the *Draft* designation could be removed and with the changes proposed, make the Review Objectives the final version.

- The ARC agreed by consensus to remove the *Draft* designation.

The final revised Review Objectives will be posted to the website with ARC # 10 meeting minutes and presentation at the following link:

<http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/accommodation-reviews/breslau-stanley-park-elementary-schools-accommodation-review>

Tonight's ARC presentation can be viewed on the link above as well.

4. School Information Profiles

- Mr. Hercanuck advised the ARC that the School Information Profiles are complete and have been posted on the Board's website under the Breslau/Stanley Park Accommodation Review webpage.
- The school renewal cost will be revised for Stanley Park P.S. due to the roof structure repair required. The FCI (Facility Condition Index) and Planned Capital Work updates will be updated and added to Stanley Park P.S.'s profile when the information is received.

5. Scenarios – Review and New

Mr. Hercanuck led the group through a review of the scenarios. He included variations on some scenarios that were requested at the last meeting, and introduced a new combined scenario with the Grand River South/Sunnyside Accommodation Review.

- He noted that our plan for tonight is to begin to narrow down the number of scenarios and determine which ones should be taken forward for detailed costing.

A chart detailing the *opportunities/does well* and *issues/not so well* for all of the scenarios is part of tonight's presentation and can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/accommodation-reviews/breslau-stanley-park-elementary-schools-accommodation-review>

Scenario 1 (review)

- Area E moves from Breslau P.S. to Mackenzie King P.S. for JK-6 and to Stanley Park for grades 7 and 8
- Area C moves from Mackenzie King P.S. to Smithson P.S. for JK-6
- Areas P and T move from Stanley Park P.S. to Sunnyside P.S. for the senior 7/8 program, eliminating the split feed from Lackner Woods and Franklin schools

Scenario 2 (review)

- Area E moves from Breslau P.S. to Mackenzie King P.S. (which becomes a JK-8)
- Area C moves from Mackenzie King P.S. to Smithson P.S. (JK-6)
- Smithson P.S. (JK-6) Areas B, C and G feed to Mackenzie King P.S. for grades 7/8
- Stanley Park P.S. closes
- Crestview becomes JK-8, receives senior French Immersion and Special Education from Stanley Park P.S. and Franklin P.S.
- Areas P and T move from Stanley Park P.S. to Sunnyside P.S. for grades 7/8

Scenario 5 (review)

- Area E1 moves from Breslau P.S. to Crestview P.S. (JK-6)
- Smithson P.S. and Mackenzie King P.S. are closed, and those areas attend a new Rosemount school (JK-6)
- Areas P and T move from Stanley Park P.S. to Sunnyside P.S. to eliminate the split feed from Franklin and Lackner Woods schools.

Discussion:

C – Area E2 stays at Breslau P.S. (splitting Area E) which is not a popular option with that school community, they would prefer to stay together as a group.

C – Crestview P.S. numbers are getting big.

Scenario 1 (Area E grandparenting option 1) (review)

- Area E moves from Breslau P.S. to Mackenzie King P.S. for JK-6 and to Stanley Park for grades 7 and 8 (*Area E is “grandparented out of Breslau P.S. starting in 2011 with the JK class*)
- Area C moves from Mackenzie King P.S. to Smithson P.S. for JK-6
- Areas P and T move from Stanley Park P.S. to Sunnyside P.S. for the senior 7/8 program, eliminating the split feed from Lackner Woods and Franklin schools

Discussion:

C – Mackenzie King P.S. numbers take longer to increase due to the grandparent option offered in this scenario. All of Area E is grandparented out of Breslau P.S. starting in JK. Stanley Park P.S. decreases in enrolment with the loss of Areas P and T to Sunnyside P.S.

Scenario 1 (Area E grandparenting option 2) (review)

- Area E moves from Breslau P.S. to Mackenzie King P.S. for JK-6 and to Stanley Park for grades 7 and 8 (*Area E is “grandparented out of Breslau P.S. starting in 2011 with the grade 4 class*)
- Area C moves from Mackenzie King P.S. to Smithson P.S. for JK-6
- Areas P and T move from Stanley Park P.S. to Sunnyside P.S. for the senior 7/8 program, eliminating the split feed from Lackner Woods and Franklin schools

Discussion:

Q – Why is the number for the senior program at Breslau P.S. in 2012 so low (61) in this scenario?

R – That is a typo and will be adjusted before the presentation is posted to the website, thanks. It should read 110.

Q – Lackner Woods P.S. numbers are very large; will they be getting an addition?

R – We are addressing Lackner Woods P.S. in the Grand River South/Sunnyside ARC, and do realize that something will need to be done there to ease the enrolment pressure and future development in the area.

Q – If there was a family with a student in grade 4 and one in grade 2, could that younger child stay at Breslau P.S. with the older sibling?

R – No, the grade 2 student would be directed to the new school because the grandparenting begins in grade 4 in this scenario. An option could however be given to that family to move together to the new school, i.e. the older student wouldn't stay at Breslau P.S.

Q – The grandparent option 1 seems to do a better job, longer phase process, and it doesn't move students that may have already spent time at Breslau P.S.

Mr. Smith noted that the grandparent options are really an implementation piece that can be folded into any recommendation the ARC makes rather than having them as a stand alone scenario.

Scenario 7 (review)

- Area E moves from Breslau P.S. to Mackenzie King P.S. (JK-6), and Stanley Park P.S. (7/8)
- Area C moves from Mackenzie King P.S. to Smithson P.S. (JK-6)
- Areas P and T move from Stanley Park P.S. to Sunnyside P.S. (7/8), eliminating the split feeds to the senior program for Lackner Woods and Franklin public schools
- Breslau P.S. becomes JK-6, Areas F, M, I and K move to Stanley Park P.S. for 7/8

Discussion:

C – Stanley Park P.S. numbers are up by 2021 because they receive the 7/8 students from Breslau P.S.

Q – What is the recommended size for a JK-6 school?

R – Board Policy 3002 uses the guideline which suggests the built capacity of a JK-6 facility to be between 350-400 pupil places (minimum of 2 classes per grade level).

Q – What high school do Breslau P.S. students go to?

R – Grand River C.I., and some in the rural areas attend either Elmira District SS or Preston High School. A student's home secondary school is determined by the home address, not necessarily the 7/8 program/school they attend.

Combined Area – Scenario 8 (review)

- New JK-8 accommodation constructed in the Morrison Road area. The new school receives Area Y and Area Z2 from Sheppard P.S. and Area AB from Franklin P.S.
- Lackner Woods P.S. receives Area Z1 from Sheppard P.S.
- Howard Robertson P.S. receives Area X1 from Lackner Woods P.S.
- Franklin P.S. receives Area T from Lackner Woods P.S. and Area R from Crestview P.S.
- New JK-8 provides the senior 7/8 program for its own catchment as well as Howard Robertson P.S.
- Sunnyside P.S. continues to provide the senior 7/8 program for Wilson Avenue, Franklin, Lackner Woods and portions of Rockway and Sheppard public schools. Also receives Areas P, T and R from Stanley Park P.S. eliminating the split feeds from Franklin P.S. and Lackner Woods P.S.
- Ottawa Street becomes the boundary between Stanley Park P.S. and Sunnyside P.S.
- Stanley Park P.S. closes
- Smithson P.S. receives Area C from Mackenzie King P.S. and feeds Mackenzie King P.S. for the 7/8 program
- Mackenzie King P.S. receives Area E from Breslau P.S. and becomes JK-8
- Crestview P.S. becomes JK-8 keeping its own Grade 6's for the 7/8 program

Mr. Smith noted that we will talk more about the combined scenarios at the Joint ARC meeting being held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at the Education Centre.

Discussion:

C – Sheppard P.S. becomes underutilized at 64% with the loss of the temporary bussed students from Lackner Woods P.S. boundary.

- This is common to most of the scenarios, and that is why a Sheppard/Rockway option was proposed to the Grand River South/Sunnyside ARC. This option explored the closure of Rockway P.S. and moving those students to Sheppard P.S.

C – Howard Robertson P.S. is quite large for a JK-6 program; however the built capacity is 526.

C – This scenario has Ottawa Street as the boundary. In the past we have heard concerns about crossing Ottawa Street, so this scenario addresses that.

Q – Will there be a review of the secondary school boundaries, i.e. Grand River C.I. and Preston High School?

R – The Board hired a consultant last school year to look at all of the secondary boundaries. Those 2 high schools were not specifically mentioned with respect to boundary changes in the report; however it was identified that the development growth in Breslau will put enrolment pressure on Grand River C.I. in the longer term (10 years plus). The Board now has an AdHoc committee reviewing the secondary school boundary recommendations.

C – Breslau P.S. identifies more with Kitchener (GRCI) than Preston High School.

Scenario 2 (Grandparent option 1) (new)

- Area E moves from Breslau P.S. to Mackenzie King P.S. (which becomes a JK-8) (**Area E is “grandparented” out of Breslau P.S. starting in 2011 with the grade 4 class**)
- Area C moves from Mackenzie King P.S. to Smithson P.S. (JK-6)
- Smithson P.S. (JK-6) Areas B, C and G feed to Mackenzie King P.S. for grades 7/8
- Stanley Park P.S. closes.
- Crestview P.S. becomes JK-8, receives senior French Immersion and Special Education currently housed at Stanley Park P.S., Franklin P.S. and Sheppard P.S. French Immersion students would feed to Crestview P.S. for 7/8.
- Areas P and T move from Stanley Park P.S. to Sunnyside P.S. for grades 7/8.

Discussion:

C – Crestview P.S. has solid numbers for a JK-8 facility.

C – Mackenzie King P.S. enrolment evens out nicely.

Q – Can the numbers for current enrolment be adjusted as they will impact the numbers we see in the projections? (Breslau P.S. current enrolment is 490 – more than the number we are working with in the scenarios)

R – Final numbers from the October 31st count have not filtered down to us yet, but Planning staff will look into it and make adjustments as needed.

Combined Area – Scenario 8a (new)

- New JK-8 accommodation constructed in the Morrison Road area. The new school receives Area Y and Area Z2 from Sheppard P.S. and Area AB from Franklin P.S.
- Lackner Woods P.S. receives Area Z1 from Sheppard P.S.
- Howard Robertson P.S. receives Area X1 from Lackner Woods P.S.
- Franklin P.S. receives Area T from Lackner Woods P.S. and Area R from Crestview P.S.
- New JK-8 provides the senior 7/8 program for its own catchment as well as Howard Robertson P.S.
- Sunnyside P.S. continues to provide the senior 7/8 program for Wilson Avenue, Franklin, Lackner Woods and portions of Rockway and Sheppard public schools. Also receives

Areas P, T and R from Stanley Park P.S. eliminating the split feeds from Franklin P.S. and Lackner Woods P.S.

- Ottawa Street becomes the boundary between Stanley Park and Sunnyside public schools.
- Stanley Park P.S. remains open and gives Areas P, T and R to Sunnyside P.S.
- Smithson P.S. receives Area C from Mackenzie King P.S. and feeds Mackenzie King for the 7/8 program
- Mackenzie King P.S. receives Area E from Breslau P.S. and becomes JK-8
- Crestview P.S. becomes JK-8 keeping its own Grade 6's for the 7/8 program

Discussion:

C – This modification explores the joint option (Scenario 8) but keeps Stanley Park P.S. open.

C – Crestview P.S. drops due to the loss of Area R to Lackner Woods and Sunnyside public schools.

C – Keeping Area R at Crestview P.S. would work better – but then numbers at Franklin P.S. would soften.

Q – Would all of Area T get bussed to Franklin P.S.?

R – Would have to check that, but likely most would be bussed with some walkers. We don't typically like to bus students across boundaries.

C – Area AB gets bussed across a boundary currently (Howard Robertson P.S.) going to Franklin P.S.

R – That is correct; Area AB used to be the development growth area 25 – 30 years ago and was directed to Franklin P.S. to ease pressure on Howard Robertson P.S. Since it has been there so long Area AB identifies with Franklin P.S. Area Z1 is where most of the development growth is coming from now. Area AB does not have sufficient enrolment to support a school on its own.

C – There are no school closures in this modified scenario but we do see low enrolment numbers at several schools.

Combined Area – Scenario 9 (new)

- New JK-8 accommodation constructed in the Fairway Road/Lackner Blvd. area. The new school receives Area Y and Area Z2 from Sheppard P.S. and Areas Q2, X2 and X4 from Lackner Woods P.S.
- Lackner Woods P.S. receives Area Z3 and Z4 from Sheppard P.S.
- Howard Robertson P.S. receives Area X3 from Lackner Woods P.S.
- Franklin P.S. receives Area R from Crestview P.S.
- New JK-8 provides the senior 7/8 program for its own catchment as well as Lackner Woods P.S.
- Sunnyside P.S. continues to provide the senior 7/8 program for Wilson Avenue, Franklin, Howard Robertson and portions of Rockway and Sheppard public schools. Also receives Areas P, T and R from Stanley Park P.S. eliminating the split feeds from Franklin P.S. and Lackner Woods P.S.
- Ottawa Street becomes the boundary between Stanley Park and Sunnyside public schools
- Stanley Park P.S. closes
- Smithson P.S. receives Area C from Mackenzie King P.S. and feeds Mackenzie King P.S. for the 7/8 program
- Mackenzie King P.S. receives Area E from Breslau P.S. and becomes JK-8. Crestview P.S. gains the 7/8 FI program for the area.

- Crestview P.S. becomes JK-8 keeping its own Grade 6's for the 7/8 program. Crestview P.S. also gains the 7/8 French Immersion program for the area.

Discussion:

C – This scenario explores a joint ARC option but with the new school built on the Fairway Road/Lackner Blvd site instead of the Morrison Road site.

C – Does put the new school closer the growth area. It also takes a chunk out of Lackner Woods P.S. enrolment in the short-term and leaves space for the new development to come in the future.

C – Howard Robertson P.S. is quite large, while Sheppard P.S. is underutilized.

Q – Area R can walk to Crestview P.S. now, would they be bussed to Franklin P.S. in this scenario?

R – Would have to check the distance with respect to the transportation policy to verify, but don't think the whole area would qualify for bussing.

C – From a personal point of view as a parent living in Area R, do not have an issue crossing Ottawa Street, all of the kids from that area walk. Would prefer our children to walk to Crestview than be bussed to Franklin P.S.

Q – What would Crestview P.S. 7/8 numbers look like?

R – Around 150 – 160.

Q – Is proposing the closure of Stanley Park P.S. more of a boundary and program issue or worry about roof repair costs?

R – In closing the senior 7/8 school we move towards the JK-8 model which is the Board's desire. We are dealing with surplus capacity in this review area, so yes it is looking to future program.

Q – In both Scenario 8 and 9 we see grade 6's move from JK-6 to a JK-8 school for grades 7/8. How is that transition handled by staff, by the students?

R – The model of the Board is to have a JK-6 feeding or partnering with a nearby JK-8, as in the case of the new Millen Woods P.S. in Waterloo which will open as a JK-6 and feed the 7/8's back to Lester B. Pearson P.S. Staff are sensitive to the transition process, especially grade 6's coming into an established JK-8 setting. There are special events planned throughout the year to ease that transition. In order to support a solely 7/8 senior school, the boundaries have to be very large and you tend to lose that community school feeling. Having that neighbourhood school feeling is a desire we do hear often in accommodation and boundary reviews.

Q – Sunnyside P.S. is an old facility, can it be maintained (i.e. accessibility issues) or will we end up having to go through this process again when it becomes cost prohibitive to repair?

R – Sunnyside P.S. is older than Stanley Park P.S., and it is our responsibility to maintain to Board facility standards. If the ARC recommends Sunnyside stays open, that says to the Board that the school has a future and needs to be put on the accessibility list.

- Would be the same if the ARC recommends Stanley Park P.S. to stay open – permanent roof repair would be undertaken.

Ms. Manske noted that Howard Robertson, Wilson Avenue and Franklin public schools are already large JK-6 facilities, if you tried to add the 7/8 program it would make them significantly larger. That is why Sunnyside P.S. needs to remain open; we aren't seeing an enrolment decline in that area, so we need significant pupil capacity.

Mr. Hercanuck asked the group if there were any further questions or clarification needed.

Q – When we toured Lackner Woods P.S., we discussed a school site that was rejected by the Board for safety issues regarding the airport flight path. Is the Fairway Rd/Lackner Blvd. site the same site?

R – No, the current site is outside of the airport flight hazard issue.

Q – Has the other ARC considered closing Sunnyside P.S. and keeping Stanley Park P.S. open in the scenarios, because of the potential accessibility issues at Sunnyside P.S. that Stanley Park P.S. does not have?

R – No, because the issue facing that ARC is a shortage of accommodation. Stanley Park P.S. would be too far away for a school like Howard Robertson P.S. to travel to. Accessibility may not end up being that big an issue for Sunnyside P.S.; it is a classic 3 storey school structure and could see an elevator added along with other items such as upgrades to the washrooms.

Mr. Smith asked the ARC if they felt that there were any scenarios that could be dropped at this point and not taken forward for costing.

- **The ARC agreed by consensus to drop Scenario 5.** The split to Area E was not popular nor was closing both Mackenzie King and Smithson schools.
- **The ARC agreed by consensus to drop Scenario 7.** Converting Breslau P.S. to a JK-6 from a JK-8 moves us backwards from our model and where the Board wants us to go.

6. Roundtable

Mr. Smith noted that Planning staff will seek an administrator from a small school organization to join a future ARC meeting to speak to the issues/challenges/successes of running a small 7/8 program.

- The ARC meeting following the joint one will be to determine which scenarios the ARC would like to take forward and have costed out.
- We will take those scenarios to Public Meeting # 3 for feedback.
- Comments from the public meeting should help lead the ARC to one or more front runner scenarios.
- Timing, implementation and transition pieces are added and a recommendation is put together.
- At Public Meeting # 4, we will share the ARC's recommendation with the public.
- It is hard to put an end date on the process; however we hope to get the ARC's recommendations to the Board in February 2011.

7. Future Meeting Dates

- Mr. Smith noted that the joint meeting of the Breslau/Stanley Park and Grand River/South Sunnyside ARC's will take place on:
 - Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in the Board Room at the Education Centre, 51 Ardel Avenue, Kitchener (from 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.)
 - Dinner will be provided.
 - Brenda Cox-Sangster, Assistant Superintendent – Learning Services – Program and Jim Berry, Assistant Superintendent – Learning Services – Special Education will be attending the meeting and available to answer questions around program, school organization and special education.

- Mr. Hercanuck proposed Wednesday, November 3, 2010 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Stanley Park P.S. for ARC # 12.
 - The ARC agreed to the meeting date/time and location.
 - Mr. MacQueen agreed to host ARC # 12 at Stanley Park P.S.

Q – Do we have a date for Public Meeting # 3?

R – Should be about the end of November or early December.

- Mr. Smith thanked all for coming and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
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Future Meeting Dates:

Joint ARC Meeting – Tuesday, October 12, 2010 – 5:15 – 7:15 pm
Board Room – Education Centre
51 Ardelt Avenue, Kitchener

Wednesday, November 3, 2010 – 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Stanley Park P.S. - Library